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**WE WISH ALL HARI DEVOTEES  
A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR 2008!**

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.

**Annual Membership: \$51.00 (Sr. Citizens: \$25.00)**

**Lifetime Membership: \$600.00 (Sr. Citizens: \$300.00)**



**NEW YEAR HAVAN**

**Tuesday, January 01, 2008  
at 10:30am**

Followed by Lunch Prasad,  
sponsored by HARI Committee  
members



**MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL  
Saturday, January 26, 2008**

Carnatic Music Vocal/Instrumental,  
Classical Dance at 4:30pm by Local  
Artists. Followed by Aarti & Dinner  
Prasad at 7:00pm  
sponsored by: South Indian Families



**VASANT PANCHAMI**

**Sunday, February 10, 2008**

Saraswati Puja: 11:00am

Aarti and lunch Prasad: 12:00pm

Sponsored by: Sunday school Parents

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Pallav Bhonde 266-9195
Hall Rental Requests	Ravi Venkatasubramanian 651-0620
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	Ravi Venkatasubramanian 651-0620
Lunch Coordinator for HARI Sunday School	Geena Modi 600-1599
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EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
<b>January 2008</b>		
04	Friday	Krishna Ekadashi
08	Tuesday	Amawasya
19	Saturday	Shukla Ekadashi
22	Tuesday	Purnima
<b>February 2008</b>		
02	Saturday	Krishna Ekadashi
06	Wednesday	Amawasya
17	Sunday	Shukla Ekadashi
20	Wednesday	Purnima

### Donation Recognition received in Nov-Dec 2007

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	DONATION TYPE
Andrew & Payal Loser	\$302.00	Donation
Anilkumar & Jashoda Patel	\$101.00	Donation
Ashok & Maya Shukla	N/A	Silver Shiva Mukha for Shiva Lingam
Harshadkumar & Sudha Patel	\$500.00	Donation towards Dr. Bhatia's Fund
Harshadkumar & Sudha Patel	\$101.00	Donation
Hasu & Hersha Shah	\$1,200.00	DIRECTORY Sponsor
Janak & Alka Amin	\$1,200.00	DIRECTORY Sponsor
Jayanti & Jyoti Patel	\$500.00	Donation
Kanubhai & Ankit Kordia	\$501.00	Donation
Kapil & Dipti Gami	\$1250.00	HARI Trust Fund
Kirit & Nayana Shah	\$300.00	Donation
Kunal & Anish Patel	\$1,200.00	DIRECTORY Sponsor
Mahendra Brambhatt & Daughters	\$2,000.00	HARI Trust Fund-Scholarship
Pundalik & Sheila Shenai	\$1,001.00	HARI Trust Fund
Ramesh & Madhavi Bathini	\$7,500.00	HARI Trust Fund
S. Brian Magaro	\$100.00	Donation
Sanjay and Preeti Saxena	\$101.00	Donation
Shantilal Patel	\$101.00	Donation
Srinivasan & Vimala Sarma	\$105.00	Donation-Cleaning
Stephen H. & Pamela L. Wolters Holden	\$200.00	Donation towards Dr. Bhatia's Fund
Sunil & Anita Desai	\$500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Vagmin Vora	\$300.00	HARI Times Sponsor
Vimal & Anju Mittal	\$250.00	Donation

**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.
Audio & Video Upgrade	\$10,000.00	Our current PA system has outlived its life and needs upgrade to cater to the current needs.
Electronic Communication Expenses	\$1250.00	Annual Recurring expenses for internet, maintaining website, & mass email communication.
Parking Lot Project (adding more parking lots and repaving already completed)	\$40,000.00	Mr. Kiran Patel @ (717) 657-8607 or email at kiran@hersha.com.

### HARI Trust Fund Updates

In response to **HTF Steering Committee's** appeal at the Diwali celebration, we have received the pledges from the following devotees. Our heartfelt thanks go to these devotees for their financial support. Please continue to send in your donations to HARI.

PLEDGEE NAME	PLEDGED AMOUNT (Payable in 5years)
Ajit & Manisha Smith	\$5,000.00
Bhaskar & Pravina Desai	\$11,000.00
Divyang & Late Ashita Pathak	\$2,500.00
Hashu & Hersha Shah	\$25,000.00
Janak & Alka Amin	\$5,000.00
Kapil & Dipti Gami	\$2,500.00
KD & Rekha Patel	\$11,000.00
Mahendra Brahmhatt & Daughters	\$10,000.00
Mukul & Neelima Parikh (Drs)	\$6,000.00
Rajeev & Manjari Pangarkar	\$2,500.00
Rajubhai & Lina Parekh	\$5,000.00
Ramesh & Madhavi Bathini	\$7,500.00
Samir & Bina Parikh	\$5,000.00
Srinivasan & Meena Subramanian	\$2,500.00
Sunil & Anita Desai	\$2,500.00

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## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- **2008 HARI Committees:** At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2007, the following office bearers were declared elected:

### 2008 Executive Committee:

**President:** Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian      **Sr. Vice President:** Mr. Pallav Bhonde  
**Secretary:** Mr. KrishnaPrasad Repaka      **Treasurer:** Mr. Ramesh Bathini  
**Vice Presidents:**  
                  Mrs.Gowri Desikachar                      Mr.Sanjay Katti                      Mr. Piyush Pandey  
                  Mrs.Jigna Patel                                      Mrs. Kamini Patel

- **Board of Trustees (three-year term, from 2008 through 2010):**  
                  1. Mr. Piyush Amin                      2. Dr. Harshadkumar Patel                      3. Mr. Umesh Patel
- **Chairman of the Board of Trustees:**

On Sunday, December 16, 2007, Board of Trustees unanimously elected **Mr. Jagannath Yedatore** as the Chairman for the year 2008.

### **HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Classes are in full swing at the HARI Temple. It is a pleasure to see the enthusiasm among children on Sunday mornings at the Temple.

With the unpredictable winter weather here, please check the websites and the local television stations for Sunday school closures. You may also call any of the school directors for more information.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and dedication.  
**HARI School Directors**

### *OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY*

... to the family of Manoj Gupta, who lost his beloved mother Mrs. Krishna Gupta on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 in India leaving behind her husband , four sons and a daughter.

... to the family of Mrs.Padmini Saiganesh, who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Kanthamani Balasubramanian on Friday, November 9, 2007 in Chennai,India leaving behind her husband and daughter.

\*\*\* *MAY THE DEPARTED SOULS ATTAIN PARAM SADGATI* \*\*\*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

We are very conscious, and humbled at the same time, of the enormous trust placed in us to further the mission of HARI. Since its inception more than 30 years ago, this institution has always appealed to devotees, worshippers and patrons as a central place for art, religion and culture.

Over the years distinguished members of the community have selflessly dedicated their time, talents and resources to bring it to what we see today as an attractive and inviting place. We will attempt to walk in their foot prints and with the blessings of Rama make the institution even a much bigger place ,figuratively and literally.

Currently we have a membership nearing 500. We are working hard to have more members. The available parking in the newly paved areas is still not enough to accommodate the vehicles of worshippers and guests, especially during major functions. Plans are in the making to create more spaces.

As our community here is growing, we will survey their needs to add new services and introduce age-appropriate activities to members and their families. All these will be coordinated with nearby institutions to avoid conflicts. Also contemplated is the possibility of volunteering to donate food once a month to a needy institution in the area.

We will strive to enhance the appeal of the temple in all aspects – events, office procedures, communications and transparency of all its workings . Early in the year, the main stage will have curtains custom- fabricated in India. With the one more priest in the new year, the frequency and the scope of temple services will be increased. All these are intended to ensure that HARI continues to be a place for the practice and enjoyment of our rich religious and cultural heritage and be passed on to future generations. We feel fortunate to be involved in this mission.

Please feel free to offer comments, suggestions and ideas to help us fulfill our commitment.

May Lord Rama bless you all with joy and happiness in 2008.

Chair, HARI Board of Trustees  
**Mr. Jagannath Yedatore**

President, HARI Executive Committee  
**Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian**

### CONGRATULATIONS



... to Siva & Usha Muthu, proud parents of *Shyam kumar*, born on Monday,  
October 29, 2007



## 2008 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	Sponsored by
January 1, Tuesday	<b>New Year Havan</b>	HARI EC & BOT
January 26, Saturday	<b>Makarsankranti/ pongal</b>	South Indian families
February 10, Sunday	<b>Vasant Panchami</b>	Sunday School Parents
March 8, Saturday	<b>Mahashivratri</b>	Drs.Mukul,Neelima Parikh & Friends
March 21, Friday	<b>Holi Pooja</b>	N/A
March 23, Sunday	<b>Holi</b>	North Indian Families. Contact: Manisha Arya (732-8079 ) or Rani Gupta (732-5971) for HOLI lunch help
April 5, Saturday	<b>Gudi Padva</b>	Marathi Families/Rajiv Pangarkar
April 6-11 Sun-Fri	<b>Ramayan Katha</b>	Drs. Nirmal & Renu Joshi
April 12/13 , Sat/Sun	<b>Ramnavmi</b>	Mr.Kunjal and Ms.Krupa Patel
April 19, Saturday	<b>Mahavi Jayanthi</b>	Jain Samaj/Mr. Bipin Shah
April 20, Sunday	<b>Hanuman Jayanthi</b>	Open
May 17, Saturday	<b>Annamacharya Aradhana</b>	Music Lovers
June 8, Sunday	<b>School Graduation</b>	HARI School Parents
Aug 23, Saturday	<b>Krishna Janmashtmi</b>	Open
Aug 27-Sep 3 Wed-Wed	<b>Paryushan</b>	Jain Samaj/Mr. Bipin Shah
Sep 6, Saturday	<b>Ganesh Chaturthi</b>	Open
Sep 30-Oct 8, Tue-Wed	<b>Navratri</b>	
Oct 3, Friday	<b>Kolu Pooja</b>	N/A
Oct 9, Thursday	<b>Dasherra</b>	
Oct 17, Friday	<b>Karva Chauth</b>	Open
Nov 1, Saturday	<b>Diwali Annakut</b>	HARI Devotees & Area Indian Restaurants
Nov 8, Saturday	<b>Tulsi Vivah</b>	Open

### ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JANUARY – JUNE)

01-14-2008, Monday	Makar Sankranti / Pongal
02-11-2008, Sunday	Vasant Panchami
03-06-2008, Thursday	Maha Shivaratri
03-21-2008, Friday	Holi
04-06-2008, Sunday	Gudi Padva
04-13-2008, Sunday	Ramanavami
04-18-2008, Friday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-20-2008, Sunday	Hanuman Jayanti
05-07-2008, Wednesday	Akshay Tritiya

### ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JULY - DECEMBER)

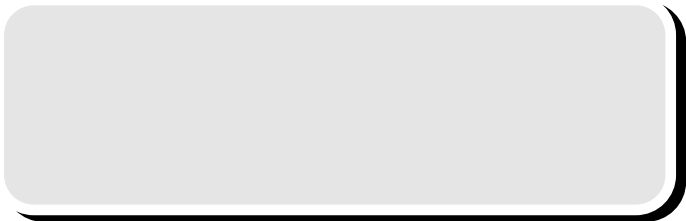
07-04-2008, Friday	Rath Yatra
08-16-2008, Saturday	Raksha Bandhan
08-24-2008, Sunday	Krishna Janmashtami
09-03-2008, Wednesday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-15-2008, Monday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
09-30-2008, Tuesday	Navaratri begins
10-09-2008, Thursday	Dasherra
10-17-2008, Friday	Karva Chauth
10-28-2008, Tuesday	Deepavali (Diwali)
10-29-2008, Wednesday	Vikram Samvat 2065

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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

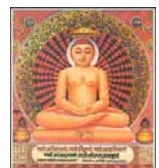
Tuesday, January 22 at 7:15 pm  
Wednesday, February 20 at 7:15 pm

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 6 at 2:00pm  
Sunday, February 3 at 2:00pm



### Monthly Havan

Saturday, February 2 at 10:30am  
Saturday, March 1 at 10:30am

**Please Note:** Starting 2008, HARI observes a monthly HAVAN on the first Saturday 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.