

# HARI Times...

SITA-RAMA \* RADHE-SHYAM

JAN-FEB 2006

**PRIEST:**

Rev. Seetharamaaswamy (Punditji)

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**WE WISH ALL HARI DEVOTEES**

**A HAPPY AND Prosperous 2006**

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**

**Sunday, January 1, 2006 at 10:30 am**

**Followed by Lunch Prasad**

**Sponsored by Committee members**

**MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL**

**Saturday, January 21, 2006**

**Carnatic Music at 4:30 pm**

**Presented by Local Artists**

**Followed by Dinner Prasad at 7:00 pm**

**Sponsored by: South Indian Families**

**VASANT PANCHAMI**

**Sunday, February 5, 2006**

**Saraswati Puja: 11:00 am**

**Aarti and lunch Prasad: 12:00 pm**

**Sponsored by: Bengali Families**

**MAHA SHIVARATRI**

**Saturday, February 25, 2006**

**Maha Abhishek / Dinner Prasad: 5:00 pm**

*(Please contact HARI President to sponsor this dinner)*

**Aarti and Devotional Music: 7:00 pm**

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Priest Service Requests for outside of HARI	Srini Subramanian (717) 730-7168
Hall Rental Requests	Srini Subramanian (717) 730-7168
Dinner Coordinator for HARI Programs	Srini Subramanian (717) 730-7168
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EKADASHI, PURNIMA, AMAWASYA		
<b>January 2006</b>		
10	Tuesday	Shukla Ekadashi – Putrada
14	Saturday	Purnima (S-Katha on Fri. 1/13)
26	Thursday	Krishna Ekadashi – Sat-tila
29	Sunday	Amawasya
<b>February 2006</b>		
8	Wednesday	Shukla Ekadashi – Bhishma
13	Monday	Purnima (S-atha on Sun. 2/12)
24	Friday	Krishna Ekadashi - Vijaya
28	Tuesday	Amawasya

**Temple Needs: We thank you all devotees for a great response to our appeal for specific donation (\$) in the previous HARI Times. Below is the update and acknowledgement of the same:**

ITEMS NEEDED	APPROXIMATE COST	DONORS, AMOUNT
Park Benches (for outside of the building use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$222.00 per bench, six benches</li> <li>Donations received for eight benches</li> <li>Status: Closed</li> </ul>	Jain Society of South Central PA, \$222.00 Jasani, Kanti & Hansa, \$444.00 Shah, Anoop & Pinki, \$222.00 Shah, Champak & Virbala, \$444.00 Shah, Dilip & Bharti, \$222.00 Shah, Kevin K, \$222.00
Vacuum Cleaners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$180.00 per cleaner, two cleaners</li> <li>Donations received for two vacuum cleaners</li> <li>Status: Closed</li> </ul>	Desai, Narendra & Daxsha, \$180.00 Saxena, Sanjay & Jeeta, \$200.00
Guide Posts to Stream Line the Inside Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1,650.00 total</li> <li>Additional \$650.00 donation required to meet the goal</li> <li>Status: Open</li> </ul>	Arora, Ramesh & Rekha, \$250.00 Bhatia, Ramesh & Pushp, \$500.00 Mehta, Virendra & Hina, \$125.00 Patel, Kamlesh & Pragna, \$250.00 Patel, Natu & Kapila (Edison, NJ), \$250.00
Cushion Trolley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$350.00 per trolley, two trolley</li> <li>Status: Open</li> </ul>	Joshi, Dr. Nirmal & Renu, \$350.00

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE 2006-COMMITTEE

It is with an immense sense of responsibility and humility that we take the charge of this distinct organization for the year 2006. For the past several years, HARI has grown and developed tremendously, both in its physical infrastructure as well as in its membership. The past year has particularly been a year of growth and an extraordinary business-like commitment on the part committee members that we certainly will continue. This year's committee brings a combination of experience and youth, caution and confidence, and above all an honest enthusiasm and a commitment to serve. We are proud to be part of this unit.

Many tasks are ahead of us this year. We would like to continue the strong momentum of temple improvement activities. The physical confines of the temple property (landscaping and related beautification) will be actively worked upon this year. You will see better communication and higher efficiency from a much improved back-office operations. This will allow you to be better informed of HARI activities and also to hold the office-bearers accountable. We will continue to bring high quality religious programs to meet your needs of religious and spiritual services. While we serve you on a daily basis, we need to keep our focus on the long-term sustenance and growth of the organization through our "HARI Trust Fund" efforts (one-million dollars by 2008). This will ensure that our children and future generations continue to enjoy and benefit from our rich cultural and religious traditions.

Finally, and as always, we are always available for questions, suggestions, and ideas.

Thank you and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2006.

**Yours in service**

**Srini Subramanian**  
President, Executive Committee

**Nirmal Joshi**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

## A MESSAGE FROM THE 2005-COMMITTEE

We want to thank you on behalf of the 2005 Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to offer our services to HARI community.

Together, we have accomplished the following during 2005:

- Year of Membership: 533 paid members
- Financial Growth: Revenue over \$200,000.
- Year of Compassion: Donations for Tsunami Relief and Katrina
- Investment in Youth: Stage, Partitions for Classes
- Year of Maintenance: HARI facility upgrade
- HARI Office Process for the Organizational growth
- Year of Celebration: Utsav and Anand Bazaar
- HARI Trust Fund Tree: "Sponsor a Leaf" campaign for Million Dollar
- Year of Publication: 2005 Directory, Articles in the Patriot News and Harrisburg Times

We pray Lord Rama to bless the HARI community with "**Good Health, Peace and Prosperity**" during 2006.

**Yours in service**

**Priti Patel**  
President, Executive Committee

**Ray Kathiresan**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Vaikunth Ekadashi:** Tuesday, January 10, 2006. Punditji will lead chanting of Shri Vishnu Sahasranama from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, followed by Aarti.

**Bhishma Ekadashi:** Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Punditji will lead chanting of Shri Vishnu Sahasranama from 6:00 am to 7:00 am, followed by Aarti.

Importance: Bhishma Ekadashi is dedicated to *Pitamah* Bhishma, the Grand warrior of Kurukshetra and the son of holy river Gangamaiya & King Shantanu. It is celebrated on the bright fortnight in the month of Magha. Bhishma Ekadashi is particularly sacred, and important, as it was on this day that Bhishma voluntarily gave up his life on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. It was just before this that he initiated Yudhishtira into the most powerful and efficacious of all mantras viz., the Vishnu Sahasranama.

## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2005, the following office bearers were declared elected:

### **2006 Executive Committee:**

**President:** Mr. Srinivasan Subramanian

**Sr. Vice President:** Mr. Sunil Desai

**Secretary:** Mr. Pallav Bhonde

**Treasurer:** Mr. Samir Parikh

**Vice Presidents (alphabetical order):**

1. Mrs. Minoos Amin
2. Mrs. Pragna Patel
3. Mr. Krishnaprasad Repaka
4. Mr. Kirti Shah
5. Mr. Ravi Venkatasubramanian

### **Board of Trustees (three-year term, from 2006 through 2008):**

1. Mr. Divyang Pathak
2. Mr. Satish Upadhyay
3. Mr. Jagannath Yedatore

### **Chairman of the Board of Trustees:**

On Saturday, December 3, 2005, a joint organizing meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee was held. The Board of Trustees unanimously elected **Dr. Nirmal Joshi** as its Chairman for the year 2006.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our sincere thanks to...

- Mr. Mike, c/o Priti Umesh Patel, for shampoo and steam cleaning all the carpeted area of the temple at no cost to HARI.
- Naran & Damu Patel, Bhupendra & Surekha Patel, Shantu & Madhu Patel, Girish & Surbhi Patel, Hardik & Pragna Patel, Hemant & Varsha Patel, Pravin & Shobhana Patel, Naresh & Kamini Patel, Hemant & Daxsha Patel, Raju Patel, and Ashish Patel for pressure wash cleaning of all ceramic tiles floor area in the kitchen and dining area before the Diwali Function.
- Umesh & Priti Patel, Jim, Girish Patel, and Sanjay Patel for the installation of the "Hanuman Tree" (HARI Trust Fund acknowledgement) in the lower level of the temple.

### HARI Sunday School...

HARI School offers courses for children ages five and up in Hindu Religion, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, Indian Classical Dances, Indian Folk Dances, Classical Vocal, SAT preparation, and Stress Free Life (Yoga). Necessary information is provided at the time of registration or contact HARI School Directors Mukul Parikh at 728-9801 or Hiten Amin at 732-0513.

### 2005 HARI Directory...

Few corrections were identified in the newly published HARI Directory. We will continue accept corrections until Friday the December 30, 2005. You may submit your corrections to Priti Patel at (717) 732-2345. HARI will make these updates available in the form an insert to those who already have purchased the 2005 directory.

### Bhagwad Gita Discussions...

*A Spiritually Surcharged Evening  
Sweet Kirtans & Bhajans on the beats of Kartals  
Intellectual Philosophical Discussions on Bhagwad Gita  
Sumptuous Vegetarian Prasadam*

...this is our typical Friday evening

You Are Most Welcome to Join

Every Friday

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Cost is Dedication and Time

Details: [HbgVedic@yahoo.com](mailto:HbgVedic@yahoo.com) / (717) 791-9138

**Language used is English, other languages accommodated if possible**

### *OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY*

... to the family of Abha Haresh Bharucha who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Sita Devi Sharma, 82, on September 16, 2005 in India.

... to the family of Shobhana Pravin Patel who lost her beloved father Mr. Ashabhai D Patel, 87, on November 2, 2005 in India.

... to the family of Surendra Vaidya who lost his beloved mother Mrs. Pushpaben P Vaidya on November 12; brother Jayendra Vaidya on October 06; and sister-in law Hemaxi M Vaidya on October 21, 2005, in India.

... to the families of Jay & Chimili Venkatadri who lost his beloved father Mr. Chamakura Venkatadri on November 13, 2005. A longtime Harrisburg area resident and HARI devotee Mr. Chamakura Venkatadri is survived by a son, Jay, three daughters - Indira Kumar, Sumathi Ravindraraaj, and Samyukta Leisenring - their spouses, and eight grandchildren.

... to the family of Vasanti Jitu Parekh who lost her beloved mother Mrs. Kapurben Sheth on November 19, 2005, at the ripe age of 101. Mrs. Kapurben Sheth is survived by five daughters, seven sons, their spouses, 46 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

**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**

**ARCHANA**

*Archana* is a puja performed to seek the blessings of the Lord. It can be performed at anytime; particularly on birthdays, anniversaries, and other personal special days (actual). For a token donation of **\$10.00 per person**, our Priest will perform *Archana* on the specified date and prasad will be mailed to your address. If you do not know the *Gotram* and the Birth Star, the *Archana* could still be performed on the *Janma Natchathiram*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name First Name MI (if any)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Archana (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gotram: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If you do not know the Gotram and the Birth Star, the Archana could still be performed on the Janma Natchathiram.*

**Names for Archana to be performed**

**Birth Star**

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**2006 HARI CALENDAR**

DATE	EVENT	PROGRAM	DINNER SPONSOR
Sunday, March 26	Holi / Dhuleti	Variety Program by Children	Open
Saturday, April 01	Gudi Padva	Puja / Bhajans	Open
Friday, April 07 and Saturday, April 08	Shri Ramanavami	Shri Rama Charit Manas Recital (24 hours)	Family of Shri Biharilal Parikh
Thursday, April 13	Shri Hanuman Jayanti	Chanting of Sri Hanuman Chalisa	Open
Saturday, April 15	Shri Mahavir Jayanti	Puja / Bhajans	Jain Center of South Central PA
Sunday, June 11	HARI School Graduation	Graduation Program	Open
Saturday, August 19	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Puja / Bhajans	Open
Saturday, August 26	Shri Ganesh Chaturthi	Puja / Bhajans	Open
Saturday, September 23 to Sunday, October 01	Navaratri Mahotsav	Durga Puja Raas-Garbaa	*** N/A ***
Friday, September 29	Kolu Puja	Kolu Puja by HARI Devotees	*** N/A ***
Saturday, October 07	Dusherra	Durga Puja	Open
Saturday, October 29	Diwali	Diwali Annakot, HARI Annual Meeting	HARI Devotees

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JANUARY – JUNE)	
01-14-2006, Saturday	Makar Sankranti / Pongal
02-02-2006, Thursday	Vasant Panchami
02-26-2006, Sunday	Maha Shivaratri
03-14-2006, Tuesday	Holi
03-30-2006, Thursday	Gudi Padva
04-06-2006, Thursday	Ramanavami
04-11-2006, Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
04-13-2006, Thursday	Hanuman Jayanti
04-30-2006, Sunday	Akshay Tritiya
06-27-2006, Tuesday	Rath Yatra

ACTUAL DATES OF MAJOR FESTIVALS (JULY - DECEMBER)	
08-09-2006, Wednesday	Raksha Bandhan
08-16-2006, Wednesday	Krishna Janmashtami
08-27-2006, Sunday	Ganesh Chaturthi
09-08-2006, Friday to 09-22-2006, Friday	Pitr-Paksha (Shraddh)
09-23-2006, Saturday to 10-01-2006, Sunday	Navaratri Mahotsav
10-02-2006, Monday	Vijaya Dashami
10-10-2006, Tuesday	Karva Chauth
10-22-2006, Sunday	Deepavali (Diwali)
10-23-2006, Monday	Vikram Samvat 2063

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**Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd**  
**Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right**  
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**Satyanarayan Katha**

**Friday, January 13 at 7:15 pm**  
**Sunday, February 12 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 8 at 2:00 pm**  
**Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm**

**Monthly Havan**

**Sunday, January 8 at 5:30 pm**  
**Sunday, February 12 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.