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“Individual reconstruction is much more important than the construction of temples. Multiply virtues, not buildings. Practice what you preach, that is the real pilgrimage; cleanse your minds of envy and malice; that is the real bath in holy waters.”

**Namaskar, Hari Om and SaiRam
My respected Elders, Brothers and Sisters**

Most will by now be aware of the numerous changes taking place in our temple. These are designed to not only enhance the emotional well-being of all our community groups, but also to promote better understanding and cooperation between all in a peaceful and loving environment.

Towards the end of last year the Annual General Meeting voted to amend our constitution, with one of the main changes being the procedure for recruitment of our temple Priests. The new rules require us to move out of our comfort zone and entice us to embrace a new, ever-changing and perhaps even mildly challenging realm. We will talk about this at some length.

For the successful implementation of this constitutional amendment there must be three necessary conditions.

- 1) There must be a sufficient number of suitably qualified candidates applying for the positions and from as wide a base as is possible.
- 2) There must be a clear and transparent selection procedure in place to ensure that each candidate receives due and diligent consideration .
- 3) The community as a whole must benefit from the newly selected priests.

All three of the above must be satisfied and the onus of this rests with the Management Committee of the day. This is an immense responsibility as the committee must not only ensure a smooth transition, but also make every effort to minimise any adverse effects and to avoid any undesired results. It needs to respond quickly and with extreme attentiveness and sensitivity to the changing circumstances, it is faced with from day to day. Bearing these prerequisites in mind it is imperative that we attract to our MC only

those who, while not lacking the courage to speak up politely and lovingly at meetings are nevertheless selfless individuals not bent on seeking either attention or rewards for their service to the community (Seva).

Certainly Brothers and Sisters there is nothing criminal about padding or enhancing a resume to create an especially good public image in the pursuit of worldly honours. Bearing this in mind it follows that only those who are unencumbered and remain single minded in their desire to serve the House of the Lord; only those who are utterly unselfish and loyal can possibly give with complete detachment and above all with absolute intellectual integrity . So let us all pray together for these pure souls to come forward and volunteer their time, their effort and their energy for a very worthy cause.

Finally your MC has to date appointed two new Priest for the next two years. A special section in this newsletter has been devoted to this topic providing you with all the necessary details. In the meanwhile we are extremely fortunate to have the services of Swami Suracharya and other relieving priests from over east. We are delighted to have them with us and thank them all for having agreed to advise and assist us during this transition period.

As you will see from this overall scenario, the good Lord always arranges for the right people to come forward at the right time to work together in peace and harmony towards successful outcomes for our temple. May His Divine Hand rest gently and lovingly on our shoulders, always guiding us forward in the practice of the five basic human values of Love, Peace, Truth, Nonviolence and Right Conduct.

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News From

The HAWA Management Committee

Maha Shivarathri

Feb 12: As advised previously, this major festival was celebrated over 2 days. As this also coincided with the North Indian monthly Bhajan, there was a very large turnout. Of the more than 450 visitors attending this function, over 100 participated in the traditional and symbolic pouring of milk on the Atma-Lingam. The temple was kept open till 10:30 pm to accommodate the large amount of devotees.

March 13: This became one of the most colourful and heart-felt celebration in our temple. The annual chariot procession attracted a large number of devotees—all jostling to pull the chariot forward and around the temple. Our grateful thanks to all the group leaders for their tremendous contribution and co-operation. The temple stayed open throughout the night with the final poojas performed at 6:30 am the next morning.

Hindu New Year April 14th

This festival celebrated throughout the world is a special time for thanksgiving for the previous year and prayers offered for success in the year ahead. This was yet another joyous occasion when the community came together to celebrate the New Year. We conducted a homam in the morning and this was followed by distribution of prasadam in the Multi Purpose Hall.

Priest Farewell

Farewell for the two retiring priests Sri Ragnatha Sivachariyar & Sri Balasubramanya Sivachariyar was conducted on 2nd of May 2010. These two special individuals left us after 2 years of very good service. We thank them for their contribution to the well-being for our Temple, their hard work, their support, understanding and guidance. This was followed by a farewell lunch. Also on this

day our new temporary priest Swami Surayachrya started work and a homam was conducted in the temple to mark a special astrological event namely Guruperyachi

Temple Canteen

We are glad to inform all our members that the Temple Canteen which was started about four months ago has grown from strength to strength. With Committee Members and their families on roster duty manning the various stations we have provided both plain and masala dosais, idlis, puris and occasionally vadais and apams to all those who choose to enjoy their breakfast in the Multi-purpose Hall after a visit to the Temple on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Saturday evening. We have had extremely positive feedback namely; very good taste, good clean environment, very reasonable pricing and above all such lovely, friendly, congenial and most engaging service provided in an extremely pure and spiritual atmosphere within the beautiful grounds of our Temple. Of late we have had large groups of families and friends come to eat and socialise after they have completed their prayers in the Temple. The Committee is very pleased with this positive development and would urge all those contemplating such reunions or get-togethers and to kindly liaise with the temple Administrator so that all



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arrangements can be made prior to the event. While we are very happy with the results so far we nevertheless continue to look forward to your comments so we can take this fund-raiser to the next level of excellence . Thank you all in anticipation of your continued support .All proceeds go to the temple infrastructure projects and all services are voluntary .

Important Festival Days ahead

•Krishna Jayanthi

Sri Krishan Jayanthi will be celebrated on 1st of September 2010. Please check the temple religious book for more details. Also please see page 7 in this newsletter.

•Ganesh Chaturthi

Sri Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated in our temple on 11th September 2010. Please see the Administrator. Also please see page 11 in this newsletter.

• 5th Anniversary of Mahakumbabishekam and Mini Mela :12th September 2010

The committee at its May monthly meeting resolved to celebrate this special occasion with a mini food and fun-fair within our Temple grounds. It is proposed to first conduct a Homam/Havan in the early hours of the day followed by celebrations , in the form of varied food stalls like Thosai and Idli Puris and potato/peas curry, mee goreng and, special spiced tea and coffee and a stall selling nick-naks similar to the white elephant stall As you will be aware all proceeds from the sales go to the Temple Building Fund so that we can repay our Temples debts to the bank and make the Temple debt-free. If you wish to participate by running a stall or if you are able to assist in any way please contact the temple Administrator.

Navarathri 2010

This year's Maha Navarathri Celebrations will start on 8th of October .Please see the special programme list in this news letter. Those who wish to participate in this year's Navarathri Cultural program please email to the coordinator on skumar@iinet.net.au or contact **0417929934**

Raghu Kala Pooja

Please note that, Raghu Kala Pooja time is 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm on every Sunday. Prayers in the temple will commence at 5.30PM to be followed by the regular Nithya Pooja.

Front Gate Automation

The Temple main entrance gate is automated and it is programmed to open and close at temple opening and closing time. Once it is closed to gain access, please drive up to the gate and stop on the yellow line ensuring that both front wheels are positioned on the yellow line. The gate will open and once you have driven through gate will automatically close.

Priest Selection – Feb 2010

We received a total of 21 applications by the closing date of 18 Feb 2010. An additional two applicants sent letters of interests through e-mail and later forwarded their resumes. They were also considered. All bio-data received was collated and tabulated. Authentication and verification followed with telephone conversation, e-mails, and use of Skype and even through intermediaries resident overseas. Numerous informal discussions took place, but the 2 important sub committee meetings were as follows: The Sub committee first met on 1/3/2010 Monday at MPH where all applications were opened and reviewed.

The 2nd meeting was on 28/3/2010 Sunday to shortlist the candidates to a final 5, 2 of whom were to be the recommended candidates and the additional 3 to be the reserves.

Overall the sub committee had a sequence to follow as dictated by the constitution. We set our timetable as follows:

Feb 2010: Adverts – Australia / Overseas

Mar 2010 -Short Listing Applicants

Apr 2010-Recommendation to ensure impartiality

It was acknowledged by all that none of the selectors in the sub committee knew or had previously dealt with any of the applicants. The process was kept objective and we went to great lengths to ensure an arms length approach to remain detached and at the same time, bearing in mind the needs of our communities.

Swami Suracharya

Our Relief Priest Swami Suracharya was born and brought up in a Hindu Sivacharya family, which was closely associated to providing religious service in the Madurai Meenakshi Temple, Madurai. As a young man, he spent his early years in the study of the Agamas at the Parthashala of this temple. After 8 years of sustained and rewarding studies, he commenced his travelling overseas in the 1990. Since then he has worked in many countries including Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, USA, Germany and now Australia. He has been an active participant in the inauguration of numerous temples all over the world. In the last 15 years, he has made Canberra his home, where he actively provides Hindu Chaplin services to the hospitals and also gives lectures on Hinduism at the university and high schools there. He is especially interested in Vedic Astrology and has contributed articles on this subject to various newspapers in the eastern states. He is a regular columnist on Astrology with the Canberra Times. We are extremely grateful to him for accepting our invitation to help us during this transition period .

Youth Group

The Hindu youth group is founded on a pleasant concoction of many different talents, values, ideas and beliefs and has become a melting-pot for free thinkers to explore, discover and embrace their cultural heritage. The group consists of mainly students and newly graduates and meet on a monthly basis to discuss matters of moral importance. and sing devotional bhajans. They have also been involved in community projects such as tree planting, donating blood, marching for human rights and weekly yoga sessions.

The Hindu youth group is always looking for new members and fresh faces and would love for you to join the next fourth friday bhajans!

Fremantle Mela 18/04/2010

Our chief guest for this long-awaited day was the Hon. Melissa Parke – M.P, Federal Member for Fremantle. Up on arrival she first participated in prayers to Lord Ganesha on the stage and then addressed the gathering before declaring the Mela open. As you will know – all proceeds from this annual event go toward the Temple Building Fund. Here is a breakdown of the final figures. Our grateful thanks to all participants and volunteers. May you all be showered with God's Blessings.

Indian Food & Cultural Fair – 18 APRIL 2010 Collections by stall (Net of Float)

Name of Stall	Amount	Name of Stall	Amount
1 White Elephant	\$1,912.05	9 Indian Sri Lankan Snacks	\$3,888.80
2 Malaysian Delight	\$1,458.00	10 Singapore Sling	\$1,974.00
3 Taste of Kerala	\$2,579.85	11 Mango Lasi	\$4,236.90
4 Hyderabad Delight	\$4,832.60	12 Ice cream/ Soft Drinks	\$1,420.00
5 South African	\$972.00	13 Bengali Sweets	\$763.70
6 Guju Tucker	\$2,903.90	14 Pan Masala	\$215.00
7 North Indian	\$3,063.20	15 Entertainment & Rides and others	\$732.30
8 Thosai Stall	\$4,002.50	16 Sponsorships	\$1,925.00
Total Income	\$36,879.80		
Less: Expenditure	\$18,506.83		
Excess of Income over expenditure	\$18,372.97		

SRI KRISHNAJANMAASHTAMI



DATE: 1st September 2010

DAY: Wednesday TIME: 10.00PM

TARIFF: \$15.00

The divine birth of Sri Krishna Baghavan as a child in Bhoologa (earth) at 12 midnight on the day of Astami thithi and Rohini Nakshathra is known as Sri Krishna Janmaashtami. Devotees are welcomed to participate in the special Abishekam and special pooja for Sri Krishna Baghavan on this Maha Krishna Janmaashtami. All devotees are welcomed to be part of this great occasion and seek the blessings of Lord Krishna for good health, happiness, good education for children and long life.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Devotees may participate in the Janmaashtami pooja at a cost of \$15.00 only. You may contact the priest on 9455 2097.

WHAT TO BRING?

Devotees are also welcomed to provide any or all of the following for the Abishekam and Pooja: Milk, Yoghurt, WhiteButter (Vennai), sandal wood powder, loose flowers, garlands, fruits, sweets, etc.

10.00 PM

Sri Krishna Baghavan Bhajans

10.45 PM

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NAVARATHIRI FESTIVAL

2010

8th October – 17th October 2010

BACKGROUND:

Navarathri or 'nine nights' is a Hindu festival which pays respects to three Hindu goddesses: Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswathy. Navarathiri is symbolic for the defeat of Mahishasuran by Goddess Devi who took the form as Sri Mahishasura Mardini (Chandika Devi). The battle raged for nine days and nights. Finally on the tenth day of Ashwin shukla paksha, Sri Durga defeated and killed the evil demon Mahishasuran and ushered peace on earth. It is in praise of this victory that Devi is worshiped as Sri Durga on the first three days; as Sri Lakshmi from the fourth to the sixth day and finally as Sri Saraswathy on the last three days.

The tenth day is celebrated as Vijaya Dasami marking the final victory of the three goddesses over Mahishasuran. On this day, Sri Meenakshi Somasuntharar will give darshan in a procession following the most auspicious ceremony of "Ambu Poduthal" (an event which captures the battle with and the defeat of Mahishasuran).

BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATION:

Navarathiri will be celebrated on a very grand scale in the new temple. Special poojas comprising Abishekam, Sahasranama Archana, Salanga pooja, Kanya pooja, Vidya pooja, and cultural programmes have also been organised. Devotees are warmly invited to participate as a family in this major celebration of the year and, enjoy the colours and the different alankarams of Devi.

Come and seek the blessings of Sri Meenakshi, Sri Ashtadasabhuj Mahalakshmi Durga and Sri Maha Mariamman for peace, good health, happiness, long life, good job prospects, good education, growth of artistic talents, and removal of obstacles.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Devotees may provide any or all of the following during the Navarathiri festival: milk, yoghurt, sandal wood powder, tumeric powder, loose flowers, garlands, fruits and etc. You may participate in the special sangalpam pooja at 7pm daily at a cost of \$31 only. Alternatively, you may host a day as part of a group. Consult the day host coordinator, list printed overleaf, for details. You may also contact the Resident Priest on 9455 2097 or Temple Administrator for more information. Those who wish to participate in this year's Navarathiri cultural programs please email to the coordinator on skumar@iinet.net.au or contact 0417929934

New Fund Raising Project

Temple Canteen!

At MPH

Saturdays from 9.00a.m – 11.30a.m
7.30p.m - 9.00p.m

Sundays from 9.00a.m – 11.30a.m

After just over four months of operation the Temple canteen has now become a very welcoming and regular feature in our temple on the weekends. A large number of visitors come along to enjoy home cooked and tasty dishes served by volunteers and Committee members and their families. Currently both Plain Thosai and Masala Thosai and idli and accompaniments are sold at a very reasonable price. Occasionally ,Vadai, Poori and Appam are also available. We look forward to your continued support and suggestions to expand the menu and to improve the services provided.



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL MORNING POOJA

1st Day: 8th October (Friday)

- 6.00 AM – Nithya Abishekam
- 6.30 AM – Meenaksi Special Abishekam
- 7.00 AM – Nithya Pooja
- 7.45 AM – Sahasranaama Archana
- 8.00 AM – Golu Pooja
- 8.30 AM – Rakshabanthanam for Sri Ganesha, Sri Shiva & Sri Meenakshi



4th Day: 11th October (Tuesday)

7th Day: 14th October (Thursday)

- 6.00 AM – Nithya Abishekam
- 7.00 AM – Nithya Pooja
- 7.45 AM – Sahasranaama Archana

SPECIAL EVENING POOJA

**TIMING 9th October – 14th October
(Saturday – Thursday)**

- 5.30PM** Nithya Abishekam
- 6.00PM** Nithya Pooja
- 7.00PM** Sangalpam & Special Pooja
- 7.30PM** Sri Mahishasura Mardini Stotram
- 8.00PM** Cultural Programme
- 8.30PM** Prasadham Distribution

**8th Day: 15th October
(Friday)**

- Nithya Abishekam
- Nithya Pooja
- Sangalpam & Special Pooja
- Sri Mahishasura Mardini Stotram
- Kanya Pooja, Sumangali Pooja

**9th Day: 16th October
(Saturday)**

- Nithya Abishekam
- Nithya Pooja
- Sangalpam & Sri Saraswathy Pooja
- Sri Mahishasura Mardini Stotram
- Cultural Programme
- Prasadham Distribution

10th Day: 17th October (Sunday) – VIJAYA DASAMI

Morning

8.00AM – Akshara Biyasam for children aged between 3 – 5 years old (writing the first Word in front of Sri Saraswathy)

Evening

- 6.00PM – Nithya Abishekam
- 6.30PM – Nithya Pooja
- 7.30PM – Special pooja, followed by Procession
- 8.30PM – Ambu Poduthal (Vijaya Dasami)



TARIFFS:

Participation in Special Sangalpam at 7pm		\$31.00			
Hosting as part of a Group at 7pm (minimum of 20 families)		See Day Host Coordinator Below			
Salanga Pooja & Vidya Pooja		\$21.00			
Sahasranama Archana (on specific dates only)		\$31.00			
Vidya Aramba Pooja (aged between 3-5 yrs)		\$31.00			
Date	Coordinator	Date	Coordinator	Date	Coordinator
08/10 (Fri)	Sanal Kumar 0417929934	11/10 (Mon)	Jeyakumar & Ramkumar 0408916658 & 93323978	14/10 (Thu)	Dr Jagadish Krishnan 0413879023
09/10 (Sat)	Sidharthan K Raman & Venugopal Pillai 0408592550 & 93548978	12/10 (Tues)	Dr Kunalam Subramaniam & Murali Viswanathan 94556372 & 0402659486	15/10 (Fri)	Ganasan Arujunan 0409 297 455
10/10 (Sun)	Dr Sitaram Vij & S. NandaKumar 93680274 & 93547838	13/10 (Wed)	Vimala Athisdam 93790205	16/10 (Sat)	Laxman Gadiraj 0433202246
				17/10 (Sun)	MC, HAWA

Notes:

- Devotees are invited to participate daily in the Navarathiri Pooja. Please bring along, flowers, fruits, etc.
- Devotees are kindly requested to be dressed traditionally.
- Children/Adults participating in the Vidya Pooja are requested to bring along books to be blessed.
- Artists participating in the Salangai Pooja are requested to come along with their gurus and salangai.
- All Prasadhams will be prepared and served at the Multipurpose Hall, old temple.

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Sri Vinayaka Chaturthi 2010



The Hindu ceremony known as Vinayaka Chaturthi or Ganesh Chaturthi is of perennial interest to the Hindus all over the world. It is a Vrata observed to obtain knowledge of things and success in all undertakings.

There is not a Hindu ceremony that commences without offering a pooja for this deity. Devotees are welcomed to participate in the grand Ganesha Chaturthi festival 2009.

Come and seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha for success in all undertakings!!

DATE: 11.09.2010 - Saturday

MORNING: GANAPATHI HOMAM

TIME: 6.30AM – 10.30AM

**EVENING: SANDHANA KAAPU
ALANKARAM & THIRUSATHI
ARCHANA**

TIME: 6.30PM – 8.30PM

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Devotees may participate in either the morning or/and evening special poojas. In the morning, devotees may participate in the maha Ganapathy Homam by purchasing the Purnahuthi tray . In the evening, devotees may participate in the Maha Ganapathy Sandhana Kaapu Alankaram (sandlewood decoration). Please contact the Priest or the temple administrator for more details.

WHAT TO BRING?

Devotees are also welcomed to provide any or all of the following for the Maha Homam and abishekam: Tumeric powder, vibuthi, Yoghurt, milk, rose water, sandle wood powder, ghee, loose flowers, garlands, fruits, lemon, honey, samagiri, hariali grass, etc.

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1st Friday	Tamil Association of Western Australia
2nd Friday	North Indian Community
3rd Friday	Kerala Community
4th Friday	Temple Youth Group
5th Friday	Available for a Community group.

Contact the Management Committee for details.

1st Saturday	Kannada Group
2nd Saturday	Telugu Group
3rd Saturday	Available for a community group
4th Saturday	Mariamman Pooja Arpan
5th Saturday	Maharashtra Mandal

EVENING BHAJAN (4.30PM to 5.45PM)

2nd Sunday	Gujarati Community
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The Newsletter is for you, and we would like to receive your feedback or comments about any issues or suggestions. We will endeavour to publish those comments that have a wider community and social impact. We look forward to hearing from you.

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