



# HARI Times...

**SITA-RAMA \* RADHE-SHYAM**

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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 continued support to  
HARI and its Mission

**NEW YEAR HAVAN**

**Wednesday, January 01, 2014**

10:45am – Havan  
12:00pm – Aarti followed by Lunch Prasad  
Lunch Prasad Sponsored by the Executive  
Committee and the Board of Trustees



**MAKAR SANKRANTI / PONGAL**

**Saturday, January 18, 2014**

12:30pm - Classical Singing by Local Artists  
7:00pm - Aarti followed by Dinner Prasad  
Dinner Prasad sponsored by  
South Indian families.



Please note: Shri Surya Narayan Aaradhana will be performed on  
Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00pm

**VASANT PANCHAMI**

**Sunday, February 09, 2014**

11:15am – Goddess Saraswati Puja  
12:00pm - Aarti followed by lunch Prasad



**MAHA SHIVARATRI**

**Thursday, February 27, 2014**

Maha-Shivaratri Puja & Rudrabhishek  
at 7:30pm (on the actual day of Shivaratri).  
Devotees are encouraged to pre-register with  
the priests to participate. Details on **Maha**  
**Shivratri celebrations** (March 01, 2014) will  
be published in next issue of HARI times.



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HARI TIMES:** HARI Times is mailed to paid HARI members only except for the New Year and Diwali editions which are mailed to all HARI Community. You can view or download HARI Times at our website [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org)

**HARI Emails:** Please update or provide your email or contact information at the upper right-hand corner of [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org). You may also drop your contact information in the Hundi (donation box) at the temple or send an email to [haritemple@gmail.com](mailto:haritemple@gmail.com). We will notify you of all HARI events as well as other major community events via email.

**HARI ON-LINE CALENDAR:** Visit [www.haritemple.org](http://www.haritemple.org) to access HARI 2014 Calendar for the scheduled events, actual dates of events, priests' availability for services at home and for the temple hall rentals. We urge you to verify this calendar before scheduling priest services and/or hall rentals.

**CLOSING/CANCELLATION ALERTS:** Unplanned temple closings are announced on HARI website and also over local TV channels. When applicable, such closings include HARI School and HARI sponsored events cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. The TV Channels are ABC27, CBS21, FOX43 and WGAL8 (look for HARI Temple under "York County Closings" and/or "Churches").

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Bhajans & Bhagavad Gita Study:** Every Friday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, followed by Prasad. Organized by the Institute of Higher Understanding (IoHU). You may contact IoHU directly at [HbgVedic@yahoo.com](mailto:HbgVedic@yahoo.com) or (717) 791-9138 for further details.

**Shri Vishnu Sahasra Namam and Govinda Naamaalu Recital:** Every Saturday at 6:00pm (except for other scheduled events)

**Hanuman Chalisa Recital and Satsang:** Every Saturday from 7:15pm to 8:15pm (except for other scheduled events)

**Lord Shri Satyanarayana Katha:** Every Purnamasi (full moon) from 7:15pm to 9:00pm. A token donation of \$21 is recommended for each participating family.

**Jain Swadhayay/Puja:** First Sunday of the month from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Organized by the Jain Samaj of South Central PA.

**Lord Venkateswara Swamy (Balaji) Abhishekam:** First Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00noon. A token donation of \$21 is recommended for each participating family.

**Havan:** Second Sunday of the month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Organized and conducted by HARI Devotees.

## ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**2014 HARI COMMITTEES:** At the General Body meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2013, the following office bearers were declared elected.

**2014 Executive Committee:**

**President:** Mrs. Meena Ravi  
**Secretary:** Mr. Rajkumar Das

**Sr. Vice President:** Mr. Ramesh Parmar  
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**Vice Presidents:**

Mrs. Nira Andharia	Mr. Satish Chundru
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Mr. Kiran Polsani	Mr. Anil Shenoy
Dr. Deepanker Tewari	

**2014 Chairman of the Board:**

At their monthly meeting on 11/24/2013, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Mr. Hiten Amin as the BOT Chairman for 2014.

**2014-2016 Board of Trustees (three year term):**

Mr. Srinivas Gamini    Dr. Jeffrey Long    Mr. Kishore Sheth

**We thank the following outgoing committee members for their outstanding community service:**

**Executive Committee:**

Mr. Ravi Anand, Mrs. Lina Parekh, Mr. TirupalaRao Jakka, Mr. Dharmesh Makwana and Mr. Srinivas Gamini.

**Board of Trustees:**

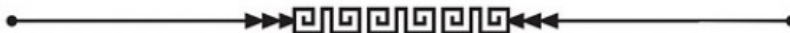
Dr. Mukul Parikh, Mr. S.V.R. Reddy, Mrs. Deepa Patil and Mr. Basava Sankar Sanke

## OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

**TO** all the devotees for sponsoring the Annakut items at the Diwali program

**TO** the following devotees for 2013 Diwali Annakut program arrangements: Usha and Vallabh Patel, Jyotsna Patel, Vijay Patel, Minoo Amin, Virendra Trivedi, and many more devotees who helped with the arrangements

**TO** the parents of HARI school and other devotees for sponsoring lunch at the HARI School



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## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMITTEES

Dear Devotees,

First and foremost, we would like to thank you all for electing us to the positions of President and Chairman of BOT for the year of 2014. We are honored, privileged, and truly humbled to be able to serve the HARI community this upcoming year through these roles. We look forward to working hard this year to further the agenda and the mission of HARI just as our distinguished and devoted predecessors have done. We are proud to say that we are not alone in this journey. We will be working with an enthusiastic and talented team of volunteers in the Executive committee and the Board of Trustees. We also have along with us, two priests, an office manager, and a large team of volunteers excited to be a part of this effort.

Our two priests, Pu. Naranji Pandya (Shastriji) and Sriman Seetharamaswamy (Swamy ji), will be offering a wide variety of religious services both in the Temple as well as in the convenience of your homes. Please be sure to use these services liberally, as we are blessed to have two highly qualified priests offering them.

Finally, you can also be a part of making this year a successful one! To begin the new year, you can write your first check for the year of 2014 to HARI as a membership renewal and/or donation if you are already a member. We also have numerous events at HARI throughout the year in which you can take part. You can support by participating in as many of these events as possible! And there are countless ways in which you can participate such as: Sponsoring an Artist for a program, cooking a simple Dinner Prasad (either individually or collectively as friends/community), helping during setup or clean up for an event, helping spread the word about events, and any other way you wish to show your support for HARI.

Please remember that HARI strives to serve its devotees and the community. Therefore, as a part of this community, please feel entitled to provide us with any suggestions for improvements in our services to the community. You may direct your suggestions to [haritemple.org](http://haritemple.org) or drop it off in the suggestion box/Hundi. We thank you for being a community we feel proud to be a part of and serve. Please look after us and give us your blessings as we begin the year as a new committee dedicated to serve HARI's mission.

Remember, HARI is our temple and it is the temple for our children and their children. So let's join together to make a difference and further enhance HARI's name. Jai Shri Ram!

**Mr. Hiten Amin**  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees

**Mrs. Meena Ravi**  
President  
Executive Committee

## HARI SCHOOL

Namaste!

HARI School is in session since September. New students are enrolling every week and the number of registrations is growing steadily. Besides learning our culture and religion, the students also learn various languages. We encourage parents to register their children (grades 1 to 12) at the earliest.

We invite everyone to attend Holi Program on March 23, when students will perform various cultural activities.

We thank volunteer teachers and Lunch coordinators for their selfless contribution and hard work. We also thank parents for their help in organizing lunch and cleaning activities.

Note: In case of inclement weather the school may be closed. We suggest parents to check their E-mails and/or our website [Haritemple.org](http://Haritemple.org) for latest announcements regarding school closure. School closings are announced also over local TV channels.

\* We are taking orders for T-shirts with HARI Logo. Please contact Mrs. Kalpana Sheth for further details.

**Mrs. Kalpana Sheth**  
HARI School Director

**Mr. Vijay Varadarajan**  
Youth Forum Director

## **HARI TRUST FUND (HTF) UPDATE**

Dear Devotees of HARI

On behalf of the HARI Trust fund committee, we thank all the donors who pledged and paying their yearly dues promptly to Trust fund. This time of the year is the best for making donations to charity organizations to avail tax benefits for the year 2013. We request you to consider HARI as your charity organization and donate liberally to HARI Trust fund to achieve its goal of 1 Million.

We would also remind you, that if you are already donating to United way of capital region, kindly notify United way to designate up to 100% of your donations to HARI. The organization code for HARI is **166957**.

We will be mailing reminders to all the devotees who have pledged towards HTF with self addressed return mail for this year's contribution before December 31st to avail the tax benefits for the year.

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.

<b>PLEDGEE NAME</b>
Acharya, Dilip & Usha
Amin, Suril
Anand, Ravi
Arya, Satya & Manisha
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Chelani, Simran & Karan
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Parikh, Mukul & Neelima
Parikh, Yogesh & Renuka
Patel, Dipika & Bhupendra

<b>PLEDGEE NAME</b>
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Patel, Varsha & Sashikant
Pathak, Babul & Usha
Reddy, Vibheeshan & Ajtha
Repaka, Krishna
Sakaria, Shashikant & Geeta
Shah, Amrutlal
Shah, Champak
Shah, Sagar Jagdish
Shenoy, Anil Shenoy
Srinivasan, Bharath
Srivatsava, Pramod
Trivedi, Virendra & Roshni
Umbarkar, Abhijit & Poonam
Upadhyay, Satish
Venkatsubramanian, Ravi & Meena

## **AN IMPORTANT APPEAL TO THE COMMUNITY**

HARI would like to bring to your attention a piece of legislation that we are particularly concerned about. House Resolution 417 introduced on November 18, 2013 by Congressmen Keith Ellison and Joe Pitts, praises India's rich religious diversity and commitment to tolerance and equality while raising concerns over the erosion of religious freedom. HARI contends that while HR 417 recognizes legitimate suffering of certain Indian citizens who have been victims of religious violence, it concentrates on specific religions, facts, and incidents making the resolution insubstantial and biased.

The decision of the HARI Board is to oppose House Resolution 417 as is written currently. We encourage you to voice your opposition for the resolution.

Please watch for the email from HARI that explains the issue in detail in your mail box. The email also will provide you ways to voice your opposition. Kindly take this opportunity to make your voice count and react.

## DONATION RECOGNITION (from October 15, 2013 to December 15, 2013)

Name of the Donor	Donation Type
Amit H. & Reena Patel Lad	Donation
Andrew & Payal Loser	Donation
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Ashok & Maya Shukla	HARI Trust Fund
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Mukund (Dr) & Prabha Kulkarni	Donation
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Check here if you would like to keep this telephone number unpublished  Check here if you would like to keep this email address unpublished (do not publish in the HARI directory)

Regular Membership: **Annual: \$51.00** **Lifetime: \$600.00**  
 Senior Citizens Membership: **Annual: \$25.00** **Lifetime: \$300.00**

Gen Donation (HTF / Capitol Projects): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

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You may also visit HARI website at [www.haritemple.org/membership.html](http://www.haritemple.org/membership.html) to make a donation or pay your membership dues online .

## 2014 HARI PROGRAM CALENDAR

*We welcome event sponsors any time of the year. New sponsors will be added to this list...*

EVENT	CELEBRATION DATE	EVENT SPONSOR
New Year Havan at 10:45am	Wednesday, January 01,2014	Executive Committee & Board of Trustees
Mukkoti (vaikunda) Ekadasi at 8.10 am	Saturday, January 11,2014	N/A
Makarsankranti / Pongal Shri Surya Narayan" Aaradhana at 7:00pm	Tuesday , January 14, 2014	N/A
Makarsankranti / Pongal Thyagaraja Aaradhana at 12:30pm	Saturday, January 18, 2014	South Indian Devotees
Vasant Panchami Goddess Saraswati Puja at 11:15am	Sunday, February 09 2014	Sunday School parents
Maha-Shivaratri Puja & Rudrabhishek	Thursday, February 27, 2014	N/A
Maha-Shivaratri Celebration	Saturday March 01, 2014	HARI Devotees, York, PA
Holi Puja from 6.15 PM	Sunday, March 16, 2014	N/A
Holi Celebration from 10:30am	Sunday, March 23, 2014	North Indian Devotees
Telugu, Marathi, Kannada New Year . Telugu Panchanga Shravanam at 7:00pm	Monday March 31, 2014	N/A
Gudi Padva Celebration	Saturday, April 05, 2014	Maharashtrian Devotees
Tamil, Malayalam, Bengali New Year	Monday, April 14, 2014	N/A
24 hour Rama Charit Manas Recital	Fri-Saturday April 11-12, 2014	OPEN
Shri Hanuman Jayanti, 108 repetitions of Shri Hanuman Chalisa, 12pm to 7pm	Tuesday April 15, 2014	OPEN
Shri Mahavir Jayanti Celebration	Saturday April 19, 2014	Jain Samaj of Central PA
Discourse on Shrimad Bhagavad Gita by Shri Bhpendrabhai Pandya	June 4-8, 2014 Wed-Sat(7-9pm) Sunday(2-9 PM)	HARI Devotees
HARI School Graduation from 10:30am	Sunday, June 8, 2014	HARI School Parents
HARI India Fair from 2pm to 8pm	Saturday, July 12, 2014	HARI Devotees
Upakarma / Yagnopavit / Raksha Bandhan (schedule Yagnopavit / Janoi / Sacred -thread changing time with the priests)	Sunday, August 10, 2014	N/A
Shri Krishna Janamotsav; Bhajans and Krishna Janma Celebration 10pm-midnight	Sunday, August 17, 2014	N/A
Shri Krishna Janamashtami Celebration	Saturday, August 23, 2014	OPEN
Paryushan Parva	Friday-Friday, Aug 22-29, 2014	N/A
Shri Ganesh Puja; Ganesh Puja at 7pm	Friday, August 29, 2014	N/A
Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration	Saturday, August 30, 2014	OPEN
Kolu Puja	Friday, September 26, 2014	N/A
Navaratri Mahotsav Garba – every day from 8pm to 10pm	Thu-Friday, Sep 25-Oct 3, 2014	N/A
Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami) Celebration, Durga Puja, from 10:30am	Saturday, October 04, 2014	Bengali Devotees
Karwa Chauth	Saturday October 11, 2014	N/A
Vikram Samvat 2071 Panchangam Shravanam at 7pm	Friday, October 24, 2014	N/A
Diwali Puja / Annakut	Saturday, October 25, 2014	OPEN
Gita Jayanti	Tuesday, December 2, 2014	N/A

\* Any change in the event schedule will be notified via HARI Times and e-mail communications.

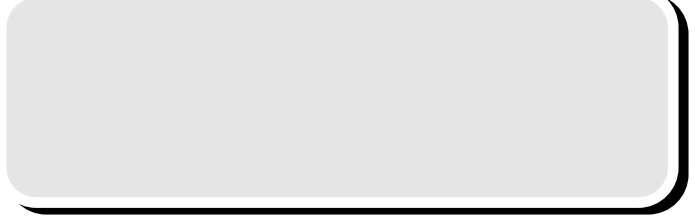
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Make left at the STOP for Route 114 West  
Go 1/3 mile; make Left on Steigerwalt Hollow Rd  
Go 1/2 mile to HARI Temple on right  
Phone: (717) 774-7750



To sponsor one-time HARI Times printing and mailing cost, contact any HARI Committee members

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**Wish you a very Happy and a Prosperous 2014!**

#### Lord Shri Venkateswara Swamy (Balaji) Abhishekam:

(First Saturday of every month)  
Saturday, January 04, 2014 at 10:00am  
Saturday, February 01, 2014 at 10:00am

#### Lord Satyanarayana Bhagwan Puja: (Full Moon Day)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:15pm  
Friday, February 14, 2014 at 7:15pm

#### Jain Swadhayay / Puja (First Sunday of every month)

Sunday, January 05, 2014 at 2:00pm  
Sunday, February 02, 2014 at 2:00pm

Monthly Havan  
(Second Sunday of every month)  
Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 6pm