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Shrimad Bhagwat Kathamritam

Monday-Sunday, August 14-20, 2006

**A seven-day discourse (in Hindi) on
Bal Krishna Leela and Giriraj Gun Gatha
By H. H. Shri Satish Kumar Sharma**

Sponsored by Yogesh & Renuka Parikh

In honor of their mother Savitaben Biharilal Parikh

... Please refer to page 3 of this newsletter for schedule of events ...

Shri Krishna Janmashtami

Saturday, August 19, 2006

Puja & Dinner Prasad: 6:00 pm

Sponsored by Swati & Raj Wale

Aarti: 7:00 pm, Followed by

Bhajans by Dr. Usha Bhargave & Group



Shri Ganesh Chaturthi

Saturday, August 26, 2006

6:00pm Dance Recital

Artist: Rachita Nambiar

6:30 pm Religious Discourse by Rev. Shastriji

Aarti & Dinner Prasad: 7:00 pm

Sponsored by

Leena & Vishnu Shenoy (Passage To India)



NAVARATRI MAHOTSAV

Saturday, September 23, 2006

To Sunday, October 1, 2006

Garba & Raas

Daily 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Followed by Aarti and Prasad



Navaratri Kolu: Friday, September 29, 2006 at 6:00 pm

COMMUNITY CORNER

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Srini Subramanian (717) 730-7168
Hall Rental Requests	
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Alka Amin (717) 540-5380
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OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Saturday, June 24, 2006	Gujarati Samaj Picnic
Fri-Sat, Sept 29-30, 2006	Navaratri Mahotsav Sponsored by Guj Samaj
Saturday, October 21, 2006	Guj Samaj Diwali Dinner
Sunday, December 3, 2006	AIACPA Annual Dinner

EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
August 2006		
05	Saturday	Putrada Ekadashi (Shukla)
09	Wednesday	Purnima (Raksha Bandhan)
19	Saturday	Aja Ekadashi (Krishna)
23	Wednesday	Amawasya
September 2006		
04	Monday	Ekadashi (Shukla)
07	Thursday	Purnima
18	Monday	Indira Ekadashi (Krishna)
22	Friday	Amawasya
October 2006		
03	Tuesday	Ekadashi (Shukla)
07	Saturday	Purnima
17	Tuesday	Rama Ekadashi (Krishna)
22	Sunday	Amawasya

Donations Sought

PROJECT	APPROX. COST	REMARKS
HARI Times sponsors	\$500.00	Expenses towards printing and mailing HARI Times
Handicap ramp	\$1,200.00	For the classroom used by HARI School
New flush ceiling type tube fittings in the dining hall area	\$1,000.00	General maintenance and improvements in the dining area
Curtains for the stage area	\$12,000.00	Please contact Nirmal Joshi at 541-0363 or Srini Subramanian at 730-7168
Alarm and video Surveillance	\$10,000.00	

Donor's recognition

PROJECT	AMOUNT	DONORS
Benches (2)	\$600.00	Jitu & Vasanti Parekh
Bench (1)	\$300.00	Kirti & Pragna Shah
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SHRI BAL KRISHNA LEELA & GIRIRAJ GUN GATHA

Mon-Sun, August 14-20, 2006



By Excellent Orator H. H. Shri Satish Kumar Sharma (Shastriji)

From Gwalior, India, Shri Shastriji possesses a degree of "Acharya"; M.A. in Hindi, Sanskrit, Music; and Doctorate (Ph.D.) in "Sur Sahitya" (writings of Saint Surdasji, the great 15th century poet). He has given over 8,000 discourses in India and abroad on Shrimad Bhagwat, Bhagvad Geeta, Gopi Geet, Venu Geet, Yugal Geet, Bal Lila, Dan Lila, etc. He is very sought after personality and to that effect, we are extremely fortunate to have him here during the pious month of *Shravan*. Shri Shastriji will give a weeklong spiritual discourse, **in Hindi**, on **Shri Bal Krishna Leela** (stories of child Krishna) and **Giriraj Gun Gatha**.

Shri Bal Krishna Leela (stories of child Krishna): Lord Krishna is the eighth avatar of Lord Vishnu and one of the most beloved and adored Gods of the Hindu religion. The foremost reason of the glorification and reverence of Shri Krishna is his Bal Leela. Bal Leela depicts various episodes between the periods of his birth until the age of eleven years. Join us to go over 5,000 years back in time and experience the Bal Leela you have ever heard or imagined.



Giriraj Gun Gatha: Giriraj is another name of the Govardhan Hill, situated 20km west of Mathura, India. It is one of the most frequently visited places in Vraj-mandala as from Shri Krishna's pastimes more than 5000 years ago only three things remained as they were: the dust of Vrindavan, Yamuna River, and Shri Giriraj. Traditionally, the day after Deepawali is celebrated as Govadhan Puja. Shri Shastriji will explain the spiritual meaning of Govardhan Leela by Bal Krishna.

Schedule of Events

Mon, August 14	6:30pm	Shobha Yatra
	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Aarti, followed by Katha
Tue, August 15	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Aarti, followed by Katha
Wed, August 16 (actual day of Krishna Janmashtami):	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Aarti, followed by Katha
	9:30pm – 10:30pm	Light Farar
	10:30pm – 12:00am	Shri Krishna-Janma Mahotsav
Thu, August 17	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Aarti, followed by Katha
		Special Event: Nand Mahotsav
Fri, August 18	7:00pm – 9:30pm	Aarti, followed by Katha
		Special Event: Annakut
Sat, August 19	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Katha, followed by Temple's
		Janmashtami Program (details on the first page)
Sun, August 20	10:30am – 12:30pm	Katha Purnahuti
		Followed by Maha Prasad

**This program is Sponsored by Yogesh and Renuka Parikh
In honor of their mother Savitaben Biharilal Parikh**

Devotees wishing to offer *Prasad* are requested to bring in fruits, dry fruits, and/or sweets only. For *Annakut* participation, please contact Renuka Parikh or Minoo Amin. For other details, please contact Yogesh & Renuka Parikh at (717) 763-0377 or Hiten & Minoo Amin at (717) 732-0513

Our New Priest, Rev. Shastriji

We are very pleased to announce that the new priest Shri Naranji Durlabhji Pandya (Rev. Shastriji) has arrived and taken charge of performing priestly duties at the HARI temple. The temple hours are now 7:30 am to 12:30 pm (Aarti at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon) and 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Aarti at 7:00 pm).



HARI would like to thank Mr. **Prakash Vyas** and Mr. **Hari Upadhyaya**, the two outstanding community members, who graciously volunteered to provide priest coverage during weekdays when we did not have a priest. Our gratitude also goes to the members of the Executive Committee, HARI School Directors, Board of Trustees, and other volunteers who had provided coverage during the weekends. Finally, many thanks go to the HARI community for bearing with the inconvenience of restricted temple hours.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Priest Selection Committee for successfully completing a difficult task of selecting HARI Priest. The committee members are: Ashok Shukla (Coordinator), Ray Kathiresan (Chair, BOT-2005), Raghu Tadavarthy (BOT), Janak Amin, and Hiten Amin.

Bio of Rev. Shastriji

Full Name: Naranji Durlabhji Pandya (Rev. Shastriji)

Education:

- ❖ Saurashtra Vidvat Parishad: Degree in Sahitya Bhushan, Sahitya Ratna, and Vaidik Karma Ratna
- ❖ Shuddhadwait Certification: Degree in Pushtimarg Siddhant I, II, and III
- ❖ Bhartiya Vidhya Bhavan: Degree in Shastri, Bhasha Parichya
- ❖ Brihad Gujarat Sanskrit Parishad: Degree in Prathma, Madhyama
- ❖ Gita-Ramayana Board: Degree in Gita-Madhyama

Background:

Born and raised in a Brahmin family, traditionally accepted as spirituals leaders by Hindus. Brought up in a family with a tradition of performing ritualistic Hindu ceremonies. Learned Puja and other rituals as described in Vedas (Hindu scriptures).

He has devoted his entire life as a Karmakandi Brahmin, the one who is accepted proficient in Hindu Rituals. He is proficient in Sanskrit, Hindi, and Gujarati languages.

Experience:

- ❖ Working as karmakand-Brahmin for entire life
- ❖ Seven (7) years in Kenya as a Hindu Temple Priest
- ❖ Knowledgeable in astrology, mahurat, and kundlini
- ❖ Proficient with devotional music (Dhun, Kirtan, Bhajans, etc.)
- ❖ Performed Satya-Narayana katha, Navachandi Havan, Vastu, etc.
- ❖ Performed marriage, birth-and-death rituals, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHIVA RUDRA-ABHISHEK:

Join the Shiva Rudra-Abhishek in this pious month of Shravan. Rev. Shastriji will lead the puja with Vedic mantras. Participation will be limited to the first 100 devotee families, couples, or singles. A donation of \$21.00 is recommended per family. The details are as follows:

Shiva Puja & Abhishek
Sunday, August 6, 2006
10:30 am – 12:00 noon
Followed by Aarti and Lunch Prasad

Please bring in flowers and prasada, temple will provide other puja items. Registration is recommended to avoid disappointments. For registration, please contact Rev. Shastriji at HARI (774-7750) or Minoo Amin at 732-0513.

HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL:

HARI Sunday school reopens on September 10, 2006, at 10:30 am. The school offers a variety of courses for children ages six and up (first grade onwards) in Hindu Religion, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Indian Classical Dances, Indian Folk Dances, SAT preparation, and Stress Free Life (Yoga). A one-time registration fee per child per school year is required. Necessary information is provided at the time of registration or contact HARI School Directors Mukul Parikh at 728-9801 or Hiten Amin at 732-0513.

REGULAR BHAJANS, SATSANG, SWADHYAY GROUP...

- Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study: Every Friday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, followed by prasada. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU; 717-791-9138 or HbgVedic@yahoo.com.) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI. *Note: The group will not meet on 8/18 due to Katha and on 9/29 due to Kolu Puja.*
- Bi-Weekly Swadhyay: Organized by the Jain Center of South Central PA, the group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday, from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. *Note: The group will not meet on 8/14 due to Katha as listed on page 3.*
- Satyanarayan Puja: HARI observes the Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15 pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth of all HARI devotees. Please contact HARI Temple Shastriji at (717) 774-7750 for details.
- Monthly Havan: HARI Devotees Mrs. Aruna Lal and Mr. Satya Arya conduct Monthly Havan on the second Sunday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. *Note: The August Havan is slated for the first Sunday, 8/6, due to Katha as listed on page 3.*

HARI Receipts and Disbursement Report, June 2006

Receipts	Disbursements
Hundi	Employee Related
\$13,489.00	\$5,193.00
Membership:	Utilities
Regular	\$9,599.00
\$10,774.00	Maintenance
Senior	\$10,901.00
\$327.00	Hari Programs
Life Time	\$542.00
\$1,800.00	Printing, Publications
Life Time-Senior	\$454.00
\$300.00	HARI Supplies
Puja Services:	\$1,548.00
At HARI	Office Related
\$2,461.00	\$857.00
Out side HARI	Insurance
\$1,818.00	\$430.00
HARI Programs	Real Estate Taxes
\$1,245.00	\$280.00
Sunday School	Taxes (al)
\$1,511.00	\$1,801.00
Hall Rental	Professional Services
\$1,475.00	\$1,130.00
Other Donation	Trust Fund Transfer
\$5,533.00	\$1,874.00
Interest Earned	Capitol Projects
\$742.00	\$18,059.00
HARI Directory	Miscellaneous
\$1,503.00	\$1,266.00
Food	
\$1,197.00	
Tsunami	
\$301.00	
Hiten Thakur Fund	
\$3,940.00	
Trust Fund	
\$5,125.00	
Capital-Proj Donation	
\$2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	
\$270.00	
Total	Total
\$55,810.00	\$53,935.00
	2006-Opening Balance
	\$9,436.00
	Total deposits (June 2006)
	\$55,810.00
	Total Expenses (June 2006)
	\$53,935.00
	Net as of June 2006
	\$11,310.00

COMMUNITY HEALTH SEMINAR

The first two Community Seminars in this series "Diabetes in Asian Indians" and "Heart Disease in Asian Indians" have been very well received with attendance approaching to 100 participants each. The next community health seminar with special emphasis on Asian Indians will be held at Passage to India on **Thursday September 14, 2006** on **WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES**. Issues discussed will include *Osteoporosis, Menopause, Uterine & Breast Cancer prevention, and Urinary Incontinence*.

The conference is free but registration is required

Free osteoporosis screening will start at 5:15 PM (and like always healthy snacks will be served) with the conference beginning at 6 and ending by about 8:30 or so.

A detailed flyer from AIACPA will be sent out soon. You may contact Drs Nirmal or Renu Joshi (541-0363) for more information and registration.

2006 HARI CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM	DINNER SPONSOR
Saturday, October 07	Dusherra	Durga Puja	Open
Tuesday, October 10	Karva Chauth	Karva Chauth Puja	*** N/A ***
Saturday, October 28	Diwali	Diwali Annakot, General Body Meeting	HARI Devotees

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (MARCH – OCTOBER)

03-14-2006, Tuesday	Holi
03-30-2006, Thursday	Gudi Padva
04-06-2006, Thursday	Ramanavami
04-11-2006, Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-13-2006, Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti
04-30-2006, Sunday	Akshay Tiritiya
06-27-2006, Tuesday	Rath Yatra
08-09-2006, Wednesday	Raksha Bandhan
08-16-2006, Wednesday	Krishna Janmashtami
08-27-2006, Sunday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-08-2006, Friday to 09-22-2006, Friday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
09-23-2006, Saturday to 10-01-2006, Sunday	Navaratri Mahotsav
10-02-2006, Monday	Vijaya Dashami
10-10-2006, Tuesday	Karva Chauth
10-22-2006, Sunday	Deepavali (Diwali)
0-23-2006, Monday	Vikram Samvat 2063

*"The fire of self-knowledge
reduces all bonds of karma to ashes,
O Arjuna, like the blazing fire
reduces wood to ashes."*

- Shri Krishna (Bhagavad Gita 4.37)

*He that does everything for Me, whose supreme
object I am, who worships Me, being free from
attachment and without hatred to any creature,
this man, Arjuna!, comes to Me.*

- Shri Krishna (Bhagavad Gita 11.55)

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

... To the family of Mrs. Aneeta Sanyal who lost her beloved mother Smt. Dipti Rani Muhury on May 21st, 2006 in Kolkatta, India.

... To the family of Mr. Srinivasan Sarma who lost his beloved mother Mrs. Saraswathi Venkataraman on June 10th, 2006 in Orange County, CA.

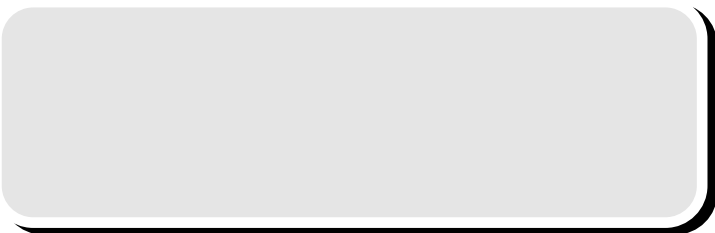
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 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
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HARI CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2006		
08/04	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
08/06	Sunday	Jain Puja 2:00 pm
08/06	Sunday	Monthly Havan 5:30 pm
08/09	Wednesday	Purnima; S-Katha 7:30 pm
08/11	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
08/14 to 08/20	Monday to Sunday	Shri Bal Krishna Leela and Giriraj Gun Gatha, in Hindi <i>Pl refer to schedule of events on page 3 of this issue</i> (The Biweekly Swadhyay will not meet on 08/14 and the Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study group will not meet on 08/18)
08/19	Saturday	Janmashtami Celebration
08/25	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
08/26	Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration
08/28	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm

SEPTEMBER 2006		
09/03	Sunday	Jain Puja 2:00 pm
09/01	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
09/07	Thursday	Satyanarayan Katha 7:30 pm
09/08	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
09/10	Sunday	Monthly Havan 5:30 pm
09/11	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm
09/22	Friday	Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study 6:30 pm
09/23 to 10/01	Saturday to Sunday	Navaratri Mahotsav Daily 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm
09/25	Monday	Biweekly Swadhyay 7:15 pm
09/29	Friday	Kolu Puja 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (The Bhajans, Bhagawad Gita Study group will not be meeting today)