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*WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY &
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!*

We request you to make your first check of
the New Year payable to HARI.

Annual Membership: \$51.00 (Sr. Citizens: \$25.00)
Lifetime Membership: \$600.00 (Sr. Citizens: \$300.00)

We sincerely thank all lifetime members for their support.

NEW YEAR HAVAN

Saturday, January 01, 2011

10:15am – Havan

12:00pm – Aarti followed by Lunch Prasad.

Lunch Prasad sponsored by HARI EC & BOT Members



MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL

Saturday, January 15, 2011

4:30pm - Classical Singing by Local Artists

7:00pm - Aarti followed by Dinner Prasad

Sponsored by South Indian Families



VASANT PANCHAMI

Sunday, February 13, 2011

11:15am – Goddess Saraswati Puja

12:00pm - Aarti followed by lunch Prasad

Sponsored by the families of:

Ravi & Falguni Acharya,
Hiten & Minoo Amin,
Virendra & Roshni Trivedi



CONTACT INFORMATION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HARI TIMES:** HARI Times is mailed to paid HARI members only except the New Year and Diwali editions which is mailed to all HARI Community. You can view or download HARI Times at our website at www.haritemple.org
- **HARI Emails:** Please update or provide your email or contact information at the right-hand corner of www.haritemple.org. You can also provide your contact information and drop it of in the Hundi box or send email at haritemple@gmail.com. We will notify HARI and local community events through emails.
- **HARI ON-LINE CALENDAR:** Please visit www.haritemple.org for on-line temple calendar for the scheduled events, actual dates of the events, priests' availability for services at home and for the lower level hall rentals for the year 2011. Please check the calendar before scheduling any priest service request at home or hall rentals.
- **CLOSING/CANCELLATION ALERTS ON TV:** Please visit Haritemple.org for the closing and cancellation. HARI Temple has also signed up with Local TV Stations to include HARI School closing and HARI sponsored program cancellations due to severe weather conditions. The TV Channels are ABC27, CBS21, FOX43 and WGAL8 and look under York County Closings.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Vishnu Sahastra Namam:** Please join with your family and friends on every Saturday at 6:15pm.
- **Hanuman Chalisa Recital:** Please join with your family and friends for Satsang and Hanuman Chalisa Recital on every Saturday between 7:15pm and 8:15pm.
- **Weekly Bhajans & Bhagavad Gita Study:** Each Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, followed by prasad. Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU) conducts the Bhajans & Bhagavad 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. Devotees can participate in the Puja (a token donation of \$21 is recommended)
- **Monthly Havan:** HARI Devotees conduct Monthly Havan on the second Sunday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated through email. Devotees are encouraged to participate and sponsor the Monthly Havan. Devotees who wish to sponsor the Monthly Havan and/or dinner prasad are requested to contact any of the HARI committee members.
- **Jain Swadhayay/Puja:** Observed on the first Sunday of every month from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, organized by the Jain Samaj of South Central PA. Devotees are encouraged to participate with friends and family.

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.

HARI TRUST FUND (HTF) UPDATE

In response to our appeal at the Diwali celebration, we have received pledges from the following devotees. Our profound thanks go to these devotees for their financial support.

PLEDGEE NAME	PLEDGED AMOUNT	PLEDGEE NAME	PLEDGED AMOUNT
Mohan and Meena Charan	\$5,000	Harish and Jyotsna Patel	\$500
Nirmal and Renu Joshi	\$5,000	Shashikant and Vimala Patel	\$25,000
Narendra and Geeta Kumar	\$500	Sahana Patel	\$5,000
Dharmesh and Sarita Makwana	\$2,500	Ketan and Kalpana Seth	\$2,500
Shashin and Malti Mandalia	\$2,500	Shefali and Amit Shah	\$2,500
Mukul and Neelima Parikh	\$1,500	Brij and Savita Sood	\$2,500
Madhukar and Minaxi Patel	\$5,000		

PRESENT NEEDS AT THE TEMPLE

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

PROJECT	APPROX. COST	REMARKS
HARI School Lunch Sponsorship	\$300.00/Lunch	Cost of providing lunch to the students during HARI Sunday School.
HARI Times Sponsorship	\$350 to \$500	One time printing and mailing cost of HARI Times newsletter.
Replacement of Roof, Parking Lot Project, Install metal cabinets in kitchen, Landscaping, etc.	Please contact member of the Board of Trustees or Chairman Mr. Rajeev Pangarkar	

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

Our Heartfelt Thanks to the following devotees for sponsoring lunch at the HARI Sunday School from September to December 2010:

- Mrs. Minoo & Mr. Hiten Amin and Mrs. Meena & Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian
- Mrs. Meena & Dr. Ray Kathiresan
- Mrs. Minal & Mr. Upendra Patel and family
- Mrs. Jyothi and Mr. Sreenivas Reddy AG
- Mrs. Srilakshmi & Mr. Dilip Kulkarni and Mrs. Sarita & Mr. Dharmesh Makwana
- Parents of Telugu Class Sunday School's Students

Our Heartfelt Thanks to Mrs. Minoo Amin, Dr. Neelima Parikh, Mrs. Renuka Parikh, Mrs. Dharmista Patel, Mrs. Priti Patel, and many other devotees for changing deities' costumes (wagha) regularly.

Our Heartfelt Thanks to Dr. Amitabha Das, Partnership Specialist for the US Census 2010, for awarding a certificate from the US Census Bureau to HARI. This certificate reads: "The U.S. Census Bureau hereby recognizes HARI Temple as a valued partner and offers appreciation for support in raising awareness of any inspiring participation in the 2010 Census."

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2011 HARI COMMITTEES: At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 6, 2010, the following office bearers were declared elected:

2011 Executive Committee:

President: Mr. Virendra Trivedi
Secretary: Mr. Srinivas Gamini

Sr. Vice President: Mr. Basava Sankar Sanke
Treasurer: Mr. Devesh Shah

Vice Presidents:

Mrs. Anita Desai Mrs. Dipti Gami Dr. Madhu Menon Mr. Sundeep Nath
Mr. Harish Patel Mr. Sanjay Patel Mrs. Ashwini Sathe

Board of Trustees (Three year term, from 2011 through 2013):

Dr. Mukul Parikh Mrs. Deepa Patil Mr. SVR Reddy

Chairman of the Board:

The Board of Trustees unanimously elected Mr. Rajeev Pangarkar as the Chairman for 2011.

We thank the following out going committee members for their outstanding community service:

Executive Committee:

Mrs. Gowri Desikachar, Mrs. Jigna Patel, and Mr. Krishna Repaka

Board of Trustees:

Mr. Piyush Amin, Mr. Pallav Bhonde, Dr. Harshad Patel, and Mr. Umesh Patel

HARI SCHOOL

Namaste!

HARI Sunday school has been in session since September 12, 2010. Students are enrolling every week and the number of registrations is growing steadily. We are happy to welcome the two new volunteer teachers joining the HARI School team:

- Dr. Sandeep Kakaria started teaching Bhagavad Gita from 11.15 am to 12.00 noon
- Mrs. Manisha Jain joins us as the back up teacher for Hindi II

A couple of requests:

- Winter is here. Kindly check for school cancellations and road conditions before you leave home for Sunday school.
- Slots are open for Sunday school lunch. If you wish to sponsor a lunch, please contact HARI school directors.

We thank you all for your support and guidance.

Mrs. Meena Ravi
HARI School Director

Mrs. Minoo Amin
Youth Forum Director

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEES

As always, the Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Trustees (BOT) members bring a combination of experience and dedicated enthusiasm to serve the community. We assure you that we will continue to make HARI a very special place for you and your family. As Hindu festivals make up a large part of HARI events and we will continue to celebrate all the major festivals. We would also like to continue the strong momentum of temple's improvement activities. Also, as year 2011 happens to be the 25th anniversary of the current HARI facility, it calls for a greater jubilation.

The Hindu community in the Harrisburg area dates back to 1950's. In 1974, there were about 30 Hindu families in the greater Harrisburg area. The community grew slowly, and now we have more than 1000 families. In 1975, with the community's effort and the support from the founding members, HARI temple was established. It was the first temple in the United States owned by a community. From 1975 to 1986, HARI temple was in West Fairview Township, Cumberland County, PA. On July 4, 1986, HARI temple was shifted to the present location (5,000 square feet in the original 1986 structure). Each deity was installed and prana pratishta was performed in presence of more than 800 devotees. As mentioned earlier, to mark the 25th anniversary of HARI at the present location, we are planning to celebrate this mile stone to recognize all the volunteers who have contributed to make HARI as one of the best religious and cultural institutions. Please provide your ideas, opinions, suggestions and feedback for this exciting event.

As events are always very gratifying with large numbers of participants and audience, we look forward for your continuing support. We are working on improving the facility. We have taken steps to reduce the lines at dinner times, improve parking spaces, and improving the audio-video infrastructure in addition to improving communication using email.

If you have any suggestion for the improvements, please contact any of the EC or BOT members or email us at haritemple@gmail.com

Thank you and we wish you a Happy, Healthy, and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service,

Mr. Rajeev Pangarkar
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Mr. Virendra Trivedi
President, Executive Committee

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Dr. Jemin Patel & Mona Patel, proud parents, and Dr. Vasu & Kokila Patel, proud grandparents, of Jaina Patel, born on Friday, October 1, 2010.

Receive a free Osteo-Smart Bone-Strengthening Fitness Program kit on **January 01, 2011** during the New Year Havan program. It will be distributed as first come first serve basis and it will be one kit/family. Kits are donated by York Barbell USA, York. Thanks to Dr. Snehal Patel, Mr. Samir Parikh, Mr. Kapil Gami, and Mr. Virendra Trivedi for picking up the kits.

DONATION RECOGNITION (from 10/10/2010 to 12/12/2010)

Name	General Donation	Name	HARI Trust Fund
Ashutosh & Usha Bhargave	\$592.20	Aman Sapra	\$240.00
Jayanti & Jyoti Patel	\$501.00	Brijmohan & Savita Sood	\$500.00
Jemin V. & Mona Patel	\$101.00	Amit & Shefali Shah	\$1,000.00
Jigna C. & Chirag Patel	\$101.00	Atreia & Sangeeta Sindiri	\$250.00
Kanti D. & Ruxmani Patel	\$125.00	Bhasker & Pravina Desai	\$5,000.00
Kaustubh Patwardhan	\$100.00	Harish & Jyotsna Patel	\$500.00
Madhukar & Minaxi M Patel	\$201.00	Madhu & Kiran Menon	\$500.00
Meera V. Popat	\$101.00	Mukund & Prabha Kulkarni	\$501.00
Pramod & Anju Srivastava	\$151.00	Naran & Damu Patel	\$1,001.00
Pravin & Mangla Patel	\$151.00	Nitin & Daksha Tanna	\$2,500.00
Rakesh & Dharshini Saraiya	\$101.00	Parul & Krishna Krishnamurthy	\$1,500.00
Ramesh C. Bhatia	\$151.00	Samir & Bina Parikh	\$200.00
Samir & Bina Parikh	\$150.00	Shashikant & Vimala Patel	\$25,000.00
Shantilal & Madhu Patel	\$101.00	Virendra & Roshni Trivedi	\$100.00
Sundara & Gayathri Gopala Rajesh	\$101.00	Yogesh & Renuka Parikh	\$501.00
Vijay S & Vijaya L Dontu	\$100.00	Jagannath & Saraswathi Yedatore	\$1,000.00
K. D. & Rekhaben Patel	\$501.00		
Arunbhai & Dharmistaben Mehta	\$501.00		
Yogesh & Renuka Parikh	\$151.00		

A TRIBUTE TO MR. RAO KONA..

It is with a great sorrow that we announce the sad demise of Mr. Rao Kona, one of the founding members of the HARI Temple. Mr. Kona passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. He was 73.

Mr. Kona was born in Bellampally, Andhra Pradesh, to a very generous physician father and a loving mother. He attended college in London, England, from 1952 until he immigrated to the United States in 1958. As an engineer, he served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 37 years at the Department of Environmental Protection as Air Quality Manager. He won multiple awards from the State for his long and dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Kona had been a long time resident of the Harrisburg area before moving to Parkersburg, PA, about 30 years ago. He was one of the few who had the vision of building a great community temple in the Harrisburg area. Moreover, Mr. Kona was one of the two who came up with the name HARI - Hindu American Religious Institute, registered it with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania along with its original constitution, and successfully receiving the 501 C(3) status from the IRS.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Vasanti Kona and a large family in India as well as in the United States. The community is greatly saddened by Mr. Kona's passing.

May Lord Rama grant Param Sadgati to his departed soul!

2011 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR

EVENT NAME	HARI CELEBRATION DATE	EVENT SPONSOR
New Year Havan at 10:15am	Saturday, January 1, 2011	HARI Executive Committee & Board of Trustee Members
Makarsankranti / Pongal / Thyagaraja Aaradhana	Saturday, January 15, 2011	South Indian Families
Vasant Panchami from 11:15am	Sunday, February 13, 2011	Ravi and Falguni Acharya Hiten & Minoo Amin Virendra and Roshni Trivedi
Maha Shivaratri Puja and Rudrabhishek from 7pm	Wednesday, March 2, 2011	N/A
Maha Shivaratri Celebration	Saturday, March 5, 2011	York Indian Community
Holi Puja from 6pm	Saturday, March 19, 2011	N/A
Holi Celebration from 10:30am	Sunday, March 20, 2011	North Indian Families
Gudi Padva Celebration	Saturday, April 9, 2011	Maharashtrian Families
Ramanavami, Puja aarti @ noon	Tuesday, April 12, 2011	N/A
Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali New Year	Thursday, April 14, 2011	N/A
24 hour Rama Charit Manas Recital	Friday April 15, 2011 to Saturday April 16, 2011	***Open***
Shri Hanuman Jayanti, 108 repetitions of Shri Hanuman Chalisa, 12pm to 7pm	Monday, April 18, 2011 From noon to 7:00pm	Passage to India
Mahavir Jayanti	Saturday, April 30, 2011	Jain Samaj of South-Central PA
Annamacharya Aradhana	Saturday, May 14, 2011	***Open***
HARI Gala	Sunday, May 22, 2011	N/A
HARI School Graduation from 10:30am	Sunday, June 5, 2011	***Open***
HARI India Fair from 2pm to 8pm	TBD	***Open***
Yagna	TBD	***Open***
Laghu Rudra Yagna	Saturday, August 6, 2011	***Open***
Upakarma / Yagnopavit / Raksha Bandhan	Saturday, August 13, 2011	N/A
Shri Krishna Janamotsav, Puja and Bhajans from 8pm to 12am	Monday, August 22 2011	N/A
Sri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration	Saturday, August 27, 2011	***Open***
Paryushan Parva	Thursday, August 25, 2011 to Friday, September 2, 2011	N/A
Shri Ganesh Puja (special Puja at 7pm)	Thursday, September 1, 2011	N/A
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration	Saturday, September 10, 2011	***Open***
HARI Sunday School Open	Sunday, September 11, 2011	***Open***
Navaratri Mahotsav from 8pm to 10pm	Wednesday, Sept 28 to Thursday, October 6, 2011	N/A
Kolu Puja	Friday, September 30, 2011	N/A
Dashera (Vijaya Dasami) Celebration, Durga Puja (Havan) from 10:30am	Sunday, October 9, 2011	Bengali Families
Karwa Chauth	Saturday, October 15, 2011	***Open***
Diwali/Annakut Celebration	Saturday October 29, 2011	***Open***
Tulsi Vivah	Sunday, November 6, 2011	***Open***
Geeta Jayanti	Tuesday, December 6, 2011	N/A

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**Wish you a very Happy and a Prosperous New Year.
May God bless us all.**

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If you wish to sponsor HARI Times, please contact executive committee. HARI Times printing and mailing cost is around \$350 to \$500.

HARI DIRECTORY...

We request you to verify/update your addresses and contact information. Please let us know if you do not want to publish your name and address in the upcoming HARI Directory. You may email your information to haritemple@gmail.com or contact any executive committee members. At this time, we are offering the following sponsorships for HARI Directory:

Full page for \$700.00
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Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right
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