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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Devotees,

Happy New Year to all.

This year again I have the honor of presiding over the Board of Trustees. Last year our last major function of the year was Diwali which was attended over 800 devotees. The fireworks were awesome. The food prepared by the devotees was very tasty. Diwali being of the major fundraising events, this year the funds raised were about \$ 18,000, about the same as last year. I thank you all for your kind donations in the form of food, money, time and various other sevas. This year, January has already passed. February will have the celebration of Mahashivratri on February 17th. There will be multiple Poojas and Bhajans going on throughout the night. It is a well-attended festival. We hope many of the devotees will sponsor Poojas and many will be grand sponsors. Next comes March and it is time for our biggest fundraiser of the year, that is the Festival of India/Health Fair. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 28th 2015. I request all the devotees to participate in this event. It is wonderful to see all the talent in our community displayed at the Festival of India. Please take advantage of the free diabetic education and free blood tests. This event needs a lot of organization and work, so please come forward to volunteer your help in any ways possible. Help us sell as many tickets as you can. Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers and relatives. Any donation from the devotees will be appreciated. You can be a platinum donor for a donation of \$10000, Diamond donor for \$5000, Gold donor for \$3000, Silver Donor for \$ 2000 and Bronze donor for \$ 1000.00.

I want to appreciate the dedication of our priests Sri Sai Chandrashekhar and Sri Srinivasacharyalu for diligently fulfilling the duties of the temple and God. They are always striving to keep up with the scheduled time of various festivals that are performed in the temple so that the devotees can get home in a timely manner. Of course, the only way that they can keep up with the time is if the event is started on time, so do arrive early so the priests can start an event on time. Hope to see your presence at the temple throughout the year, thank you.

Vandana Kamat

President of the Board of Trustees

Priest's Corner



Vinadagu nevvaru ceppina
vininantane vëgapadaka vivarimpadagun
gani kalla nijamu telisina
manujude põ nitiparuðu mahilõ Sumatĩ!

kalla=lie.

Sumati, in this world, we should listen to whatever anyone says. But we should not jump to conclusions at once. We have to judge what is false and what is true. A man who can distinguish between truth and falsehood is a virtuous person.

We should get inputs from whatever sources we can and then shift the true from the false. Then we can make our judgments.

HEALTH FAIR/FESTIVAL OF INDIA



Festival of India & Community Health Fair
Promoting health education & cultural awareness benefiting the Coastal Bend Community

Saturday, 28th March, 2015
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

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

Free Admission
Free offers subject to availability.

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

We are coming up on our 8th Health Fair and Festival of India celebration on March 28, '15, Saturday at the South Texas Hindu Society SV Temple. Once again, I expect this to be an anchor social and cultural event at the It has been our primary vehicle for community outreach, social awareness and cultural ambassadorship. The Festival of India is our only daylong event, which provides the casual observer an immersive experience in our culture. Many of us feel strongly about our Indian heritage and its part in the definition of our characters. This is a great way for our Corpus Christi community to see us in our element with our cultural totems. The Health Fair has provided a consistent way to give back to those who need it in our community and in our city. We get a robust participation from the local hospitals, vendors and allied services. Besides the usual basic health check with vital signs, we get screening blood tests and nursing consultations, EKGs and health information. Many of our local physicians of Indian origin participate and donate their time and resources. Pharmacy and nursing students from local universities get an opportunity to interact with the community. I am a big booster for children's involvement and coordinate student volunteers, awarding certificates they can use at school. The cultural stage is always the centerpiece of the day. This year, Mrs.Bhowal will be adding a few features, which promise to make the event more fun and lively. The color and pageantry usually makes the local paper and we hope to garner more publicity this year with social media. "Like" the event on your Facebook accounts, talk it up at work and your neighborhoods, bring in as many Corpus Christians as we can handle. Hoping for another successful spring celebration.

Srikanth Damaraju, MD FACC FSCAI

Chair, Health Fair/Festival of India

Dear devotees,

We welcome you all to our annual Festival of India/Health Fair, at the S V Temple, on March 27, 2015 at 10.00 am. Our kids take pride in showcasing their wonderful talent in classical dance and singing, and we try to show our rich Indian culture through our dances. We request you all to be there and enjoy the cultural programs and relish the mouthwatering Indian food.

If you or your kids like to participate in any cultural activity, please contact Mrs. Pooja Bindingavele at [626-9754372](tel:626-9754372).



EDITOR'S CORNER

By

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In 2007 , Dr Siva Kumar Padmanabhan came to me and asked, “What do you think about organizing a Health Fair at the temple?” My first reaction was “We might be criticized for holding at the temple, as no other religious organization has done one”. Then at the board meeting we agreed to organize one for the same reason and we were the first religious organization to offer this great service to the community.

In the beginning we had Festival of India and Health Fair as two separate events. Then we realized that we are soliciting funds from the same members of the community. Sunil Reddy’s comment, “Why don’t you combine the two” appealed to everyone on the board; since then the name Festival of India and Health fair became the trademark.

Every year we have added new features and become better. Dr. Padmanabhan was the chair for the first few events and subsequently Dr.Damaraju graciously took the lead. Now the legacy continues. A number of Indian families have great talent and are not bashful to show off .All ages participate and enjoy this 5-hour event once every year. We have become very popular and the support is immense from both Indian and non-Indian community. There is a great deal of coordination and behind the scenes effort put together for months before the event to bring it to the audience.

Having said that, our 8th annual Festival of India and Health fair is around the corner, Saturday the 28 of March 2015. Please come and bring the family, friends and enjoy.

On behalf of board of trustees, it is my great pleasure to welcome Dr. Vishnu Reddy to the board.

Wishing a Happy New year, Ugadi, Gudipadwa to many of us from India.

See you all at FOI and Health Fair