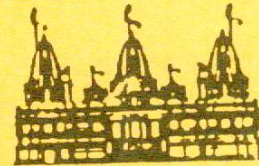


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MONTHLY PUJA: Dec 18; 10:00 A.M.
GANESH PUJA AND HANUMAN JAYANTI:

During our monthly puja Children of Augusta will perform **Ganesh Puja.**

Hanuman Jayanti celebrations include recitation of Hanuman Chalisa (5 times, approximately 6 min each) followed by Bhajans.

Prasad: Aiken group: Divya Jasani, Geeta Patel, Anu, Jayshree, Anita, Sneha Tikare and Anu Achrekar.

Cleaning responsibility: All attending families.

LECTURE SERIES ON 'SAINTS OF INDIA':

First lecture in this Series will be by **Mr. Vijay Aranke**, who will share his ideas with us on

"SRI GYANESWAR - LIFE & WORKS"

Please don't miss this opportunity to know more about our ancient saints and their works.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Fellow Members,

My sincere thanks to all of you for trusting me with the responsibility of serving the temple. The nomination of the chairpersons to the various committees has been completed. As you can see on the front page of this newsletter, we have a very enthusiastic team on board. I would like to thank the newly nominated office bearers of the Executive committee and Chairpersons of the various committees for accepting the responsibility of their respective positions. We will endeavour to serve the temple and its members to the best of our ability. We are thinking of having interesting and innovative programs that will cater to the needs and tastes of the members and the children. I request all the members to come forward and help us with these programs. If we work together as a team we can add to the progress of our Temple. If you have any suggestions please share them with us.

I wish to offer my sincere appreciation to the outgoing Executive Committee members, Chairpersons of various committees and Trustees for a job well done in the previous years.

Yours faithfully,
SATYA TIKARE

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is with great pleasure I take this responsibility of publishing your news letter. As you have noticed two interesting colums were added to the new letter during last year, Youth Corner and Religious Corner with a view of sharing some views and ideas. This year we are pleased to add an additional colum, 'This & That' featuring financial tips, economic issues, etc.

If you would like to share your expertise, knowledge and ideas in any of the above colums please send them to the Temple address, Attn: Publications.

S. Swamy Mruthinti,
Chairman, Publications committee

SIXTH ANNUAL "POWERLINE" ESSAY COMPETITION:

Children are invited to send their assays to the above essay competition. The participants will be divided into two age groups: 7-10 years and 11-15 years. The deadline for essay submission is December 31, 1988. Awards will be given to the best essays in each category and published in the Temple Newsletter. for further information please call Veena Jerath (868-8998).

TEMPLE OPENING SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 6-7 p.m.

P.K.Natrajan	863-6234	Dec. 17
Kailash Sharma	736-3917	Dec. 24
Rajanikant Patel	860-1976	Dec. 31
Vinayak Kamath	733-8996	Jan. 7

TEMPLE WILL ALSO BE OPEN ON:

All SUNDAYS (excepting 3rd Sunday): 6-8 p.m.
(call S.Swamy Mruthinti 737-8484)

All MONDAYS: 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

(Call Giridhar Sharma 868-7099
or Jugal Purohit 863-3910)

Temple Library will also be open on the above days.
Please make use of this facility.

GEETA STUDY: Sundays - 6 - 8 p.m.

(excepting Dec. 18)

Everyone is invited to participate in the stimulating discussions on Srimad Bhagavad Geeta, Akshara Parabrahma Yoga (Chapter 8).

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES:

Shri Uttam Ranchodji's Visit:

Saturday, Dec. 30, 7.30 p.m.

An evening of Bhajans and religious discourse by Shri Uttam Ranchodji (Bapuji) from Seattle WA will be held at the temple on Saturday Dec. 30, 7.30 p.m. onwards. Please do not miss this inspring discourse. For further information please call Anil Solanki (803) 642-2840, the HOST of this programme.

Dance Performance: Classical Dance by Smt.

Uma Bharati, Houston, TX, on Saturday, Jan 29, 1989, 8.00 p.m.

A BENEFIT SHOW FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

(see details in the attached flyer).

PREVIOUS PROGRAMMES:

Vocal Recital by David Mentor: Vocal recital by David Mentor was held at our Temple on Oct, 29. Many families attended and enjoyed this programme which brought us a profit of approximately \$200.

Hanuman Chalisa: Hanuman Chalisa was recited for 40 times at our Temple on Dec 12. This 4 hour recitation was done by about 20 families which was a great success. We express our sincere thanks to the host of this function Tijoriwala.

Music Recital by Nayan Pancholi and Sridevi Dave: An extraordinary evening of gazals, bhajans and songs by a melodious singers was held at our Temple on Dec., 23. about 30 families enjoyed this memorable programme.

GENERAL:

Augusta Swadhyaya Parivar Milan:

Sunday Dec. 4, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
This programme involves bhajans, group discussions and message from Dada (video). Everyone is invited to participate. For information please call Madhusudhan Shah (855-8016).

Executive Committee News:

Next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on:
Dec. 20, 8.00 p.m. at the Temple
Chairpersons of all Committees are requested to attend the meeting. Interested community members are also invited to attend.

"YOUTH & RELIGIOUS CORNER"

VIEWS ON HINDUISM:

People always question why someone claim to be a follower of particular "ISM" without really understanding what they claim to have understood. The follower of "ISMS" claim that their ISM is the ONLY ONE WAY to God, to Truth, to Salvation and to the Life itself. (Then a logical question arises that before these "ISMS" were conceived, about 2000 years ago, is that true that people didn't know the God, the truth and never attained salvation?!). But for a Hindu it is not so. His beliefs are many, his flexibility is boundless and each defines his perception differentially and yet believes in the same. So Hinduism is not a religion. It is a way of life. So, Hinduism can be viewed as a deviation of *Arya Dharma* or *Vaidika Dharma* or *Sanatana Dharma* where *Dharma* can be loosely translated as universal law or righteousness. The concept of *Dharma* is a big package and can be viewed as a conglomeration of many little packages or smaller concepts. They include *Bhakti* (devotion) based on beliefs, *Gnana* (knowledge) based on wisdom, *Karma* (duties) based on actions and *Aachara* (practices) -- compassion packaged laws and the mind teasing sciences (*Shastras*) all interwoven into a series of ritual do's and don'ts.

For Hindus, the challenge is that you should study your scriptures understand the deepest meaning in every word and every sentence. Study the scriptures of other faiths with open mind and logic. Then come to your own conclusion. If you come to a conclusion that our *Sanata Dharma*, our eternal religion is worth saving and passing on to your children, the way we got from our forefathers, start a serious *VICHAR* (thinking), bring your *vichar* into day to day *AACHAR* (practice), show that in every of your *UCCHAR(AN)*(pronunciation) and finally translate your thoughts and undertake the *PRACHAR* (propagation). This synchronization of thought, practice, pronunciation and propagation is essential for the revival of the Hindu phylosophy of life.

Source: 'Some views on Hinduism' by Dr. Shiva Subramanya, HINDU VISHWA, 1988).

"THIS & THAT"

by J. Ramachandra Reddy

(The items featured here are heard or read by me somewhere. Few of them are my personal experiences learnt the hardway by making mistakes - T.R.R.)

The year 1988 could be the year of the lowest taxes in our memory. Taxes will be up, it's question of how much. One should take measures to draw as much future income as possible into 1988.

First year of the new presidency is generally not good for stock market barring some exceptions, e.g., 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1981 (1985 an exception year).

Only 5% of the small investors make money in stock market. Usually a broker is responsible for making the investors buy into the market. When there is a small profit he will encourage you to sell, when there is a loss he wants you to make a decision and most of the time it will be wrong one.

Thirty to Sixty seconds of *MATSYASANA*, a type of *Yogasana* alliviates back pain.

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