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**WE WISH ALL HARI DEVOTEES A VERY
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS New YEAR 2009!**

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)

A New Year Gift from HARI

Receive your
2009 HARI Wall Calendar
at

New Year Day
Havan program on
Thursday, January 01, 2009

NEW YEAR HAVAN

Thursday, January 01, 2009 - 10:30am

Followed by Lunch Prasad,
sponsored by HARI Committee Members

MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL

Saturday, January 17, 2009

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

VASANT PANCHAMI

Sunday, February 01, 2009

11:00am: Saraswati Puja
12:00pm: Aarti followed by lunch Prasad
Please contact any EC member to sponsor lunch.

MAHA SHIVARATRI CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 21, 2009

5:00pm – 5:30pm: Maha Abhishek & Shiva Puja:
5:30pm – 6:45pm: Musical/Dance program by Mrs.
Rasmita Amin and Group.
6:45pm – 7:00pm: Vote of Thanks, Aarti followed by
Dinner/Prasad. Sponsored by: York-Indian
Community

**SHIVA PUJA, RUDRABHISHEK, & SHIVA
AARTI**

Monday, February 23, 2009

7:15pm to 8:15pm

Puja will be performed by Pu. Shastriji. Please
contact Shastriji for puja registration.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Pallav Bhonde 266-9195
Hall Rental Requests	
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	Ramesh Bathini 697-3666
Lunch Coordinator for HARI School	Ken Kendre 545-3737
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EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
January 2009		
07	Wednesday	Shukla Ekadashi
11	Sunday	Purnima
21	Wednesday	Krishna Ekadashi
26	Monday	Amawasya
February 2009		
06	Friday	Shukla Ekadashi
09	Monday	Purnima
20	Friday	Krishna Ekadashi
24	Tuesday	Amawasya

Donation Recognition as of November 30, 2008

DONOR NAME	DONATION AMOUNT	DONATION TYPE
Anand & Shaila Bhat	\$501.00	Donation
Andrew & Payal Loser	\$101.00	Donation
Aruna & Nathu Ram Dandora	\$1,000.00	Donation
Divyang Pathak	\$2,500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Iyer S. & Subha Viswanathan	\$500.00	Donation
Jagdish & Parul Shah	\$5,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Jayanti & Jyoti Patel	\$501.00	Donation
Jeffery & Mahua Bhattacharya Long	\$250.00	HARI Trust Fund
Jitu & Vasanti Parekh	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Kanti & Hansa Jasani	\$101.00	HARI Trust Fund
Kanti & Ruxmani Patel	\$3,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Ketan & Kalpana Sheth	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Kiran & Anandi Patel	\$20,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Mahendra & Jaya (Late) Brahmbhatt	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Mohan & Sudesh Singal	\$1,000.00	Donation
Mohit & Madhu Parikh	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Mukund & Prabha Kulkarni	\$500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Muthiah & Meenakshi Kathiresan	\$625.00	HARI Trust Fund
Narendra & Geeta Kumar	\$200.00	HARI Trust Fund
Nayana & Anil Parikh	\$1,500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Pankaj & Rashmi Bhonde	\$1,575.00	Donation
Parul M. Brahmbhatt	\$1,000.00	HARI Trust Fund
Pravin & Kolilla Patel	\$151.00	Donation
Pushap Bhatia	\$2,500.00	Donation
Rajesh & Brenda Singal	\$625.00	HARI Trust Fund
Raman & Charu Luthra	\$101.00	Donation

Donation Recognition – Continue...

Ramesh & Devyani Kodavatiganti	\$300.00	Donation
Ravi Venkatasubramanian & Meena Ravi	\$625.00	HARI Trust Fund
Samir & Bina Parikh	\$300.00	HARI Trust Fund
Srinivasan & Meena Subramanian	\$1,875.00	HARI Trust Fund
Sunil & Anita Desai	\$500.00	HARI Trust Fund
Yogesh & Renuka Parikh	\$501.00	HARI Trust Fund

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.
Electronic Communication Expenses	\$1,250.00	Annual recurring expenses for internet, website hosting, & e-mail communication service.
Audio & Video Upgrade	\$10,000.00	Our current PA system has outlived its life and needs upgrade to cater to the current needs.
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.

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)
Jagannath & Saraswathi Yedatore	\$3,500.00
Kiran & Anandi Patel	\$11,000.00
Sreeram Ravi	\$2,500.00
Venkatesh & Suganthi Nadar	\$5,000.00

CONGRATULATIONS



... to Srinivas & Mahalaskhmi Gamini, proud parents of **Ishaan Gamini**, born on Friday, October 3, 2008.



... to Pankaj & Rashmi Bhonde, proud grandparents of **Tanish Saraiya**, born on Sunday, December 7, 2008 to Sarav & Avani Saraiya in Maywood, NJ.

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2009 HARI COMMITTEES: At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 08, 2008, the following office bearers were declared elected:

2009 Executive Committee:

President: Mr. Pallav Bhonde

Senior Vice President: Mr. Ramesh Bathini

Vice President/Secretary: Mrs. Gowri Desikachar

Vice President/Treasurer: Mr. Virendra Trivedi

Vice Presidents:

Mrs. Dipti Gami

Dr. Gautam Mishra

Mr. Sundeep Nath

Mrs. Jigna Patel

Mr. Sanjay Patel

Mrs. Shabnam Sachdeva

Mrs. Ashwini Sathe

Board of Trustees (three-year term, from 2009 through 2011):

Dr. Ray Kathiresan

Mr. Rajeev Pangarkar

Mr. Samir Parikh

CHAIRMAN of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

On Monday, December 01, 2008, Board of Trustees unanimously elected **Mr. Janak Amin** as the Chairman for the year 2009.

HARI SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Wishing you a very Happy New Year! May the New Year bring you happiness, joy and health!

HARI Sunday School is in full swing! Our tabla, sitar, dance, language classes – (Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu) and religion classes for students and the adults are on track. SAT and Youth group sessions are in full swing as well and the group has planned many exciting and fun filled activities for this year!

HARI Temple has signed up with Local TV Stations to include HARI School Closings/Program Cancellations due to severe weather conditions. Members are advised to look for HARI Temple or Hindu American Religious Institute under York County Closings. The TV Channels that we have signed up with are ABC27, CBS21, FOX4, and WGAL8. Please check the HARI Temple website also for the announcements during inclement weather.

HARI School Directors

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

... to the family of Mrs. Anuradha Mukundan, who lost her beloved father *Mr. V Swaminathan* on Monday, November 10, 2008.

... to the family of Mrs. Usha Chhibber, who lost her beloved husband *Mr. Balbir Chhibber* on Thursday, December 4, 2008.

*****May the departed souls attain Param Sadgati*****

HARI Times is a bi-monthly publication of Hindu American Religious Institute (HARI), located at 301 Steigerwalt Hollow Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070. You may send your comments, suggestions, and important announcements to HARI Times Editors using the address provided on the HARI website www.haritemple.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEE

It is with a great sense of responsibility and humility that we take charge of this great institution to further its mission for the year 2009. For the past several years, HARI has grown and developed tremendously, both in its physical infrastructure as well as in community participation. The past two years have been years of growth, thanks to an extraordinary commitment from committee members. We look forward to that commitment continuing.

This year's committee brings a combination of experience and youth, vigilance and confidence, and most importantly, a sincere passion and dedication to serve. We are honored and proud to be part of this team. We will continue to make every effort to enhance the appeal of the temple with all HARI events, office policies, procedures, and communications.

We would like to continue the strong momentum of temple improvement activities. The temple property, specifically landscaping, will be a focus this year. The Upper Hall and Office will be improved and painted. You will also see better communication and higher efficiency from the back office operations.

We will work collectively, with the support of our community at large, to achieve the greater participation of membership and host more activities for our youth and senior citizens. We will continue to bring high quality religious festivities to celebrate our rich culture, and to meet your religious and spiritual needs.

While we serve you on a daily basis, we need to continue to focus on the long-term sustenance and growth of the organization through the "HARI Trust Fund" efforts. The goal is one-million dollars by the end of 2009. This will ensure that HARI continues to be a place for the practice and enjoyment of our religious and cultural heritage for this and many future generations.

We are always available for your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

Thank you and we wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service,

Mr. Janak Amin
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Pallav Bhonde
President, Executive Committee

Prayer when lighting the lamp



**Subham Karoti Kalyanam
Arogyam Dhana Sampadah
Shatru Buddhi Vinashaya
Dipa Jyotir Namostute**



Translation: I salute the One who is the lamplight that brings auspiciousness; prosperity, good health, abundance of wealth, and the destruction of the intellect's enemy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 HARI WALL CALENDAR: Receive your **FREE** 2009 HARI Wall calendar on Thursday, January 01, 2009 at New Year Havan program. One calendar per family, first come first serve basis. This 11 x 17.8 inches calendar is in English with Tithi and highlights Major Hindu Festival, Purnima Day and American holidays. The cost of design and printing is sponsored by **Pankaj & Rashmi Bhonde**.

2009 HARI ON-LINE CALENDAR: Please visit www.haritemple.org for on-line temple calendar for the programs scheduled, actual dates of the event, priest availability for services at home and lower level hall rentals for the year 2009. This calendar will be updated periodically to reflect changes. Please check the calendar before scheduling any priest service request at home or hall rentals.

Priest Updates: Pu. Seetharamaswamy's interview for green card is scheduled on January 12, 2009. Upon approval he is expected to arrive here very soon, tentatively by end of first quarter. Please stay tuned for his arrival information and more priest related services to the community.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagawad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, followed by 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.
- **Satyanarayana Puja:** HARI observes the Sathyanarayan Puja on each full moon day (Purnima) from 7:15pm to 9:00pm, seeking Lord's blessings for good health, peace, and prosperity of all HARI devotees.
- **Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Every Saturday between 7:15pm and 8:15pm by Pujya Shastriji. Join Pujya Shastriji for Satsang and Hanuman Chalisa Recital.
- **Monthly Havan:** HARI Devotees Mrs. Aruna Lal and Mr. Satya Arya conduct Monthly Havan on the **first Saturday of each month from 10:30am to Noon**. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated in advance. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. Devotees who wish to sponsor the monthly Havan and/or Prasad are requested to contact any of the HARI committee members.

CLOSING/CANCELLATION ALERTS ON TV: HARI Temple has signed up with Local TV Stations to include HARI School Closings/Program Cancellations due to severe weather conditions. Members are advised to look for HARI Temple or Hindu American Religious Institute under York County Closings. The TV Channels that we have signed up with:

ABC27 CBS21 FOX43 WGAL8

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

Donations (General/Trust Fund): \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

- Yes, please add or correct the above entry in the HARI Communication List**
 No, please remove the above entry from the HARI Communication List

2009 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR

HARI CELEBRATION DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT SPONSOR
Thursday, January 1	New Year Haven	HARI Executive Committee & Board of Trustee Members
Saturday, January 17	Makarsankranti/Pongal	South Indian Families
Sunday, February 1	Vasant Panchami	HARI School Students Parents
Saturday, February 21	Mahashivaratri	York-Indian Community
Tuesday, March 10	Holi Pooja	N/A
Sunday, March 15	Holi Celebration	***Open***
Saturday, March 28	Gudi Padva	Maharastrian/Marathi Mandal
Friday, April 3 to Saturday, April 4	24 hour Rama Charit Manas Recital	N/A
Saturday, April 4	Ramanavami	Patel Family & Friends
Thursday, April 09	Hanuman Jayanthi	***Open***
Saturday, April 11	Mahavir Jayanthi	Jain Samaj of South Central PA
Saturday, April 25	HARI Fundraising Gala	HARI Devotees
Saturday, May 16	Annamacharya Aradhana	HARI Devotees
Sunday, May 31	School Graduation	HARI School Students Parents
Wednesday, August 05	Raksha Bandhan	N/A
Saturday, August 08	Krishna Janmashtami	Rajeev & Manjiri Pangarkar & Family
Monday, August 17 to Sunday, August 23	Paryushan	Jain Samaj of South Central PA
Saturday, August 22	Ganesh Chaturthi	***Open***
Saturday, September 19 to Sunday, September 27	Navratri	HARI Devotees
Friday, September 25	Kolu Pooja	N/A
Sunday, September 27	Dasherra	***Open***
Wednesday, October 07	Karva Chauth	***Open***
Saturday, October 17	Diwali / Annakut	HARI Devotees & Local Indian Restaurants
Saturday, October 31	Tulsi Vivah	***Open***

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JANUARY – JUNE)	
01-14-2009, Wednesday	Makar Sankranti / Pongal
01-31-2009, Saturday	Vasant Panchami
02-23-2009, Monday	Maha Shivaratri
03-10-2009, Tuesday	Holi
03-27-2009, Friday	Gudi Padva
04-03-2009, Friday	Ramanavami
04-07-2009, Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-09-2009, Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti
04-27-2009, Monday	Akshay Tritiya

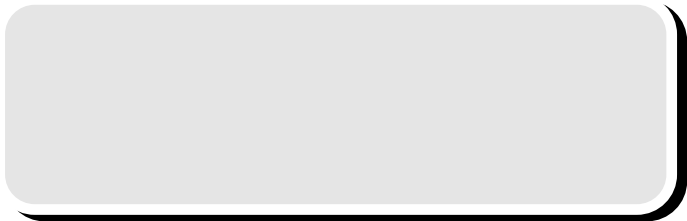
ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JULY - DECEMBER)	
06-24-2009, Wednesday	Rath Yatra
08-05-2009, Wednesday	Raksha Bandhan
08-14-2009, Friday	Krishna Janmashtami
08-23-2009, Sunday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-04-2009, Friday	Pitru Paksha (Shraddh)
09-19-2009, Saturday	Navaratri begins
09-28-2009, Monday	Dasherra
10-07-2009, Wednesday	Karva Chauth
10-17-2009, Saturday	Deepavali (Diwali)
10-18-2009, Sunday	Vikram Samvat 2066

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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



Satyanarayan Katha

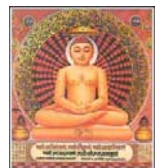
Sunday, January 11 at 7:15pm
Tuesday, February 10 at 7:15pm

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, January 4 at 2:00pm
Sunday, February 1 at 2:00pm



Monthly Havan

Thursday, January 01 at 10:30am
Saturday, February 07 at 10:30am

Please Note: 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 are requested to contact any of the HARI committee members.