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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

It's spring again. The winter has passed and the wild flowers are blooming. Everything is getting underway. Many of our festivals are at this time with different names and dates depending on our specific community and area of origin. This is also the time for our temples festival of India. This year we are holding it on April 16. This is a yearly event that has multiple functions. It allows us to show the community at large facets of our community that they would not normally see. This will foster more understanding and friendship and fellowship. While many of us are either busy or would rather not become associated with a particular group in the eyes of the world at large we are whether or not we actively choose to be. So by taking an active part in this event we can positively influence the outcome and show the community at large that facet of our culture that we find salient.

So please volunteer and become an integral part of what has become an important part of the cultural fabric of Corpus Christi and south Texas. All of us on the board will be happy to hear about your ideas. Together we can make this year's event even better and more reflective of our beautiful culture.

Sincerely,

Dr.Vijay Bindingavele

President board of trustees,STHS

Priest's Column

The very first Maha Sudarsana Homam performed at the temple on Radha Saptami.



Vasantotsavam celebrated for lord Venkateswara.





Festival of India & Community Health Fair

Promoting health education & cultural awareness benefitting the Coastal Bend Community

Saturday, 16th April, 2016
10:00am-3:00pm
Lunch tickets sold at event location

Highlights
Classical Indian Dances
Delicious Indian Feast
Free Yoga Session
Free Goodie Bags
Music Recitals
Henna Tattoo

Free Admission
Free offers subject to availability

HealthFair

- *Free EKG, Weight, Blood Pressure & BMI
- *Free Blood Tests - Lipid Panel (Fasting)
- *Free Diabetes Test - Hemoglobin - A1C (Fasting)
- *Tips & education for a healthy lifestyle
- *Informational talks by local physicians
- Meditation & Breathing Sessions @ 2pm

Indian Vegetarian Lunch Plate - \$10
Served 11:30am - 1:30pm

Organized by  **Venue**
S V Temple, 10401 McKinzie Lane, Corpus Christi, Texas - 78410
[Exit 11A on I-37N, turn right on McKinzie road, turn first right on McKinzie lane]
Parking on premises only, no parking on McKinzie lane

Dear Devotees ,

It is that time of the year again, much awaited FOI/Health fair , our biggest fundraiser of the year which will be held on Sat April 16th, 2016. I invite all the devotees to play their part in whatever way you can. Tickets will be on sale within the next week. Please buy the tickets for yourself and also sell them to your friends, neighbors, Coworkers. Spread the word the community about this important event.

In addition you can be a gold, silver or bronze donor or a food donor by pledging any amount as you can.

Also, very important is your part as a volunteer in the afternoon the day before and on the day of the event. Preparing for this event requires many enthusiastic volunteers. Dr MP Sudhakaran is in charge of coordinating the volunteers. Please contact him through email "mps44@hotmail.com" to participate as a volunteer. Remember, everything you do benefits our temple of the South Texas Hindu society which is a beautiful place of worship and faith. May God Bless you all.

Vandana Kamat MD

Cochair of FOI

Treasurer of STHS

Editor's corner



Our first quarter began with New year and ended with Easter weekend.

In between were lots of fun filled events, birthday, housewarming ceremonies, sport championship competitions, spell bees, music concerts and of course our big festival MahaSivaRatri.

Thanks to Panditji who ,as always did put tremendous effort to decorate ,involve community and make it a great success .Of course the garlands were beautiful and I am going to pat my back. Thanks to Mrs.Bhagya Reddy for her help.

Holi celebrations are over and spring break came to an end .Easter egg hunt was a blast.

DUMUKHANAMA SAMVASTRAM (the Sankrit name of this year)

This festival celebrated in many countries besides almost all parts of India.

The beginning of this quarter marks our Ugadi(Uga means year and Adi the beginning).The new year has different names in different parts of the country for example Gudipadawa in Maharashtra.

This year Ugadi is celebrated on 8th of April in the evening concluding with Panchanga Sravanam. Come and enjoy. By the way ,don't forget to memorise your birthstar and the Tula, Rasi what ever goes with it for your future predictions!

A garland of events to follow our new year celebration..SriRama Navami falls on the following week, the 9th day of the new year.

The biggest event for the year is almost there.

Festival of India and Annual health fair at the temple is on 16th of April..An opportunity to all of us to show our talents.An event for the community and please ,participate ,volunteer and have fun.

Beginning of summer vacation is not very far , bring the kids and enjoy our new addition at the temple.

The new playground at the kind donation of Dr.Meena and Mr.Gopal Pathikonda. It is almost here should be ready for use .

On behalf of board of trustees and the community our sincere thanks to all the major donors who help the temple look better and better.

See you all at the FOI and Health Fair

A New Years Message

ONCE, All villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the People gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's

FAITH

WHEN You throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

That's

TRUST

EVERY Night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next Morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's

HOPE

WE Plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's

CONFIDENCE

WE See the world suffering.

But still we get Married.

That's

LOVE.

On an Old Man's shirt was written a cute sentence

'I Am Not 60 Years Old., I Am Sweet 16 with 44 years Experience.'

That's

ATTITUDE

Happy Ugadi

Lalitha M.Janaki ,MD FACR

