

# HTGW Newsletter

December 2006



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Dear Devotees,

**Namaste!** 2006 is almost over and we are ready to head into our fifth year. Our Temple has grown strong and has become the pride of the Wichita Hindu community. We had a great year with wonderful programs that were well-attended. Apart from our signature programs like Annakut, Krishna Janmasthan, Tulsi Vivah, Ganesh Chaturthi and Ram Navami, we also introduced some new programs like series of lectures by Swami Veditatmananda Saraswati, Vishnu Sahasranamam Homam and a Saraswathi Pooja (specifically for students of all ages). Our Bal Vihar program continues to grow in leaps and bounds. This year with the tremendous support of our community, we were able to pursue an important financial goal – the elimination of our mortgage. Without everyone's donations throughout the year, we could not have even considered taking on this task. But with God's grace, the diligent work of Raju Sheth & Nayan Patel, and generosity of our devotees we accomplished this goal.

**2007 Festival and Poojas calendar:** We are already working on the events list for the next year. A list of upcoming events is attached, so please hang that on your refrigerator door or any other favorite spot so you will always know what is coming up at the temple. The date and time may change due to weather or some other unforeseeable reason, so please visit our website ([www.htgw.org](http://www.htgw.org)) for up-to-date information. Sincere thanks to Siva Krishnaiyer for maintaining the website. In the months of June and July we will be celebrating our fifth anniversary and would like to do it in a big way. We are working on different ideas, and would also like your input. If you have any suggestions, please contact any of the executive committee members.

**Annual Sponsorships:** Apart from the events and celebrations listed, our priest also performs daily archanas, weekly poojas, and monthly poojas like Sathyanarayan pooja. Now you have the opportunity to sponsor these weekly/monthly poojas for the whole year. These poojas will be conducted in your name or your loved ones (even if you are not present), and prasada will be mailed to you. A sponsorship form for these events is included with this newsletter. If you are interested, please fill the form and give it to the priest or mail it to the temple. Apart from the organized events, our priest is also available for private poojas at the temple or at your home. A complete list of private poojas is available at the temple and in our website. Remember that the income from pujas helps to maintain the temple. If you would like to donate on a monthly basis, please complete the attached contribution form and we can auto draft from your checking account.

**Temple Mortgage Eliminated:** The mortgage payment is the single biggest monthly expense for the temple. We strongly felt that it was in our long-term interest to reduce or eliminate this expense. We appealed to the community during the Diwali/Annakut festival that we were looking for donations or an interest free loan to payoff the mortgage. We announced that any funds collected after October 1 would be used to pay off the loan. Nayan Patel and Raju Sheth spearheaded this effort and we owe them our thanks. We would like to recognize Dr. Subash Shah & Meeta Shah, Drs. Achutha & Beena Reddy, Dr. T. Krishna Reddy & Avanija Reddy, Mohan & Vasudha Kulkarni, Drs. V.C.Reddy & Suguna Reddy, Mr. Muppidi Reddy & Arundhati Reddy and the Navrathri group for their significant donations. As a result of their contributions and interest free loan from other devotees we will be paying off the mortgage as of December 15<sup>th</sup>. The temple will still owe \$85,000 in loan amount to the devotees. However, now our target is \$85,000, much smaller and reachable with all of your help. If you can help with this project, please contact Nayan Patel, Raju Sheth or Ragu Tirukonda.

**Executive Committee Changes:** Changes are also happening in our executive committee. After two years as president, I will be stepping down and Rohit Trivedi has agreed to be the next President of HTGW. Suparna and I would like to thank all of you for your support during these last two years. We are honored to serve the temple and proud of the executive committee and volunteers who helped make our events successful. Suparna and I will be still taking care of the finances and Bal Vihar. Adithan Samy will be continuing as the Vice President. He will be in charge of events and will be helping event coordinators. Hansa Maru will be staying as Secretary. Suja Mathew will be joining us this year in the committee. After much discussion on how to use her incredible talents, we decided on VP, communications. She will be helping us in creating newsletters, maintaining the mailing list, and interior decoration. We would like to thank and extend our warm welcome to Rohit and Suja.

Our temple is here to serve your spiritual needs. Please support the temple by sponsoring and attending temple events. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Ragu Tirukonda, HTGW President

# HTGW 2007 Events

Event dates and timings may change due to weather and other reasons. Please check temple website for up-to-date information

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day/Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event coordinator</b>
<b>New Year/Ganesha Homam</b>	<b>Monday, Jan 1</b>	<b>11:00AM – 1:00PM</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>Makar Sankaranthi/Pongal</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan 14</b>	<b>5:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	<b>Kalpna Sridhar</b>
<b>Thai Poosam</b>	<b>Sunday, Feb 4</b>	<b>10:00AM – 1:00PM</b>	<b>Rema Venkatasubban</b>
<b>Maha Shivarathri</b>	<b>Friday, Feb 16</b>	<b>5:30PM – 9:30PM</b>	<b>Hemlatha Patel/Fiji Families</b>
<b>Holi/Anand Bazaar</b>	<b>Saturday, Mar 3</b>	<b>4:30PM -</b>	<b>Suja Matthew</b>
<b>Ugadi/Gudi Padwa</b>	<b>Saturday, Mar 24</b>	<b>10:00AM – 1:00PM</b>	<b>Usha Challa/Ramya Kadambi</b>
<b>Mahavir Jayanthi</b>	<b>Saturday, Mar 31</b>	<b>5:00PM – 7:00PM</b>	<b>Parul Sheth/Ranjan Baxi</b>
<b>Hanuman Jayanthi</b>	<b>Saturday, Apr 7</b>	<b>11AM – 12:30PM</b>	<b>Sudha Chandrasekharan</b>
<b>Ram Navami</b>	<b>Saturday, Apr 7</b>	<b>5:30PM – 7:30PM</b>	<b>Jayashree Patel</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>Sunday, May 13</b>	<b>6:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	<b>Mohan Kulkarni</b>
<b>Temple Anniversary</b>	<b>June 4 – June 15</b>		<b>To be announced</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>Sunday, June 17</b>	<b>6:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	<b>Hansa Maru</b>
<b>Paryushan</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 8</b>	<b>10:30AM – 1:00PM</b>	<b>Parul Sheth/Ranjan Baxi</b>
<b>Krishna Janmashtami</b>	<b>Sunday, Sep 9</b>	<b>5:30PM – 7:30PM</b>	<b>Rashmi Patel/Suja Mathew</b>
<b>Ganesh Chaturthi</b>	<b>Saturday, Sep 22</b>	<b>5:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	<b>Vasudha Kulkarni</b>
<b>Saraswathi Pooja</b>	<b>Friday, Oct 19</b>	<b>5:30PM – 7:30PM</b>	<b>Suparna Tirukonda</b>
<b>Navrathri/Durga Pooja</b>	<b>Saturday, Oct 20</b>	<b>5:00PM – 8:00PM</b>	<b>Krishna Mehta</b>
<b>Navrathri/Kolu</b>	<b>Navrathri Week</b>		<b>Kalpna Sridhar/Ramya Kadambi</b>
<b>Diwali/Annakut</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 10</b>	<b>4:30PM-8:30PM</b>	<b>Smitha Shah/Jayshree Patel</b>
<b>Tulsi Vivah</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov 24</b>	<b>5:30PM-7:30PM</b>	<b>Jayshree Patel</b>

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**Sponsorship Form for Daily, Weekly or Monthly Poojas**

Devotees can sponsor pujas for the entire year. You do not need to be present for the puja. Prasad will be mailed to your home on a monthly basis. If you would like to be an annual sponsor, please complete the form and mail to the temple along with your check.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Sponsorship Amount</b>	<b>Chk Box</b>
Daily Archana	Daily Mornings	\$365	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mahalakshmi Kumkum Archana	Every Friday	\$260	<input type="checkbox"/>
Durga Kumkum Archana	Every Friday	\$260	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pradosham (abishekam) for Lord Shiva	Twice a month	\$1224	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sankatahara Chathurthi (Lord Ganesha Abshisekam)	Monthly/4 days after Poornima Day	\$612	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shri Sathyanarayan Pooja	Monthly/ Poornima Day	\$612	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Total</b>		

If you sponsor any of the poojas above, please fill the details below. If you do not know your birth star, leave it blank.

Family Gothram: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Fullname: \_\_\_\_\_ Janma Nakshatra (birthstar) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Fullname: \_\_\_\_\_ Janma Nakshatra (birthstar) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Fullname: \_\_\_\_\_ Janma Nakshatra (birthstar) \_\_\_\_\_

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Other family member: \_\_\_\_\_ Janma Nakshatra (birthstar) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mailing Address (must fill to receive prasad in mail)** \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hindu Temple of Greater Wichita- Contribution Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ (ONLY Event reminders will be sent to your e-mail)

Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /per month or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One time

Payment freq.  monthly Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (please attach a voided check)

Signature & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Upcoming Events at our temple.

Dec. 16	Lord Krishna Abhishek	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Abhishekam, Bhajans, Aarathi & Dinner
Dec. 30	Vaikunta Ekadashi	10:00 AM – 12:30 PM 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Lord Balaji Abhishekam Vishnu Sahasranamam Chanting Hanuman Chalisa
Jan. 1	Ganesha Homam	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Homam, Aarathi, & Potluck lunch

### Executive Committee 2007

Rohit Trivedi – President  
Adithan Samy – Vice President –Events  
Suja Mathew – Vice President –Communications  
Hansa Maru – Secretary  
Ragu Tirukonda – Treasurer

### Program Committee 2007

Kalpana Sridhar, Krishna Mehta,  
Hemlatha Patel, Jayashree Patel,  
Vasudha Kulkarni, Ramya Kadambi  
Rashmi Patel, Suparna Tirukonda  
Ranjan Baxi, Rema Venkatasubban



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