

HTGW Newsletter

January 2006



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Dear Devotees,

Happy New Year! I wish all of you health, wealth, and prosperity in 2006! With the support of our community, we had a great 2005. We want to make 2006 even better! Here's what is coming up in January:

Vaikuntha Ekadashi - Tuesday, January 10, 5:00PM- 07:00PM

On this auspicious day, doors of Vaikuntha the heavenly abode of Lord Vishnu are wide open to receive all the devotees. The temple will have a special pooja to celebrate. Devotees will have to enter the temple from the North Side entrance and can bring fruits and prasad. We will also chant the Vishnu Sahasranamam at 6pm.

Lord Balaji Abishekam - Saturday, January 14, 9:30AM - 12:30PM

We are going to start this special day filled with events with an abishekam for Lord Balaji in the morning session. If you would like to sponsor, please call our priest.

Sathyanarayan Pooja - Saturday, January 14, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

This poornima day coincides with Makar Sankranti making this a very auspicious occasion. Sponsors need to bring 2 fruits, flowers, coconut and prasad (optional). Regular sponsorship is \$51. If you would like to get silver set of vighras (Lord Sathyanarayana and Lakshmi) the sponsorship will be \$151. If you would like to sponsor, please contact our priest Sriraman Kadambi at 684-1556.

Makar Sankranti/Pongal - Saturday, January 14, 7:00PM - 7:30PM

This year we will be celebrating Pongal by making Paal Pongal (Milk Rice) in the basement at 6PM. The paal pongal will be offered as prasad. We will have aarthi followed by dinner. If you would like to assist in dinner preparation, please call Suparna Tirukonda (721-2668).

Godadevi Wedding - Sunday, January 15, 10:30AM - 12:00Noon

We are celebrating Lord Krishna's marriage to Goda Devi. If you would like to sponsor, please contact our priest Sriraman Kadambi at 684-1556.

NEW! Ladies Club at HTGW - Vanita Vihar - Sunday, January 29, Noon - 1:30PM

"Vanita" means ladies and "Vihar" means relaxation time so this is an opportunity for ladies to unwind, get to know each other, and discuss topics of interest. The facilitator will be Vasudha Kulkarni. We will have pizza for lunch then begin our meeting at 12:30PM. This is a wonderful chance to make new friendships, share and learn from others and talk about the things that concern us.

Community Lunch - Saturday, January 21, 11:30 AM - 1:15PM

Our popular lunchtime event is back! Come join us for hot Masala Dosas with Sambar and Coconut Chutney. All for \$2.50 per plate. Yogurt Rice will also be available for \$1.00 per plate. Come for lunch and stay for the Organizational Meeting immediately following.

Ragu Tirukonda (721-2668)

Organizational Meeting – Saturday, January 21, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Mahatma Gandhi once said: *All other pleasures and possessions pale into nothingness before service which is rendered in a spirit of joy.* I invite you to get involved at the temple. There is no greater purpose than service to God and certainly nothing more rewarding. We have an amazing pool of talent that can create something wonderful when directed – just look at what we’ve done in 3 years! With more volunteers, we can do even more! We have some great opportunities: there are two open positions in the executive team – Vice-President and Secretary. We will also be forming three committees:

- Priest Quarters Housing Project
- Fundraising Committee
- Temple Programs Committee

Remember that getting involved isn’t a huge time commitment. This is your temple and we need you.



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

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

Payment freq. monthly quarterly annually Start Date: _____

Signature & Date: _____