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MONTHLY PUJA: February 18, 1990

Our regular monthly Puja will be Satyanaryana Puja to begin promptly at 10:00 AM on Sunday, February 18, 1990 and will be performed by S. Iyer.

HOSTS:

Shyam & Kamal Iyer and Family

PRASAD: Will be prepared by the following group of volunteers--Santosh Chand, Vimlesh Sharma, Devbala Sharma, Prem Sharma, Sumin Madkin, Madhu Govil, Shiela Prakash, Susan Gopal, Kamal Iyer.

CLEANING RESPONSIBILITIES:

All attending families.

SOME GENERAL INFORMATION About our monthly Puja...

**If anyone is interested in singing bhajans, please come forward and volunteer. New talent and youth are strongly encouraged! Please call D.Sinha at 863-8878 for further information.

**Host families will be responsible for bringing prasad sweets, supplies for Puja, and flowers, etc. The main food will be prepared by various volunteer prasad groups.

**It is of utmost importance that everyone arrive promptly by 10:00 AM so that Puja may begin and end on time. Also, host families ought to arrive 15-30 minutes early to set up.

TEMPLE OPENING SCHEDULE:

* **Every Saturday-7:00-8:00 PM**

February 3, 1990-P.K.Natarajan(863-6234)

February 10, 1990M.S.Bandisode(8635057)

February 17, 1990-S. Chand(868-9795)

February 24, 1990-C. Shah(738-7933)

March 3, 1990-S. Sinha(863-8878)

March 10, 1990-N.K. Gulati(733-5190)

* **BALSHALA**

-The sessions are held on Sunday mornings 10:30 am-noon.

February 4, 11, and 25

March 4, 11, and 25

For details, please call Sheila Kamath (733-8996).

* **GEETA STUDY**

-Sundays at 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Everyone is invited to participate in the stimulating Geeta discussions on Sunday evenings.

* **Sri Venkateswara Suprabharam**

Saturdays at 8:00-9:30am.

--For more information, call M.R. Sridharan (733-7160) or S. Swamy Mruthinti (737-8484).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Sudha Reddy on being selected for the National Honor Society!

Congratulations to the Jerath Family on the birth of their daughter!

Condolences to the family of Ram Lal Gupta.

Condolences to Chanda Banerjee on the loss of her Mother in Calcutta.

Condolences to Sham(Prakash) Govil on the loss of his Mother in Delhi.

Condolences to Janak Patel on the loss of his Father in Atlanta.

A few more thoughts for the new year...

PRECEPTS

Be religious, not bigoted

virtuous, not self-righteous

devout, not fanatical

Gather wealth, not cruelly

Enjoy, without elation

Speak gently, not insincerely

Be brave, without boasting

Be generous, not wasteful

Give, not indiscriminately

Speak boldly, not harshly

Make friends, not with the ignoble

Fight not with your friends

Seek information, not from the unreliable

Serve your interest, without hurting others'

Ask advice, not from the unwise

Praise virtues, but not your own

Trust, but not the evil

Punish, not thoughtlessly

Love and guard the spouse, without jealousy

Be refined, but not supercilious

Feed delicately, not unwholesomely

Enjoy conjugal pleasure, not overmuch

Honour the worthy, not proudly

Serve, without deceit

Propriate, without fawning

Be clever, not out of season

Be angry, not without strong cause

Be gentle, not to the mischeivous

Worship Deity, without display.

Translated from Mahabharata
by B. Dhingra in 'Wisdom of Asia'

BUILDING FUND LETTER

We all have been aware of the welcome increase in our Puja attendance lately. It appears that we have also outgrown our present prayer hall. Major repairs are anticipated for our Temple, the oldest in the Southeastern United States. Within the next year or two, thousands of dollars will be needed for this purpose. With this in mind, the Facilities Development Committee asked for the opinion and advice of three architects.

All three architects have strongly recommended that we expand on the current facilities rather than build a new one. The advantages of this include the excellent location of our Temple (within two miles of an interstate exit, sheltered from busy thoroughfare and public eye, etc.), availability of land around the Temple, sound infrastructure, and most importantly...the cost.

URGENT renovations and repairs are necessary to rebuild the restrooms with an entrance from the outside of the main prayer hall, addition of a new drainage system, replacement of the ceiling, addition/replacement of the air conditioning system, enlargement of the kitchen, and construction of a small storage area on the side with a shoe rack.

The minimum necessary expansion would entail enlargement of the present hall from 2500 sq. feet to 4000 sq. feet. The architects have strongly urged us to consider building a second floor. This could be used for group discussions, yoga sessions, a library, or possible quarters for a pujari. The second story together with the Somnath-like superstructure would provide an aesthetic appearance for the Temple.

Once we have a more definite cost estimate, we will be approaching you for your opinion, advice, and support.

There is no denying that all of us have greatly benefited from our Temple. Now let us see how much we can do for the Temple.

from the Board of Trustees

PREVIOUS EVENTS:

Republic Day Celebration and Kalyani Patel Dance... On January 27, Republic Day was celebrated with raising of the Flags and singing of the National Anthem. Many beautiful dances were performed by Kalyani Patel and her students. The colorful costumes and different types of music were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Overall, the entire evening was a big success!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Maha Shivaratri Celebration:

Friday, February 23, 1990 at 8:00pm.

The holiday will be celebrated in our Temple with many Bhajans and Prayers. For information, call S.Swamy Mruthinti (737-8484).

Holi Celebration: Friday, March 9, 1990-Holika Dhahan is planned to begin at 8:00pm.

Saturday, March 10, 1990-Color playing at 10:00am followed by lunch. Each family is requested to bring one covered dish for the lunch. For questions, please call Sudha Sinha at 863-8878.

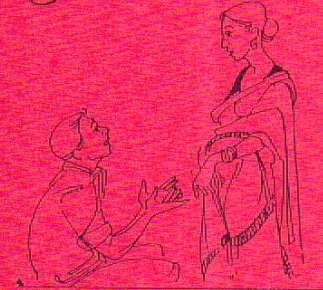
April 7, 1990:

**Ram Navmi Celebration will be celebrated with a 24 hour puja which will be completed by Swami Ji. completion of Ramayana.

**Gujarati Drama will be performed. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter. See Advertisement below...

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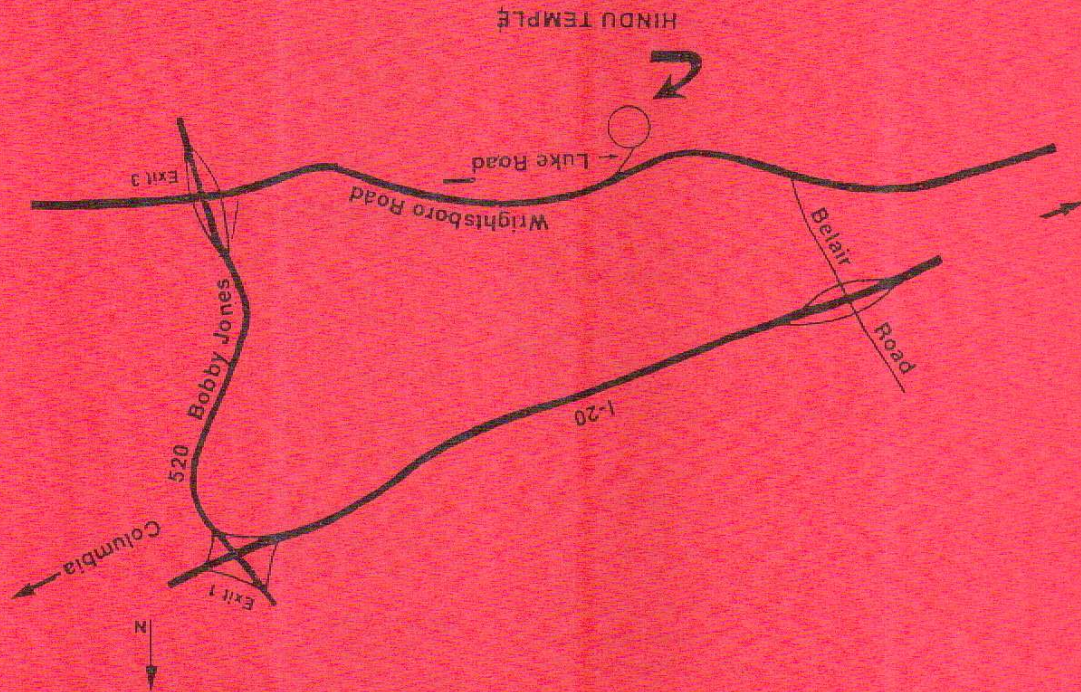
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