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Namaskar,

It has been very heartening to see increased attendance at various functions of the Temple. This is the best testimonial of dedication of our community to our faith and the Temple.

I would also like to congratulate our community for a very successful fund raising event on the occasion of Holi for Haiti. After meeting the expenses, a check of \$4,500 was donated to American Red Cross. The event drew a record HTCC attendance of over 1500, from various parts of the greater Kansas City area. It was only possible because of the services of the seVaks from all the major organizations around Kansas City. Such events become a reality when we have recognized God's love and experienced that moment of cosmic consciousness. Service is the inherent nature of our being. We were born to serve and for those who resist that planetary lesson, this Earth becomes a place of pain and suffering. Until we learn to release the ego and freely serve, even the least aspect of Humanity, which stands before us, our life will be joyless. Let us see each day as a God's-given opportunity for service. Recognize that we are not really serving any one individual but the manifestation of God in them. We are simply one aspect of Spirit serving another aspect of Spirit. We are all part of the same Body of Spirit and so we are serving ourselves. Recognize that when we serve another, we uplift not just ourselves and the person being served, but the whole Human Race, the whole planet.

With the same objective and divine blessings of Lord Ganesha, our respected Priests have planned for World Peace Maha Yagna (Vishwa Shanti Maha Yagya). Our temple is blessed to organize such a divine celebrations for the peace and prosperity of one and all. You can be part of the event through participation, sponsorship and donations. Consider this as once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the glory of the lord. More details are on the website.

On March 16th, devotees offered special prayers on the occasion of Ugadi and Gudi Padwa. Devotees also tasted a bit of the traditional sweet-sour 'Ugadi Pacchadi'. The mixture symbolizes that life is a mixture of bitter-sweet experiences which should be accepted together and with equanimity. The priests recited Shlokas for the peace and prosperity for entire community.

Annual recital of Sri Akhand Ramayan is slated for March 27th. The overnight recital has always attracted record crowd of devotees year after year. Incidentally, it is also the anniversary of Sri Hanumanji idol installation. HTCC encourages your participation.

The youth group is busy with Annual Talent Show on April 3rd. All are cordially invited at Blue Valley North West School to enjoy the colorful dances and musical program. Your attendance will encourage the children as this is an event planned, organized and executed by the Youth Group of Kansas City.

We value your feedback in improving the temple activities and management. Do let us know, what you have liked or disliked in last three months or what we can do to further improve activities. If you an idea that you will like to lead with us, please contact us. After all action of every seVak is to please God and not to gain applause.

On behalf of all the seVaks, I convey best wishes for Ram Navami. May the Lord shine on you and your family.

In Him

Ravi Mehra

seVak

QUOTE of the Month

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Sunday Lunch Guidelines:

1. Prepare 4 items for 100 People.
2. At least 4 of your family and friends would be needed in the Kitchen to help for Sunday Lunch Program. Temple will provide one helper to assist you.
3. Kitchen is available to use as early as 9 AM. and Sunday lunch times are 10.30am - 1.30pm.
4. Try to cook most of the items in the Temple Kitchen, so that fresh and hot food can be served to devotees. But you can prepare some items at home and bring it to temple also.
5. If you want to cancel your Sunday lunch, arrange with some one in your family and friends or tell us at least 2 week in advance.



For sign up call manager at temple and enroll for Sunday lunch.

Letter to American Red Cross

March 7, 2010
American Red Cross
Greater Kansas City Chapter
211 W. Armour Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64111

RE: Haiti Relief Efforts

Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City (HTCC of KC) appreciates all the work the Red Cross is doing to help provide relief to Haiti Earthquake victims.

HTCC of KC recently dedicated the celebration of the Hindu spring festival, Holi, to the Haiti relief. We had our Rang Barse Holi 4 Haiti Mela (Colorful Holi for Haiti Carnival), with the goal of donating all profits from the event to benefit the Haiti victims. We are pleased to announce that we had a record attendance at any of our events; an estimated 1500 people attended and had a very good time, all the while benefiting a noble cause.

We have enclosed the check for \$4,500, which were the profits from the event. We sincerely appreciate all the work your organization has been doing, and we would like you to add our funds raised to your relief efforts for Haiti.

I have attached our press release from the event for details of the event. Please feel free to contact our Public Relations Group (pr@htccofkc.org) if you have any questions or wanting to jointly release a press release.

The following organizations in the greater Kansas City area helped us in this event:

Art of Living, Chinmaya Mission of Kansas City, DesiOye, Gurukul dance academy, Hema Mehta, HTCC Hindi Class, India Association of Kansas City, International Carnatic Music Association, Kansas Tamil Sangam, KC Kriya Yoga Center, Mudra Dance Academy, Nritya, Oriya Association, Perfect tutors, Sangam, Sarita Sharma, Tarangini of KC, Telugu Association of Greater Kansas City, Youth Group of Kansas City

It would be greatly appreciated, if you could acknowledge the receipt of the donations for our records

Thank you for all the work you are doing in Haiti, and all over the world.
Sincerely,

Ravi Mehra,
President,
Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City

For Immediate Release

Hindu Temple draws record crowd for Rang Barse Holi 4 Haiti

Kansas City Hindu Community comes together to raise funds for Haiti Relief

Feb 28, 2010

The Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Kansas City with help from major organizations around Kansas City with members belonging to people of Indian Origin/Hindus organized the **Rang Barse Holi 4 Haiti Mela** to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi. All profits from the events will be donated to the Haiti Relief efforts of the Red Cross. The event drew a record HTCC attendance of over 1500, from various parts of the greater Kansas City area. The funds raised will be donated to Red Cross to help in Haiti Relief. The total amount raised to benefit the Haiti Relief was \$4,500.



Holi is one of the occasions through which we welcome the colorful spring, and say goodbye to the chilly winter. Traditionally there are many stories associated with Holi.

Shiva burnt Kamdev as he disturbed his penance. But answering Rati's Penance Shiva gave back Kamdev to Rati. This is the day when Kamdev came back to form and Holi is celebrated.

The Demon Hiranyakaship was fed up with his son Prahalad's ideals and chantings on Lord, so he used his sister Holika, who had a boon to resist fire and to throw Prahalad into fire. But the Lord saved Prahalad and killed Holika. So the day Holika was killed is celebrated as Holi.

The HTCC celebration started at 11 AM and ended at 4:00 PM. There were over 23 stalls with home cooked food from various cuisines of India.



As they milled around savoring the food, there was entertainment provided by various artists. Amit Desai and Anjan Madhwesh sang the popular tunes to bring the mood of Holi.



Following the mela, the crowds moved to the North West corners of the parking lot for the bon-fire. The Temple's priest Shri Srinivasacharulu and Sri Atulbhai Trivedi chanted mantras invoking the Lord's blessing and started the bon-fire. Devotees circled the lit fire and made offerings.



After the bon-fire, playing with colors(Gulal) started. It was quite delightful to see devotees smearing colored gulal on each other. Truly the event was one of the great successes in the history of the HTCC.



Some of the comments from the attendees:

"I have never experienced such a major event in the HTCC/Kansas City history",

"Our community has grown we need a bigger hall",

"Never ever experienced this kind of fanfare in last ten years of stay in Kansas".

The temple SeVak Committee would like to thank all the participating organizations without which it would not have been possible to have a successful celebration event. The following organizations helped in making this event a grand success: Art of Living, Chinmaya Mission, DesiOye, Gurukul dance academy, Hindi Class of HTCC, India Association of Kansas City, International Carnatic Music Association, Kansas Tamil Sangam, KC Kriya Yoga Center, Mudra Dance Academy, Nritya, Oriya, Perfect tutors, Sangam, Tarangini of KC, Telugu Association of Greater Kansas City,. All the participating organizations were very eager to participate, and were very happy to be part of this great fun event for a very good cause.

This event brought by the major organizations of Hindu/Indian origin showed that how we could make a big difference by working together while still having fun.

The Youth Group of Kansas City and Hindi Class both sponsored by the HTCC was there to help as well showing how the youth can play a part in making the event successful.

The seVak committee would also like to thank the various Sevaks for their time, effort and more importantly flawless execution. SeVaks provided services from the welcome desk answering questions, to help people in going in and out of the temple, manning the ticket booths, helping the food stalls with supplies, setting up the bon-fire and the colors event, photography and making sure the hall was clean all the time. It was a great execution by all concerned. The preparation for the event began over a month ago with various sevaks working long hours. Program co-chairs Madhukar Garlapati and Usha Saha spent countless hours working with various SeVaks to make the event such a grand success

We had various visitors who were curious to know about the Hindu culture/ Holi festival and truly a great experience, with the great flavors of home cooked food, variety entertainment, bonfire and ending with the colorful playing of colors.

If you have pictures from this event, that you would like to share please send them to htccofkc.photo.myphoto@picasaweb.com.

It is to be noted that this is the second event from the HTCC in the month of February having an attendance over 1000. The 2010 HTCC SeVak committee is working with various organizations to work on major religious and cultural events in the year to come. Visit the website www.htccofkc.org for upcoming events. Please contact the HTCC by calling the temple at 913-631-7519 or email pr@htccofkc.org if you have any questions, suggestions or are interested in helping with future events

Holi Celebration in Hindi Class

By Dr. Shveta Grover

Holi, Festival of colors, was celebrated on Feb 28th in the Hindi class at HTCC. It was a very festive environment in the temple. Temple sponsored a "Rang Barse Mela" which was a fund-raising event for Haiti arranged in the big hall of the temple. Hindi class celebrated this festival in their classroom and then joined the temple for rest of the celebration. Mrs. Swapnam Kumar, Hindi class coordinator, gave a brief talk on the history of the festival and how it is celebrated in India. She put a "Tikka" of Gulal on kids' forehead. She believes that kids understand better by visual impact rather than just talking. She encouraged kids from the beginner and intermediate group to speak at least



one sentence in Hindi about Holi. Mrs. Alka Gupta, Hindi class Advance group teacher helper, took time out of her busy schedule to work with advanced group students at her home to prepare a wonderful skit "Prahlaad". Kids were delighted to watch their fellow students in the bright costumes and glittering jewelry.

Sayan Grover performed as a Demon King HrinyaKashyap who tried to kill his Lord Vishnu's devotee son Prahlaad (Sankalp Gupta). His Queen (Kanishka Mehra) tried to stop him. But Naarad Muni (Anuj Goyal) added fuel in the fire by provoking the king to kill his son. King tried to kill him with the help of his sister Holika (Ruchi Goyal). Lord Vishnu (Utkarsh



Thakur) decided to kill an evil king by taking an incarnation of Narsimha (Swapnil Gupta). It was an amazing performance by the advanced level kids who were attending this class since last 4 years. They spoke difficult words in Hindi and Shlokas in the skit. I think these kinds of opportunities are great motivation for the kids to try and understand new words of Hindi and stay connected to the culture. It was really impressive to observe improvement in their language. Rest of the kids, parents and teachers enjoyed the skit and complimented the characters.

Kids performed the same skit on the stage during "Rang Barse Mela" at temple. Hindi class also participated in temple fund raising event by having a game stall for kids. Hindi



class parents and volunteers took turns to let kids play some fun games and win some prizes. Thanks to all Hindi class parents and volunteers who put their efforts and time to make this event a success.

Finally, there was bonfire followed by everyone playing colors.



Do you have feedback to share or comment, OR even if you need help contact:

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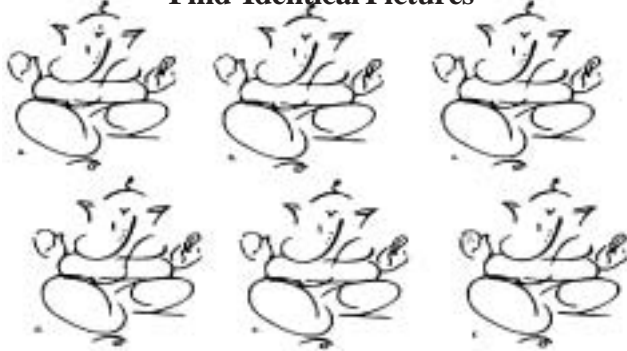
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OBITUARY

Dr. Lalita Ahuja, 74, of Leawood, Kansas, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2010, of complications of lymphoma in Pune, during her annual trip to India.

Lalita and her husband Dr. Suraj P. Ahuja, who passed away in October 1997, were supporters and members of the HTCC from the time of its founding. She had been staying in KC area since 1979 and was a frequent participant of Temple activities. She regularly volunteered for soup kitchen, and served as the on-site physician during Dharma Day Camp.



Lalita is survived by her three children, Dr. Deepak Ahuja of Rock Island, IL and his wife Dr. Cheryl Faidley; Judge Alok Ahuja of Lee's Summit and his wife Nina; and Dr. Kiran Minocha of Leawood and her husband Hans, and by her eight grandchildren: Anita, Sheila, Kayli, Anjali, and Maleah Ahuja; and Deven, Milan, and Rohan Minocha.

HTCC List of Events & Important Dates for April and May 2010

April			
Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
1	SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BHAJANS	Yes	At 8:00pm
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Yes	Ganesh Abhishekam
3	YOUTH GROUP TALENT SHOW		more info at YGKC.US
4	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am-10:30am Contact Anu Rajesh @913-310-0813
4	YOGA	Yes	9:30am-10:30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar@913-894-6454
4	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am-1:30pm
4	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm Contact Swapnam Kumar @ 816-554-2454
5	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm Contact Ajay and Sadhana Bisarya @ 913-764-3521
10	AYYAPPA BHAJAN		5:00pm - 6:00pm
11	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
11	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
11	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
11	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
12	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
12	PRADOSHAM	Yes	Shiva Abhishekam
13	BAISAKHI		
13	SUNDER KAND PATH	Yes	Hanuman Chalisa @ 6:30pm to 7:30pm Contact Sanjay Kohli @ 913-327-1086
14	TAMIZH PUTHANDU		
17	NORTH SOUTH CONTEST		8:00 am - 1:00pm
17	KRITTIKA	Yes	Kartikeya Abhishekam
18	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
18	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
18	SATHYANARAYAN PUJA	Yes	At 10:30am
18	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
18	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
19	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
24	ARTISTE OF MONTH		Rekha Natarajan
25	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
25	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
25	SATHYANARAYAN PUJA	Yes	At 10:30am
25	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
25	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm

Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
26	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
28	POORNIMA	Yes	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
May			
2	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Yes	Ganesh Abhishekam
2	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am Contact Anu Rajesh @ 913-310-0813
2	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar@913-894-6454
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3	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
4	SANKATAHARA CHATHURDI	Yes	Ganesh Abhishekam
6	SHRI SHIRDI SAI BABA BHAJANS	Yes	At 8:00pm
7	TEMPLE ANNIVERSARY		
7	SRI MAHA GANAPATI YAGNA	Yes	5:00pm - 8:30pm
8	LORD NAVAGRAHA YAGNA	Yes	9:00am - 12:00pm
8	AYYAPPA BHAJAN		5:00pm - 6:00pm
8	CULTURAL PROGRAM	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
9	SHRI CHANDI HOMAM	Yes	9:00am - 12:00pm
9	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am Contact Anu Rajesh @ 913-310-0813
9	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am Contact Dr. Vijay Kumar@913-894-6454
9	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
9	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm Contact Swapnam Kumar @ 816-554-2454
9	SRI MAHAVIR PARIVAR	Yes	2:00pm - 5:00pm
10	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
10	MAHA MRUTUNJAYA HONAM	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
11	AKANDA JAI HANUMAN CHALISA PARAYANA	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
12	LORD SHIVA PRADOSHAM	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
13	SRI SAI CHARITHA AKANDA DHUNI	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
13	AMAVASYA		
14	KRITTIKA	Yes	Kartikeya Abhishekam
14	SRI SKANDA & MAHA ASTALAKSHMI YAGNA	Yes	6:00pm - 8:30pm
15	SRI LORD VENKATESWARA SUPRABAT YAGNA	Yes	9:00am - 12:00pm
16	MAHA SUDARSHANA YAGNA	Yes	9:00am - 12:00pm

Date	EVENT	Temple Celebration	Specifics
16	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
16	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
16	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
16	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
16	JAIN AKHATRIJ / AKSHYA TRITHIYA	Yes	
17	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
17	SHANKARACHARAYA JAYANTHI		
18	RAMANUJACHARAYA JAYANTHI		
23	BAL VIHAR	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
23	YOGA	Yes	9:30am - 10:30am
23	SUNDAY LUNCH	Yes	10:30am - 1:30pm
23	HINDI CLASS	Yes	11:00am - 12:00pm
24	ARTISTE OF MONTH		Rekha Natarajan
24	MAHA SATHYANARAYAN PUJA	Yes	At 10:30am
24	EKADASI		
24	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm
27	POORNIMA	Yes	Shri Satyanarayana Puja
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31	PRANAYAM YOGA	Yes	6:00pm - 7:30pm

Contact manager or visit www.htccofkc.org for updates

Please contact Manager during temple hours for scheduling any puja at Temple or at Home. You can even email your information for scheduling puja. We request the devotees to cooperate with the managers who will make their best efforts in scheduling puja with the priest that you have requested.

QUOTE of the Month

“Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Current Charges For Puja and Priest Services

	At temple	At home
Abhishekam	\$ 75	—
Abhishekam with kalasa puja	\$ 101	—
Aksharabhyasam (beginning of writing)	\$ 75	—
Anna Prasana (first feeding)	\$ 51	\$ 101
Any other Puja (< 2 hours duration)	\$ 65	\$ 151
Archna (fruits provided by Temple)	\$ 11	-
Atma Shanti/Tarpanam	\$ 31	\$ 101
Baby shower.	\$ 151	\$ 201
Barsi/Annual Ceremony	\$ 251	\$ 301
Cremation services	—	Your Devotion
Grihapravesham & Sri Sathyanarayana Puja/Katha	—	\$ 301
Grihapravesham (house warming) only	—	\$ 151
Havan	\$ 101	\$ 151
Hiranyasradham	\$ 75	\$ 101
Kalyanutsavam (Kanyadan) – Individual	\$ 151	—
Mundan (Hair offering)*	\$ 75	\$ 151
Namakaranam (naming of baby)	\$ 51	\$ 101
Navagraha Archna- One Graha only	\$ 21	—
Navagraha puja.	\$ 101	\$ 201
Sahasranama Archna (1000 names of God)	\$ 51	—
Sri Sathynarayana Puja/Katha	\$ 75	\$ 151
Samohika Satyanaryana Puja/Katha	\$ 31	-
Sashti poorthi shanti (60 th birthday)	\$ 201	\$ 251
Satyanarayana Puja & Basement Rental	\$ 175 (4 hours)	—
Sponsor Puja	—	— **
check with priest/manager.		
Upnayana Sanskara (Sacred thread ceremony)	\$ 251	\$ 351
Vahan puja	\$ 31	-
Vivah (Wedding)#	\$ 701	\$ 501

* HTCC will not be responsible in arranging the hair stylist.

Basement Hall inclusive.

Note. Minimum charges for any puja performed outside Hindu Temple. \$ 101

Any Puja performed outside KC Metropolitan area \$ 251

Above suggested charges do not include Dakshina (donation) to the priest and it should not be less than 25% of suggested service charges.

All pujas booked in Advance should be paid in advance. One cancellation or postponement permitted. For more than one cancellation/postponement 50% of the service charge will be deducted before any refund is made.



Schedule of Events

Date	Homam / Yagna	Time
7-May-10	Sri Maha Ganapathi Yagna	5 - 8:30 pm
8-May-10	Lord Navagraha Yagna	9 am-12 noon
8-May-10	Cultural Program	6 - 8:30 pm
9-May-10	Sri Chandi Homam	9 am-12 noon
9-May-10	Sri Mahavir Parivar	2 - 5 pm
10-May-10	Maha Mrutunjaya Homam	6 - 8:30 pm
11-May-10	Akanda Jai Hanuman Chalisa Parayana	6 - 8:30 pm
12-May-10	Lord Shiva Pradosam	6 - 8:30 pm
13-May-10	Sri Sai Charitha Akanda Dhuni	6 - 8:30 pm
14-May-10	Sri Skanda & Maha Astalakshmi Yagna	6 - 8:30 pm
15-May-10	Sri Lord Venkateswara Suprabat Yagna	9 am - 12:30 pm
16-May-10	Maha Sudarshana (Vishnu Shanti) Yagna	9 am - 12:30 pm

Please join us for this 10 day event during HTCC 22nd Anniversary.

So far only 9 temples in the USA have had the opportunity to perform a Yagna of this magnitude.

Significance of the Maha Sudarshana Yagna

Sri Maha Sudarsana is removal of all enemies & avoiding accidents, the desires of human beings are innumerable and they vary in nature. The yantra (a symbol embedded in metal) used in the Homa, will keep all negativity at a distance and bring in divine and auspicious energies.

Please mark your calendars to attend this auspicious once-in-a-lifetime event with your family and friends.

Donations are accepted and Sponsorships are available.

Contact: HTCC (913) 631-7519

Questions?? MahaYagna@htccofkc.org

www.htccofkc.org

Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City
& Science of Spirituality

Present

Youth Angels Day Camp

1 Day Meditation/Spiritual Camp for Children
For children between 5 and 14 year

1st May, 2010(Saturday) 10:00AM - 4:00PM



Balance the Body and Mind with
Meditation

IT'S VALUABLE. IT'S EFFECTIVE. IT'S FREE!

Children will learn meditation to develop the inner strength, achieve balance and realize true potential in their lives, all in a fun filled environment.



Meditation

Yoga

Camp songs

Activities

Games

Pizza



Place:

Hindu Temple of Kansas City

6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee, KS 66217

There are limited seats. Please Pre-Register.

Aabha Gorawara: 913-706-2692

Usha Saha: 913-894-2194

Sonia Garapathy: 913-722-3473

Manager: 913-631-7519

Or email sos_puneet@yahoo.com ASAP

Web: www.htccofkc.org
: www.sos-kc.org



FEATURED ARTIST ON APRIL 24, 2010
REKHA NATARAJAN



Born in Mesa, Arizona, and raised in a family of music lovers, Rekha Natarajan was drawn towards Carnatic music at a very young age. She started with veena lessons at the age of eight, under the instruction of Smt. Uma Janakiram in Mesa. She continued her training during summer vacations under the guidance of late Sri. A. Anantharaman Iyer, at the Guru Guha Gana Vidyalaya, in Calcutta, India. She has also undergone Carnatic vocal training for 7 years with Smt. Padma Sivaswamy in Mesa. As a performer, Rekha tries to bring out the nuances of vocal music in the instrumental pieces she plays. Along with being a solo artist, she has also accompanied live music ensembles for Bharatanatyam arangetrams and has been a member of a Dallas based fusion band named "Srishti." Rekha has a bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics from Arizona State University and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Kansas State University. Currently, Rekha is an instructor in the math department at Kansas State University, where she is also a part time PhD student. She teaches both carnatic vocal and veena lessons in Manhattan,KS, emphasizing both technique and appreciation for the art.

International Foundation for Carnatic Music (IFCM-USA), Kansas Chapter

Presents

**Chitravina concert of Maestro N. Ravikiran
accompanied by Smt. Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi on Violin and
Shri . Ramesh Srinivasan on Mridangam
@ 'Regnier Hall', KU Edward Campus
12600, Quivira Road, OP, KS -66213
Sunday April 11 2010, 2 – 5 pm.**

Seating starts @ 2pm.

Tickets: VIP : \$50, General Admission: \$15, Students \$10, Kids 5to12 - \$8

For Tickets please call or Email: Bindu - bindusundar1997@yahoo.com

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April 10th, 2010

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- Asthma Education
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- Sleep Apnea

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Sponsorship Available

If you are interested to support this noble event, please contact any of the following organization or email your request to info@iakc.org.

Collaboration @ Work

- India Association of Kansas City - 913-416-9194
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- KC Tamil Sangam - 913-485-6240
- Science of Spirituality - 913-963-9192
- Gujarati Samaj - 913-890-2709
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- Telugu Association
- Chandana Kannada Sangha
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Topics for coming months are:

May: Hindu Temple! Entries must be received by 4/15/2010.

June: Hanumanji! Entries must be received by 5/15/2010

Mail to: Shalini Agarwal, 9813 W 131st ST, Overland Park KS 66213 . or

email to: editor@htccofkc.org

Include child's name, age, address, and phone number.

MAHAVIR JAYANTI

Sunday, 4th April, 2010

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Venue: Temple Puja hall.

For information please contact

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Hindi-Class: In Need of Volunteer Teacher

Hindi class has been conducted in the Temple every Sunday for the past four years from 11:00 till 12:00. Due to the rapidly increasing number of students, Hindi class is in urgent need of teacher volunteers. It is voluntary work every Sunday, but very satisfying as you are helping the children in our community learn their native language. If you are interested, please contact:



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Hindi Class Now enrolling for 2010-2011



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Since last five years Hindi Class is being conducted every Sunday from 11:00 AM till noon in the temple. Hindi class has started with the intention of helping children of Indian community to preserve their Native language. Ignoring the importance of native language, or neglecting their cultural values is, in a way, to deprive your children of their cultural identity.

In Hindi class we also try to keep them connected with their main festivals and other cultural issues. By bringing your child/children to the Hindi class you are planting cultural seed in them. You might not realize the significance of it now, but it is benefiting your child in a long run.

The enrollment for the Hindi Class (August 2010 to May 2011) is now open. We will keep the enrollment open till end of July. There is a \$10.00 donation to the temple for each child each month.

Online enrollment:

<http://www.htccofkc.org/hindienrolment.asp?Hding=Hindi Class Enrollment form>

Contact person:

Swapnam Kumar

816 554 2454

swapnamku@gmail.com

SOUP KITCHEN

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