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Dear Sir/Madam,

Happy Makar Shkrathi and Happy to New Year to all our fellow devotees. Shankranthi is celebrated by all and signals the end of the month of the winter solstice and the beginning of longer days. It is known by other names as well, Lohri, Sukarat, Pongal, Pedda Panduga or Bhogali Bihu. This is a festival to Surya, the Sun God, and signifies the start of an auspicious time. It is thus a good time to start or renew our philosophical practices, whether it be daily yoga and meditation, prayers, exercises, healthier eating and lifestyle. Volunteering with the community is a great way to both improve ourselves and our community for the next generations.

We are having our yearly Festival of India and Health Fair this year on March 3rd. This year the Coastal Bend India Association (CBIA) is co-hosting this event which is a wonderful collaboration. As it is the main event of the year where the Indian Community can showcase the culture and traditions to the community at large, it is important that we have good participation and turnout. It is a great opportunity for us to show the community at large what we have to offer the melting pot that the United States of America to make it an even better Union. Please let me know of your ideas, desire to volunteer or any input that you may have.

Thank you,
Harihi Om
Vijay Bindingavele

Thaipooam 2018







Godha Devi Kalyanam





Festival Of India

Come join us at the Sri Venkateshwara Temple of Corpus Christi for our annual Festival of India program and Community Health Fair! Immerse yourself in the rich and colorful culture of India by enjoying classical dance performances and a flavorful vegetarian cuisine. Shop for gently used saris and bangles, have your hands painted with henna and show off your Indian look with our photobooth! The Festival of India serves to educate and spread the joy of our beautiful culture with the good people of Corpus Christi.

In addition to the Festival, come take advantage of the Community Health Fair hosted simultaneously at the temple by health organizations from across the city. The SV Temple is committed to promoting wellness and a healthy lifestyle, and is bringing to you free tests for weight, blood pressure, diabetes and more. Speak with local physicians for tips for healthy living!

Don't miss this amazing event for the community on Saturday, March 3rd from 10 AM - 3 PM at the SV Temple. See you there, Corpus Christi!

Mrs.Bhakti Sooda



Festival Of India
3rd March, 2018 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Free health fair
and
entertainment

Om

TASTY FOOD AND DRINKS

CLOTHES

Henna
tattoos

Food ticket information @
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The poster features a blue background with a white grid pattern. At the top, the title 'Festival Of India' is written in a stylized, golden font. Below it, the date and time are listed. A large black stethoscope is positioned on the left side, with a white grid background behind it. To the right of the stethoscope, the text 'Free health fair and entertainment' is written in black. A large black Om symbol is on the right side. Below the Om symbol, the text 'TASTY FOOD AND DRINKS' is written in orange. In the center, there are two small images: one showing a woman in a red sari and two men in blue shirts, and another showing a group of people in colorful traditional Indian attire performing a dance. Below these images, the text 'CLOTHES' and 'Henna tattoos' is written in yellow and red. At the bottom left, there is a plate of Indian food, including rice, dal, and a roti. At the bottom right, the address and phone number are listed.

Editor's Corner



As the New year celebrations are winding down ,temple activities are picking up. Goda Devi kalyanam and Sankranti celebrations ended Dhanurmasam festivities. In the month of the January Thai Poosam (Kavadi festivity)was celebrated , abhishekam to Lord Muruga with gallons of milk. A picture is worth 1000words and the colorful celebrations were well attended

The preparations for the 9th annual Festival of India with Health Fair are underway in large scale under the leadership of Dr Vijay Bindingavele. Mark your calendar on the first Saturday of March 2018. This year the health Fair has somewhat a different setting .

Multiple food booths are set up, to give a taste of India with popular foods from different regions of India.The main plate is 10\$.Tickets are also in 2 dollar increments and the attendees can buy snacks.

The board is looking into getting a credit card payment system, to felicitate the devotees ,who wish to pay their pledges online.This should be available in the next few weeks.

DOLLAR A DAY PLEDGE

With the Lord's blessings and support of the devotees like you,SouthTexas Hindu Society (SV TEMPLE) has completed 12 years of operation and Maha kumbhabhishekam was celebrated,not too long ago. SV temple is committed to serve the community with spiritual and religious activities. Maintenance of the regular temple activities in addition to long term growth plans,has been a major financial demand .We are asking a pledge of minimum of dollar a day for one year and on going.

Prayers are one way of bringing prosperity and peace to our lives .

As a token of appreciation, for your pledge the temple will offer the prayers on your behalf even if you are not present.

There are 5 Abhishekams performed on monthly basis at the temple and the devotee can choose one of them at no additional cost ,for the pledge of minimum DOLLAR A DAY for one year .You can also request a free archana in addition to the free abhishekam on special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries .

Please pledge to support our temple.This donation is tax deductible.

Please contact one of our priests if you have any additional questions or need more information , to perform the pujas ,for your pledge of minimum of Dollar a day for atleast a year.

God bless you all

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