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GODDESS LAKSHMI PUJA

Every Friday during Shravan Month. Friday(s) July 24, July 31, August 7, and August 14, 2009 from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Please call HARI Temple for more details or puja registration.



SHIVA PUJA, RUDRABHISHEK, & SHIVA AARTI

Saturday, August 1, 2009 - 7:15pm to 8:15pm
Please call HARI Temple for more details or puja registration.



UPAKARMA/YAGNOPAVIT & RAKSHA BANDHAN

Wednesday, August 5, 2009 - Special Upakarma/Yagnopavit (Sacred Thread Changing) ceremony at 6 in the morning and exchanging 'Rakhi' ceremony at 6 in the evening with priest. For further details or information, please contact any priest by calling HARI Temple.

SHRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

Saturday, August 8, 2009
5:00pm to 5:30pm - Special Krishna Pooja
5:30pm to 6:45pm - Devotional music by Dr. Usha Bhargave & Group. followed by Aarti and Dinner Prasad
Sponsored by Rajeev & Manjiri Pangarkar & Family.



Note: Special Pooja will be performed on the actual Janmashtami Day, Friday, August 14 from 9:30pm - Midnight followed by Aarti.

PARYUSAN - A Festival of Forgiveness

Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 1:30pm to 6:30pm, Monday, August 17, 2009 to Friday, August 21, 2009 - 7:15pm - 9:30pm. Sunday, August 23, 2009 - 3:00pm to 7:00pm



SHRI GANESH CHATURTHI

Saturday, August 22, 2009
5:00pm to 6:45pm - Natyanjali - Bhakti through Dance. This program is aimed to bring you a glimpse of the different classical art forms in India.
Followed by Aarti & Dinner Prasad
Sponsored by Vishnu & Leena Shenoy



KOLU PUJA

Friday, September 25, 2009 at 7:15pm.



NAVRATRI MAHOTSAV

Saturday, September 19, 2009 to Sunday, September 27, 2009. 8:00pm to 10:00pm - Garba & Raas.
Followed by Aarti and Prasad.

DASHERA CELEBRATION

Sunday, September 27, 2009
11:15am - Durga Puja and Durga Havan
Followed by Arti & Lunch Prasad -
To sponsor the lunch, please contact any EC Members.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Schedule any Priest Service Requests - outside or at the Temple	Please call HARI Temple 774-7750
Hall Rental Requests	Pallav Bhonde 266-9195
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	Ramesh Bathini 697-3666
Lunch Coordinator for HARI School	Ken Kendre 545-3737
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HARI Trust Fund Coordinator	Dr. Ray Kathiresan 790-0786
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EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
August 2009		
01	Saturday	Shukla Ekadashi
05	Wednesday	Purnima
16	Sunday	Krishna Ekadashi
20	Thursday	Amawasya
31	Monday	Shukla Ekadashi
September 2009		
04	Friday	Purnima
15	Tuesday	Krishna Ekadashi
18	Friday	Amawasya
29	Tuesday	Shukla Ekadashi

Donation Recognition

4/23/2009 to 07/16/2009

Name	Amount	Donation Type
Syamal & Sulekha Bhattacharya	\$150.00	Donation
Janak A & Mona Doshi	\$1,001.00	HARI Trust Fund
Gauri Kulkarni	\$101.00	Donation
Andrew & Payal Loser	\$202.00	Donation
Sanjay & Jyoti Mittal	\$101.00	Donation
Raju & Lina Nirali Inc	\$1,000.00	Donation
Samir & Bina Parikh	\$200.00	HARI Trust Fund
Rasik & Pragna Parmar	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Harish & Jyotsna Patel	\$101.00	Donation
Dilip & Kunjani Patel	\$100.00	Donation
Anisha Devesh Shah	\$501.00	HARI Trust Fund

TRUST FUND INFORMATION

HARI has established a Trust Fund to ensure the long term financial stability of HARI. The Trust Fund is professionally managed by the renowned "The Foundation for Enhancing Communities". You can contribute to the Trust Fund and assign the proceeds to perform lifetime pujas for the deities of your choice or you can perform lifetime pujas on specific dates of the year such as birthdays and anniversaries. The prasadam will be mailed to you, if you are unable to attend. Your designated names will be inscribed in the "Sri Hanuman Tree". You can contribute cash or you can use other gift instruments. You can choose one or more of the following mechanisms:

Gifts of Life Insurance

You do not need an estate plan to contribute a gift of life insurance. You always have the choice of assigning HARI as one of the beneficiaries and let us know about your assignment. You can purchase a new life

insurance policy naming HARI as the sole beneficiary or designate HARI as the sole beneficiary of an existing policy also. In this scenario, to receive a tax deduction, policy holder must pay HARI the premium, who then pays the premium to the Insurance company.

Gifts of appreciated Assets

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real estate provide an excellent means of making gifts to the Temple. You may simultaneously avoid/reduce capital capital gains taxes and eligible for tax deduction.

Designate HARI as a beneficiary in your IRA or 401(k)

Leaving retirement plan benefits such as Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or 401(k) plan, to heirs other than one's spouse will result in substantial payment of federal and state income and estate taxes. By designating Temple as the beneficiary of the Retirement Plan Benefits you may be able to get substantial tax benefits. Please include HARI in your estate planning and preserve our religious and cultural heritage for future generations.

Please consult your financial advisors on tax related matters. Please, contact any current Board of Trustees or Executive Committee members to participate in the HARI Trust Fund. For additional information on various Gift Instruments, please contact Dr. Ray Kathiresan, HARI Trust Fund Coordinator at 717-790-0786 or e-mail raykathiresan@yahoo.com.

Immediate needs at the Temple: We thank all devotees for a great response to our appeal for specific donation (\$). Below are few items for which we are actively looking for donations. Please contact HARI Chairman and/or President for more information:

Donations Sought:

PROJECT	APPROX. COST	REMARKS
HARI School Lunch Sponsorship	\$300.00/Lunch	Cost of providing pizza to the students during HARI school.
Guest Artists Fees	\$300.00/Program	For payment to the guest artists to perform at HARI sponsored events.
HARI Times Sponsorship	\$500.00	One time printing and mailing cost of HARI Times newsletter.
Pest Control Expenses	\$1,150.00	Annual recurring expenses for inside and outside pest control service.
Electronic Communication Expenses	\$1,250.00	Annual recurring expenses for internet, website hosting, & e-mail communication service.
Parking Lot Project (adding more parking spaces and repaving already completed)	\$40,000.00	Mr. Kiran Patel at 717-657-8607 or email at kiran@hersha.com .

CONGRATULATIONS



... to Andrew & Payal Loser, proud parents of **REMY**, born on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Proud grandparents Anil & Nayana Parikh, Mechanicsburg, PA.



... to Anil and Nayana Parikh, proud grandparents of **ROHAN**, born on Friday, May 1, 2009 to Ashin & Sarika Parikh, Providence, RI.



... to Pallav & Megha Bhonde, proud parents of **JHEEL**, born on Friday, July 10, 2009. Proud grandparents Pankaj & Rashmi Bhonde, Manchester, PA.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We are half-way through the year and we've enjoyed multiple events. Last quarter was busy. It started with a tribute to a great artist, Shri Annamacharya. This program was attended by more than 150 music lovers. The HARI School graduation ceremony followed, with HARI School students holding a wonderful variety show; including a first time mini-movie about HARI and Hinduism. The actors and presenters were all HARI students.

We were fortunate to have two great scholars visit the first and last weeks of June, Shri Bhupendrabhai Pandya and Shri Akhilji Maharaj. They shared the enlightening and enriching experience with our loved ones on Bhagvad Gita and Bhagvad Saptah respectively. Both events were enthusiastically attended.

July 11 was an exciting and very entertaining social gathering, India Fair, celebrating the HARI Anniversary. Delicious home made food, games, kid's activities and great bargains truly made it an unforgettable day. The Seniors Bus Trip was held a second time on July 18, this time visiting the Maryland area. Once again we were overwhelmed by a great response, having two busses. We may possibly arrange a similar tour this fall.

Our membership roster currently stands at 480 and we are certain that we will exceed our target of 500 for the year. We are always available for your questions, suggestions, and concerns. Thank you and may Lord Rama bless us all with peace and prosperity!

Yours in service,

Chairman, HARI Board of Trustees
Mr. Janak Amin

President, HARI Executive Committee
Mr. Pallav Bhonde

TWO PRIESTS at HARI TEMPLE



As you are well aware of, HARI now employs two scholarly priests, **Shree Naranji Pandya (Shastriji)** and **Shree Seetharamaswamy (Swamyji)**, who are able to fulfill all your religious needs.

With the presence of two priests, **the temple doors will now be open more hours - 7am to 1pm and 3pm to 9pm daily.** More daily services, seven days a week, will become routine. Besides, the priests will always be available to perform traditional services at your homes or at the temple to any religious needs.



We fondly hope the community will fully avail of the services of these scholarly priests and in the process continue to receive the blessings of the Almighty. We ask you to continue to come to the temple to partake in all our activities. Please feel free to call at the HARI Temple, 717-774-7750 to book the priest services.

HARI SURVEY

HARI's Executive Committee, Board of Trustees members and many volunteers always strive to provide excellent services to devotees and look for various ways to improve the existing services and introduce new ones which make a difference in our community.

We are enclosing a short survey and your valuable comments and suggestions will allow us to improve our existing services as well as introduce new services as the circumstances permit us to

We thank you for your valuable input and timely response and will be grateful, if you will please return the survey within three (3) weeks of the receipt of the papers. Please complete the following survey and return it to HARI Temple or simply drop it in the Hundi when the next time you visit the temple. We will make every effort to post the general synopsis of the survey on the HARI's web site as soon as we have assembled all of the relative information from the survey feedback.

PLEASE: Circle the corresponding number of only one answer per question.

- 1. Your Membership? Annual Life Time Not a Member
- 2. Place of Residency? Harrisburg York Lancaster Other _____
- 3. Are you a member of the Executive Committee? Yes No
- 4. Are you a member of the Board of Trustees? Yes No
- 5. Do you have elderly parents? Yes No
- 6. Do you have children less than 12 years of age? Yes No
- If yes, please specify the number of children _____
- a. Do any of these children attend HARI School? Yes No
- If yes, please specify the number of children _____
- 7. Is our building facility adequate? Yes No
- 8. Is our parking facility adequate? Yes No
- 9. Are you in favor of increasing the annual membership fee? Yes No
- 10. Are you in favor of increasing the fees for dinner services? Yes No
- 11. Are you in favor of increasing the HARI School fees? Yes No
- 12. Are you in favor of receiving newsletter via e-mail / website in lieu of U.S. Postal mail? Yes No

13. Are you in favor of bus trips to other Hindu religious Institutions? Yes No
14. How often do you participate in Temple's cultural activities?
Most Activities Some Activities Rarely None
15. Would you like to serve as a member of either Committees? Yes No

a. If Yes, please specify which Committee would you like to serve in the future? _____

16. Do you volunteer in Temple activities? Yes No
- a. If Yes, please specify the details. _____
- b. If No, Would you like to volunteer in Temple activities? Yes No
If Yes, please provide your name and address _____

17. Are you aware of all the activities and services provided by HARI Temple? Yes No
18. Are you satisfied with the services performed by Priests? Yes No
19. Do your children participate in HARI School? Yes No
If Yes, please specify. _____

20. Are you satisfied with the HARI School services? Yes No
If No, please specify. _____

21. In what industry do you work? _____

22. Which services or activities do you like best at the Temple? _____

23. Suggestions or ideas to improve the existing services or introduce new services including HARI School.

Thank you for completing this survey!

HARI SCHOOL

Dear HARI Members!

Welcome to yet another year of HARI School. The teachers of HARI Sunday school are looking forward to meeting your children and having them in our classes this coming year 2009-2010.

Majority of HARI school classes are conducted by dedicated volunteer teachers. We meet regularly and try to come up with ways to make the HARI school interesting to the children and worthwhile to the parents. We constantly evaluate our curriculum based on student response and revise as necessary. We also welcome your suggestions in improving HARI School.



HARI Sunday school not only provides cultural and religious education to your children, but also gives them a lot of good friends with similar values. The school also strives on imparting leadership qualities to its students by creating opportunities for them to participate in many HARI events.

Finally, HARI also provides lunch every Sunday after Aarti. The registration process is very simple. We accept all current HARI members (Parent/Guardian/Student) and their family members as students. You can visit the following URL <http://www.haritemple.org/harischool.htm#form> and

1. Check out HARI calendar for the days when HARI School is operational.
2. Learn about age groups suitable for your child (ren).
3. Check out the classes offered at HARI
4. Print HARI School Registration form (forms need to be handed in person)

We hope to see you all at HARI School on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 10am.

HARI School team wishes you all a very enjoyable and safe summer!

With Regards
HARI School Directors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARI Temple Scholarship

It is with pleasure to announce that the HARI Board has decided to offer scholarships to high school graduates for their first year in college. Thanks to the generosity of some HARI Devotees to enable us to do so.

The HARI Temple Scholarship has been established to provide scholarships to deserving high school seniors throughout central Pennsylvania for the purpose of advancing their education.

HARI Education Committee consisting of a Chair of Committee, Trust Fund Coordinator, President, Chairman and three members at large will choose the scholarship recipient or recipients based on the information supplied by the applicants. Only those applications received on or before August 31st will

be considered. In determining the recipient or recipients, the committee will evaluate applicants by the following initial criteria:

- a) Scholastic Ability – must meet minimum academic standard of 2.0 during high school based on a 4 point scale. (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
- b) Financial Need – applicants must demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship.
- c) Permanent Resident or Citizen of United States or Any Eligible Resident.
- d) HARI Temple member (either the applicant or parents/guardians).
- e) Other special circumstances as may be applicable.

It will be necessary for applicants to submit proof satisfactory to the committee of their admission to a duly accredited institution of post-secondary education, including, but not limited to, 4 year colleges, 2 year colleges, vocational-technical schools, trade schools, nursing schools and other colleges.

All information supplied by applicants will be considered strictly confidential, and under no circumstances shall the committee take into consideration the sex, race or religious background of the applicants.

The amount of the scholarship will be Five Hundred One Dollars (\$501.00). Payment will be made directly to the applicant’s parents or guardians towards the cost of tuition, room & board, study materials of the student.

Scholarship opportunity available to five graduating Central Pennsylvania High School Seniors for the purpose of advancing his/her education. The scholarship will be awarded on or before November 15th.

Please go to <http://www.haritemple.org/pdf/HARIScholarshipDocument.pdf> to download the further details and application package.

Nominating Committee Year 2009

We are in the last part of this calendar year and it is time to start the process for selecting the HARI office bearers to serve HARI Community for the year 2010.

In accordance with the requirements of HARI Bye-laws and the amended (09-08-2002) addendum to Policies and Practices, the BOT will be appointing the Nominating Committee that will come up with a slate of officers of the 2010-Executive Committee and three (3) Trustees to serve in the HARI Board from 2010 through 2012. The BOT is in the process of finalizing the nomination committee; per HARI policies and practices, the past year President, **Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian** will chair the nomination committee. Once formed, the nomination committee will convene on a regular basis to recommend the 2010 HARI committee to the BOT. The Nominating Committee being formed will consist of the following:

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|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian | (717) 651-0620 | Nominating Committee Chair |
| Mr. Pallav Bhonde | (717) 266-9195 | 2009 HARI President |
| to-be named | | General Body representative |
| to-be named | | General Body representative |
| to-be named | | General Body representative |

Serving HARI is an honorable cause and we encourage everyone to participate in the process. In order to be considered to be selected to serve as an office bearer of HARI, nominees must be paid-members of HARI as of September 15, 2009 and must commit to continue their paid-membership throughout their term in office. A list of all HARI members as of September 15, 2009 will be posted on the premises for devotees' reference. Please send in your nominations to HARI Temple at haritemple@gmail.com or Mr. Pallav Bhonde at pallavbhonde@hotmail.com on before **September 15, 2009** for the following positions:

1. Senior Vice-President (one year term, one position)
2. Secretary (one year term, one position)
3. Treasurer (one year term, one position)
4. Vice-President (one year term, seven positions)
5. Board of Trustee (three-year term, three positions)

In accordance with our tradition, the Sr. Vice-President of the current year will assume the duties of the President next year subject to general body approval.

Regularly Scheduled Events

- **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagvad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, followed by Dinner Prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI. Contact (717)791-9138 or HbgVedic@yahoo.com for more information.
- **Satyanarayan Puja:** HARI observes the Satyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and prosperity of all HARI devotees.
- **Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Every Saturday from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Please join us for Satsang and Hanuman Chalisa recital.
- **Monthly Havan:** Please note starting August, Monthly Havan will be observed on the first **Sunday of every month at 6pm**. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. Please contact any Executive Committee members for further details or for sponsorship.

2009 HARI EVENTS CALENDAR

HARI CELEBRATION DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT SPONSOR
Wednesday, October 07	Karva Chauth	HARI Devotees
Saturday, October 17	Diwali / Annakut	HARI Devotees & Local Indian Restaurants
Saturday, October 31	Tulsi Vivah	***Open***

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

... to the family of Mrs. Rita Amin, who lost her beloved sister, Shilpa H. Desai on July 7, 2009 in NJ.

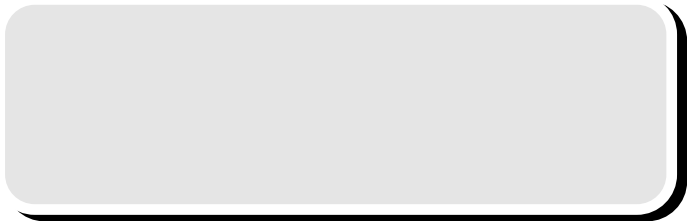
***** MAY THE DEPARTED SOUL ATTAIN PARAM SADGATI *****

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Directions:
 Take Exit 39A, Lewisberry Road, off I-83
 Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West
 Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd
 Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
 Phone: (717) 774-7750



Weekly Programs

- **Bhajans & Bhagvad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, followed by prasad. Organized by IoHU.
- **Shri Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Every Saturday between 7:15pm and 8:15pm by Pu. Shastriji and Pu. Swamyji.

Shri Satyanarayan Katha



Wednesday, August 5 at 7:15pm

Friday, September 4 at 7:15pm

Satyanarayan Puja is performed on a full moon (Purnima) day to seek Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth. If Grahan (eclipse) falls on the day than puja will be held day after. The puja is performed with total devotion, offering fruits, flower, ghee, milk, yogurt, butter, wheat flour, sugar, and honey to Lord Satyanarayan. After the puja, the story of Lord Satyanarayan is read and the Prasad is

distributed to all attendees. The puja thus performed brings in fulfillment of one's wishes and prosperity.

Jain Swadhayay / Puja



Sunday, August 2 at 2:00pm

Sunday, September 6 at 2:00pm

Monthly Havan



Sunday, August 2 at 6:00pm

(Sponsored by Sundeep Nath, Nibha Rani & Janhavi Raj)

Sunday, September 6 at 6:00pm

Please note, starting August, Monthly Havan will be observed on the first Sunday of every month at 6pm. To sponsor Monthly Havan/Dinner Prasad, please contact any HARI Executive Committee Member.