

HARI Times...

SITA-RAMA * RADHE-SHYAM

JAN-FEB 2007

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Pujya Shastriji 774-7750

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WE WISH ALL HARI DEVOTEES A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2007

We request you to make your first check of the New Year payable to HARI. We earnestly thank all lifetime members for their unwavering support. Membership dues are:

**Annual (Jan to Dec): \$51.00 (Sr. Citizens: \$25.00)
Lifetime: \$600.00 (Sr. Citizen: \$300.00)**

NEW YEAR HAVAN

Monday, January 1, 2007 at 10:30 am

Followed by Lunch Prasad

Sponsored by HARI Committee members

MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Carnatic Music at 4:30 pm

Presented by Local Artists

Followed by Dinner Prasad at 7:00 pm

Sponsored by: South Indian Families



SHIVA PUJA & RUDRABHISHEK

Friday, February 16, 2007

After 7:00 Aarti to Midnight

Pujya Shastriji will perform Shiva puja and Shiva Rudrabhishek on the actual day of Maha Shivaratri, Friday, 2/16/2007. Pujya Shastriji will also give a discourse on *Dwadasha Jyotirlinga*.

MAHA SHIVARATRI

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Maha Abhishek / Dinner Prasad: 5:00 pm

Aarti and Devotional Music: 7:00 pm

Sponsored by: York-Indian Community



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Sunil Desai (717) 792-4661
Hall Rental Requests	
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Geena Modi (717) 600-1599
HARI Times Editors	Hiten Amin 732-0513 Ashok Shukla 737-1919

EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
January 2007		
03	Wednesday	Purnima
15	Monday	Krishna Ekadashi – Shattila
19	Friday	Amawasya
29	Monday	Shukla Ekadashi – Jaya
February 2007		
02	Friday	Purnima
14	Wednesday	Krishna Ekadashi – Vijaya
17	Saturday	Amawasya
27	Tuesday	Shukla Ekadashi – Amalki

Immediate needs at the temple: We thank you 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 Times sponsors	\$500.00	One time printing and mailing of HARI Times.
Two (2) wooden cabinets for PA System and related storage	\$1,200.00	Our current storage area is not adequate for storing PA system.
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	Powered curtains, will also help close the area when not in use
Security video surveillance and alarm system	\$10,000.00	HARI really needs general upgrade to the security.

Donor's recognition

PROJECT	AMOUNT	DONORS
Security video surveillance and alarm system	\$2,502.00	Chandrakant & Shailini Kanabar

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

The year 2006 was very productive for the HARI temple and we thank the committee members for their hard work and the spirit of volunteerism. Moving forward, there still are many challenges ahead of us as the community grows rapidly in the South Central Pennsylvania. As we take the charge for the year 2007, we will collectively work with the support of our community at large to achieve following goals.

- ✚ **30% Growth in membership**
- ✚ **Increase cultural and religious activities**
- ✚ **Greater participation of membership at large**
- ✚ **Introduce new programs for youth and seniors activities.**

Many of the adjustments that were put into progress last year will continue to carry out throughout this year with assertion. For example, we would like to follow through with the landscaping plans on the temple property and maintain the adornment. In addition, we will be increasing our means of communication to assure our members that they will be knowledgeable of all the advancements that we will be making to our home away from home. During our ongoing developments, we will bring the eminent and excelled religious festivities to celebrate our rich culture. For the year of 2007, the devoted organization takes inclusive accountability and transparency with immense contentment to ensure that the HARI temple remains a place to practice and enjoy the Hindu culture and religious value. This year's committee conveys a union of familiarity and unfamiliarity; vigilance and enthusiasm; and most prominently, a sincere passion and a dedication to serve. We are privileged and honored to have this opportunity, and be part of this great institute.

Yours in service

Chair, HARI Board of Trustee
Harish Doshi

President, HARI Executive Committee
Sunil Desai

CONGRATULATIONS



to Deepak & Lakshmi Ramani, proud parents of **MEENAKSHI**, born on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. Proud grandparents are Srini and Vimla Sarma.



to Chirag & Nita Barot, proud parents of **SURAJ**, born on Wednesday, October 25, 2006. Proud grandparents are Mahendra and Jayaben Bramhabhatt.



to Amrish & Purnima Patel, proud parents of **KHUSH**, born on Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- **2007 HARI Committees:** At the General Body meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2006, the following office bearers were declared elected:

2007 Executive Committee:

President: Mr. Sunil Desai

Sr. Vice President: Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian

Secretary: Mr. Krishnaprasad Repaka

Treasurer: Mr. Pallav Bhonde

Vice Presidents (alphabetical order):

1. Mrs. Nira Andharia
2. Mr. Devki Khanna
3. Mr. Sunny Patel
4. Mrs. Deepa Patil
5. Mr. Raj Wale

Board of Trustees (three-year term, from 2007 through 2009):

1. Mr. Janak Amin
2. Mrs. Manisha Arya
3. Mr. Kiran patel

- **Chairman of the Board of Trustees:**

On Sunday, November 19, 2006, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected **Mr. Harish Doshi** as its Chairman for the year 2007.

- **Resignation:**

Board of Trustees member Mr. Raghu Tadavarthy resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Mr. Tadavarthy had joined the Board in 2005 and has completed two of his three-year term. We would like to thank Mr. Tadavarthy for his many years of services to the HARI community.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

... to the family of Mahendra Bramhabhatt who lost his beloved wife Mrs. Jayaben Brahmbhatt on Sunday, September 24, 2006.

... to the family of Kirti Shah, who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Hiraben Kantilal Shah on Friday, November 24, 2006 in NJ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXTENDED PRIEST SERVICES:

We are very pleased to announce that HARI Priest, Pu. Shastriji, has started performing extended priest services at the temple and at devotees' homes. You may contact HARI President for scheduling priest services. If the services are needed outside of the temple, you will need to arrange for his transportation.

Extended Services at HARI Temple

- Archana Puja in person or by mail \$10.00
- Vahan (car) Puja In person \$21.00
- Shri Satyanarayana Puja Every Purnima 7:30 pm ... \$21.00
- Shri Satyanarayana Puja Any Day 11:00 am \$21.00
- Wedding / Engagements Members \$151.00
 Others: \$201.00
- Other Ceremonies \$51.00

Extended Services at devotee's Home

Devotees must pre-schedule with HARI President and the Priest. Based on various factors, this service may not be available all the time.

- Puja Ceremony (Gruhpravesh, Groundbreaking, etc.): Members: \$101.00, Others: \$151.00
- Wedding / Engagements: Members: \$151.00, Others: \$201.00
- Funeral Services: Members: \$0.00, Others: \$51.00

HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- HARI Sunday school reopened on September 10, 2006. The school offers a variety of courses for children ages six and up 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 Hiten Amin at (717) 732-0513 or Lakshmi Shrikantia at (717) 566-8996.
- After four years of services as the Bharatnatyam teacher, Mrs. Vatsala Srinivas has decided to discontinue classes at HARI effective immediately. We acknowledge her good work at HARI and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS...

- Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study: Each Friday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, followed by prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita study in collaboration with HARI. More at (717) 791-9138 or HbgVedic@yahoo.com
- 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.
- 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.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. C. N. RAO

Mr. Chellari Nageswara Rao, popularly known as C. N. Rao, passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in Kakinada, AP, in India, at the age of 70.

Mr. C. N. Rao was one of the pillars of HARI. He was one of the original six-person team that became the force behind building a place of worship in the Harrisburg area - the place that we now know as the Hindu American Religious Institute (HARI Temple). According to the Hindu Lunar Calendar, both Mr. C. N. Rao and Mrs. Hersha H. Shah were born on the auspicious day of Ramanavami – the birthday of Lord Shri Rama. That coincident was reason enough for the then HARI management to set the new HARI Temple’s inauguration date on the auspicious day of the Ramanavami, Tuesday, March 26, 1976.

After the temple was formally inaugurated on the Ramanavami day, Mr. C. N. Rao was elected as the next President of the institute, taking over charge from the Founder-President Mr. Hasu P. Shah. The original temple was opened only with the photographs of various deities but then on a trip to India, Mr. Rao managed donations for the statues of Lord Shri Rama, Shri Lakshman, and Shri Sitaji. The BOT enthusiastically approved the donation of the deities and that is how HARI was transformed into Rama Mandir.

Mr. Rao worked at the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) from 1970 to 1982, until he moved out of the Harrisburg area. Mr. Rao had great affection for HARI and always kept the temple in his heart. He certainly maintained a good relation with his friends in the area and often paid a visit to the temple. Mr. Rao is survived by three sons and a daughter.

May Lord Rama grant *Param Sadgati* to his departed soul.



HARI MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

Name: _____
Last Name First Name MI

Spouse’s Name: _____
First Name MI Maiden Name (optional)

Address: _____

Tel. No: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____@_____

Regular Membership: Annual: \$51.00 Lifetime: \$600.00
Senior Citizens Membership: Annual: \$25.00 Lifetime: \$300.00
HARI Trust Fund Donation: \$ _____ General Donation: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

- Yes, please add or correct the above entry in the upcoming HARI directory
- No, please remove the above entry from the upcoming HARI Directory

2007 HARI CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM	SPONSORS
Sunday, March 04	Holi / Dhuleti	Variety Program by Children	
Saturday, March 24	Gudi Padva		
Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31	Shri Ramanavami	Shri Rama Charit Manas Recital (24 hours)	Family of Shri Biharilal Parikh
Monday, April 02	Shri Hanuman Jayanti	Chanting of Sri Hanuman Chalisa	
Saturday, April 07	Shri Mahavir Jayanti	Puja / Bhajans	Jain Center of South Central PA
Sunday, June 03	HARI School Graduation	Graduation Program	
Sunday August 19 to Saturday August 25	Srimad Bhagwat Katha	Srimad Bhagwat Katha	Ashok & Asha Agarwal
Saturday, September 08	Shri Krishna Janmashtami		
Saturday, September 15	Shri Ganesh Chaturthi		
Friday, October 12 to Saturday, October 20	Navaratri Mahotsav	Durga Puja Raas-Garbaa	*** N/A ***
Sunday, October 21	Dusherra	Durga Puja	
Saturday, November 10	Diwali	Diwali Annakot, HARI Annual Meeting	HARI Devotees

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JANUARY – JUNE)	
01-14-2007, Sunday	Makar Sankranti / Pongal
01-23-2007, Tuesday	Vasant Panchami
02-16-2007, Friday	Maha Shivaratri
03-03-2007, Saturday	Holi
03-19-2007, Monday	Gudi Padva
03-27-2007, Tuesday	Ramanavami
03-31-2007, Saturday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-02-2007, Monday	Hanuman Jayanti
04-20-2007, Friday	Akshay Tritiya

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JULY - DECEMBER)	
07-16-2007, Monday	Rath Yatra
08-28-2007, Tuesday	Raksha Bandhan
09-04-2007, Tuesday	Krishna Janmashtami
09-15-2007, Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-27-2007, Thursday	Pitr-Paksha (Shradh) begins
10-12-2007, Friday	Navaratri begins
10-21-2007, Sunday	Vijaya Dashami
10-29-2007, Monday	Karva Chauth
11-09-2007, Friday	Deepavali (Diwali)
11-10-2007, Saturday	Vikram Samvat 2064

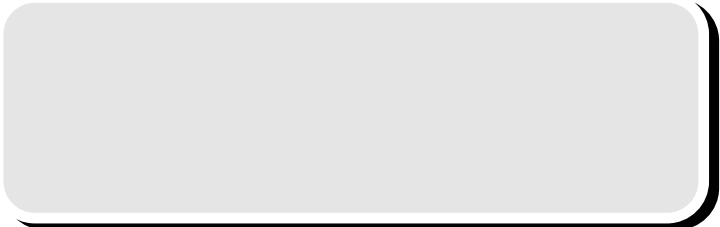
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Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West
Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd
Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
Phone: (717) 774-7750



Satyanarayan Katha

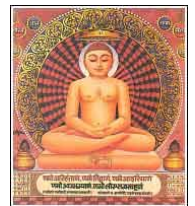
Wednesday, January 3 at 7:15 pm
Friday, February 2 at 7:15 pm

Satyanarayan Puja is performed on a full moon (Purnima) day to seek Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and wealth. 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, January 7 at 2:00 pm
Sunday, February 4 at 2:00 pm



Monthly Havan

Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 pm

HARI observes a monthly HAVAN on the second Sunday of each month, followed by Aarti and Prasad. Devotees are invited to attend the Havan with their friends and family members. Devotees who wish to sponsor the monthly Havan and/or Prasad at the monthly Havan are requested to contact any of the HARI committee members.