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PRAYERS & FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

The temple held special prayers for the families, friends and victims of hurricane Katrina and initiated efforts to raise the funds to help those affected. The Indo American Cultural Center & Temple, on behalf of its community expresses the grief felt by this great tragedy. Our hearts go out for all of humanity affected by such a devastating disaster. Our prayers and thoughts are for all of the families impacted by this.

IACCT has established a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund specifically to help the victims of this disaster. We are requesting you to donate generously for this great humanitarian cause. Please write your checks to IACCT and mention Hurricane Katrina in the memo area. Please mail your checks to: Shri Valvani, IACCT Treasurer, 5965 Blue Spruce Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. You may also personally give your checks to any of the IACCT Board members. We understand that Pfizer may provide matching funds for contributions by employees and retirees.

Our community has been extremely generous in supporting such efforts. We urge all those who have not sent in their contributions for Katrina victims to seriously consider supporting the worthy cause. We plan to distribute all of the money collected through American Red Cross or other nationally recognized relief agencies. We have received checks totaling over \$5,000 from concerned community members in response to our

campaign. We have sent in a donation of \$2,000 to American Red Cross on September 6, 2005. We will follow-up with distribution of additional funds shortly. A list of the generous donors, as of 17 September 2005, appears below: *Maddur & Arathi Badarinath, \$200; Gopal & Manju Bedi, \$200; Brij & Dipti Bhargava, \$151; Basappa & Sudha Byakod \$100; Ajay & Geeta Gupta, \$100; Sunder & Lina Hattangadi \$100; Bharti Katbamna, \$200; Vijay & Nayna Mehta, \$100; Lilaben Patel \$500; Lily Rajachar \$100; Subhas & Prabha Ravi \$150; Gopal & Kamala Singh, \$250; Virendra & Vijay Sood \$100; Arun & Shalini Tandon \$400; American Lokenath Mission Society, Inc. \$1,000; Shri & Swerun Valvani, \$200; Loknath & Chander Varma, \$200; Radha & Karen Vemuri \$1,000;*

The IACCT Youth Volunteer Group led by **Sachin Golhar** and **Mala Jeganathan** raised over \$800 for Katrina Relief Fund by going door to door near their Rudgate neighborhoods. **Rahul Dalal** and **Shaan Jaggi** youth volunteers actively participated in the Katrina fund raising efforts in addition to **Sachin and Mala**.

IACCT gratefully acknowledges the efforts of the Youth Volunteer Group and the following contributors, who have chosen to make a difference:

Sanjay & Rita Dalal \$500; Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar \$50; Azhwarsamy & Chitra Jeganathan \$251; Shiv & Surekha Kalokhe \$50; Esther Watkins \$10; Cash donation \$25

USED CAR FOR SALE FROM IACCT

1994 Mitsubishi Galant, four door sedan with 110,000 miles. Please call Damodar

Golhar at 372-3418 or Brij Bhargava at 375-6474 to see and test drive the car. It's a good transportation vehicle.

GENERAL BODY MEETING

Sunday, November 13 at 12:00 Noon.

The IACCT Annual General Body Meeting is scheduled for November 13. Om Jolly has kindly consented to serve as a Chairman of Election Committee. Details concerning nomination and election of three Board members whose terms are expiring will be communicated to members shortly. We urge all of you to participate in IACCT governance and activities.

DIWALI PROGRAM

The Temple will celebrate Diwali Program on **Tuesday, November 1 starting at 6:30 p.m.** The Temple is seeking program sponsors. Interested families should contact Damodar Golhar (372-3418) or Subhas Ravi (372-1647).

As was done last year, there are two major events planned that evening for the community members to participate.

1. There will be a **special Laxmi Pooja** for the sponsors from 6:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. Panditji will guide the sponsoring families in performing the Laxmi Pooja. There is a \$51 fee for the event. Those wishing to perform the Laxmi Pooja should give their names to Panditji or Subhas Ravi.

2. The **regular Laxmi Pooja** that will start at 7:00 p.m. As part of the regular Pooja, Panditji will conduct Archana for the interested families. Let Panditji or Subhas Ravi know that you want to do Archana. There is a \$11 fee for Archana.

IACCT SOLICITS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The IACCT Board requests your opinions and suggestions on the following:

1. What activities that IACCT is currently pursuing you would like us to continue ?
 2. What current IACCT activities you do not like and want it to either modify or drop? Please give your reasons.
 3. What new activities would you like to see at IACCT? How can you help IACCT start those activities?
 4. Any other suggestions for improvement
- Please email or call Brij Bhargava, IACCT Chairman with your opinions and suggestions.

NAVARATRI DANDIYA RAAS

This year **India Association of Kalamazoo** will be presenting **NAVRATRI Dandiya - Raas program on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005 at Moorsbridge Elementary School – starting at 7:30 PM till Midnight.**

With the help of the community, five families will be managing the program. Admission is free. But to cover the cost of the program a contribution of \$ 25.00/family is suggested.

For details please call: Vijay Mehta : 327-5456, Jay Sharma : 385-2675, Rajendra Patel: 323-1880, Bipin Patel : 323-4470. Mahendra Shah: 375-1616.

Upcoming Events

When	Events	Sponsored By
Saturday, Oct 1, 05; 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM Sunday, Oct 2, 05; 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM At Sambodh Aranya (NE side of Kalamazoo, in Cooper Township)	<i>3rd Annual Shri Rudra Mahayajna Homa & Abhishekam & Chandi Homa</i>	Sambodh Society cordially invites everyone to attend. Please call Ruth Harring (327-3774) for additional info. Shuttle Service from Gull Crossings Mall Parking Lot will be available.
Tuesday, October 4 - Wednesday, October 12, 05 Everyday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm 8:30 pm	<i>Navaratri Celebrations (see Attached flyer). Bhajans Durga Pooja Pooja & Arati Pravachan by Gopal Singh Prasadam</i>	Sponsored by Brij & Dipti Bhargava Gopal & Kamala Singh. Others are welcome to co-sponsor.
Sunday, Oct 9, 05; 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Ajay & Geeta Gupta
Sunday, Oct 23, 05; 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Murali & Sridevi Ghantasala, Yugandhara Babu & Neelima Tumalla, Dilip & Madhuri Cheni, Satish & Soujanya Gollapalli
Tuesday, Nov 1, 05; 7:00 PM	Diwali Celebrations Laxmi Pooja	
Sunday, Nov 6, 05; 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, November 13, 05; 12:00 PM	General Body Meeting	
Sunday, Nov 20, 05; 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sponsors Needed

Please call Subhas Ravi at 372-1647 to sponsor Satsangs.

IACCT NAVARATRI CELEBRATIONS

(Tuesday October 4 - Wednesday October 12, 2005)

Pravachan on Ramayana (in English)

by

Gopal Singh

Pravachan

The Pravachan will start promptly at 7:30 pm immediately after the Durga Pooja each day. It should end by 8:30 pm.

October 4: Balkand
October 5: Balkand
October 6: Ayodhyakand
October 7: Ayodhyakand
October 8: Aranyakand
October 8: Sunderkand
October 9: Lankakand
October 9: Uttarkand



Chandi Havan

On October 12 the day of Vijaya Dashami, Panditji will perform a

Chandi Havan

Between 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

You can sponsor this Havan (\$51.00/Family) and participate in it under the guidance of Panditji. Those willing to sponsor should call

Damodar Golhar 372-3418

or

Subhas Ravi at 372-1647

Immediately following the Havan there is a Dinner sponsored by Gopal & Kamala Singh and Brij & Dipti Bhargava

Sages Valmiki & Tulasidas say that as you stand on the crossroads of your life and feel helpless and confused as to what course of action you should select – remember Ramayana (literally translated – Rama's Way). Contemplate on what Rama would do in your situation and then without any hesitation act that way.

The Pravachan Speaker on this occasion is not a scholar of religion. He is seeking (just as most of us) on what is the purpose of life and how should we lead it. The presentation, therefore, is more a sharing of experience between friends with common challenges and aspirations. It will delve into not only the story of Rama's life but also the philosophy of Rama's Way. What is so special about his conduct and character that transcended him to Godhood amongst the mortal humans?

Children of ages 11 and above should also benefit from this discourse.

Navaratri Program

October 4 – October 12

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Durga Sthapana
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Bhajan
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Hanuman Chalisa, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Bhajan
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

Thursday, October 6, 2005

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Bhajan
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

Friday, October 7, 2005

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Bhajan
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama, Durga Pooja, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

Saturday, October 8, 2005

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Vishnu Sahasranama, Balaji Abhisheka
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Bhajan
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

Sunday, October 9, 2005

11:15 AM - 1:15 PM	Pooja, Satsang, Aarti / Lunch*
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Aarti
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Pravachan / Prasadam

***Sponsor - Ajay & Geeta Gupta**

Monday, October, 10 2005

12:00 PM	Start Akhand Ramayan
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Durga Pooja, Rudrabhisheka, Aarti (Panditji Only)

Please contact Dipti Bhargava 269-375-6474 if you wish to participate in Akhand Ramayan reading

Tuesday, October 11, 2005

12:00 PM	Akhand Ramayana Samapti / Bhajan
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Pooja, Hanuman Chalisa, Aarti

Wednesday, October 12, 2005 Vijaya Dashami / Dushara Celebration

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Chandi Havan
Sponsors Needed - each sponsor will participate in Havan for about 10 -15 minutes	
\$51 Donation	
8:00 PM	Aarti / Dinner **

**** Sponsors Brij & Dipti Bhargava Gopal & Kamala Singh**

WMU Students Celebrate Anant Chaturdashi Program at IACCT On September 17, 2005

The following students organized and sponsored the Anant Chaturdashi Program:

1. Rahul Mandewalker 2. Anil Yedugani 3. Siddharth Raju Mantina 4. Venkat Ramana
5. Satish Hasti 6. Shyamala Gayatri Aysola 7. Sowmya Chittineni
8. Kanaka Deepti Veerla 9. Indira Raju 10. Praveen Kusumar 11. Arun Rudra



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Temple Hours

Weekdays (Except Wed): 8:00 —10:00 a.m., 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Temple Closed (Open for special Poojas and by prior arrangement)

Panditji's Phone: 269-324-8224, (Cell) 269-271-0192

Regularly Scheduled Events

When	Events
Every Sunday, 10:30 AM	Family Prayer
Every Sunday, 11:00 AM	Bal Vikas
Every Monday, 7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM	Hanuman Chalisa
Every Friday, 6:30 PM	Lalita Sahasranama
Every Saturday, 10:30 AM	Vishnu Sahasranama
See IACC&T Calendar for Dates	
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 11:15 AM	Pooja & Satsang
Every Pournima day, 6:30 PM	Satyanarayana Pooja
Every Pradosh day, 7:00 PM	Rudrabhisheka
Every Sankashta Hara	Ganasha Abhisheka
Chaturthi day, 7:00 PM	