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Dear Sir/Madam,

Happy Diwali to all. 2017 has been a very eventful year for us here in the Coastal Bend. While Hurricane Harvey has affected a significant portion of our community, it has also brought out some of the best our community has to offer. Many of us who were lucky to have occupied a safer geographical position have been able to help those who were not so fortunate. Recovery efforts are continuing in those areas.

As for our temple specifically, we have also had a very eventful year. With the support of all of you, we had a successful MahaKumbhaabhisekham. This was possible through the hard work of the temple priests, devotees, and volunteers coming together and was truly an event to remember. Immediately afterward, we continued with the usual events of the year to include Ganesh Chaturthi, Gokulasthmi and Diwali. I would like to thank all of you for your generous support and would like to encourage you to continue with this support so that we can continue to grow and serve all of you even better.

Many in our community are not aware of some of the many duties performed by our priests as also of the management of the donated funds. Our priests manage the day to day spiritual affairs of the temple to include the daily poojas, archanas and rituals that are required. These duties fill the days of our priests fully, involving each of them for a full 40 hours a week. Additionally, all special festivals and their requirements are also fulfilled.

All funds paid to the temple for the poojas go toward the operational cost of the temple, while additional monies, Dakshina, given to the priest is split equally between the two priests. Money placed in the hundi goes toward the operational costs of the temple as does money sent to the temple.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our temple and welcome any additional questions about the temple operations and/or other specifics.

Harihi OM

Vijay Bindingavele

Diwali celebrations

















EDITOR CORNER



The fourth quarter started with hurricane Harvey and ended with Diwali .

We have been very fortunate, compared to our surrounding communities in reference to the degree of damage we have incurred .Good lord has blessed us in a big way .

Ganesh Chaturthi celebration was effected in a small way, and inspite of the weather it was well attended.It was a three day event ,and all archanas were performed .The only event that was postponed ,lord Ganesh Visargana,and this was fulfilled a week later.

Janmashtami ,as always was very colorful and filled with fun .Children have enjoyed the Pinyatas.

Durgaastami and Navaratri garbhas were celebrated with daily homams .

Finally Sri Mahalakshmi has shown Her presence and showered blessings.

The quarter ended with Diwali celebrations and fire works.These are all good omens for our community.

Dr.Vijay Bindingnavale has graciously agreed to lead for another year. Dr. Vishnu Reddy has accepted the position to fill his big shoes the following year.

Dr. Vandana Kamat has been a very hard working ,diligent treasurer and a board member ,but wanting another pair of eyes to watch her work.

Mrs.Bhakti Sooda ,a very energetic board member has agreed to be the extra pair of eyes. The board was able to convince her to take a lead role and be the treasurer the following year.

On behalf of the board ,I take the great pleasure ,congratulating both our board members the President elect and the Treasurer elect.

Please participate in upcoming Dhanurmas celebrations.

We ,the Janaki family are very humbled ,and thankful for the kind gesture shown by the entire community during our personal loss.

Happy Fall,Thanks Giving ,Christmas and New Year

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