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NEWS LETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

Presidents Message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Temple Expansion:

Your Board had presented three options for the expansion to the community for their feedback. There was a very open, healthy and transparent discussion at the meetings. The feedbacks received were considered by the Building Committee and the Board and unanimously approved the expansion to the west of the temple on both floors; install a commercial elevator and expansion of the parking.

We have been working hard on the renovation plans. Our efforts so far have resulted in the following:

1. The easement on the west side of the HCC property has been relocated and this will be very beneficial in expanding our temple to the west side of the Mandir.
2. The survey of the HCC property has been completed and this is a requirement of the City hall for applying for a Building Permit.
3. A provisional site Plan and the elevation plans were drawn for City Hall consultation.
4. Site Plan Consultation has been held with the City Hall and we have the requirements needed by the City Hall for Site Plan approval.
5. We were not so successful in getting the street parking regulations changed despite the help of the Mayor Mat Brown. The neighbors on the Charterhouse were not supportive. We will once again renew our efforts with the City.
6. We have consulted with three architects in addition to structural engineers, mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineers for our project.



Our plan for the next phase will be as under:

1. Your Building Committee will select an architect based on the most economical and approachable one.
2. We plan to meet with the architect to get the best offer for the project.
3. We will in the meantime proceed to design a site plan as per the requirements of City Hall.
4. We will then get the architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing drawings completed.
5. Next step will be submitting these to City Hall for approval.

I have to be very thankful to Mr. NP Sharma, Mrs. Amita Janwalkar, Mr. Rajat Jain, Mr. Tara Persaud, Mr. Sanjay Singh and Mr. Vishal Kothari for all the above efforts and plans. Mrs. Amita Janwalkar has been very dedicated so much so she has been working on the drawings even from India while on vacations.

We will appreciate of any constructive feedback for our expansion plans.

Donations:

As will be realized that the expansion needs your financial and volunteer support. Some of the community members have been very generous in their support and donations and your Board is very thankful to them. But we need lot more very liberal donations for our dream expansion to be completed.

Just a reinforcement that your donations can make you a Life Member if you donate \$ 6000.00 or a Patron Member if you donate \$ 10, 000.00 over a three year span. You can donate every month. Almighty God will bless you and your family for this generous donation.

Mr. Mohan Khandekar, Dr. Vikram Dalal and Mrs. Geetha Swaminath have kindly agreed to co-chair the fund raising committee.

Please consider pledging donating a fixed amount of \$ 168.00 every month for the next 3 years and you will become a Life member of your temple or still better if you donate \$ 278.00 every month for three years you will become a Patron member of the temple.

Once again to retreat what was mentioned in the April Newsletter your donations are very important to us and one can save more on taxes, about 13% more by donating securities, rather than selling your securities and then donating cash. Please see the attached article for the same. If any community member needs any more information for this they can contact Dr. PC Shah or me and we can further explain this.

25th year Murti Sthapana celebrations

We have made plans for celebrating the 25th anniversaries of sthapana Lord Ganeshji, Lord Krishna, Lord Shiva, Shiv Lingam, Mata Durga, Sri Vanketeshwara and Mahavir Swamy. The dates for these have been confirmed with the devotees who originally donated these murti's and are as under:

Lord Ganesh ji - September 15th 2018

Hanuman ji, Sita Mata, Shri ram Chander Ji – November 13th 1993



Shri Krishan ji – December 31st 2018 – January 1st 2019

Shiv Parivar – March 2nd 2019 and March 3rd 2019

Mata Durga – April 5th 2019 to April 7th 2019

Balaji – April 27th 2019 to April 29th 2019

Mahavir Swamy – May 25th 2019 to May 26th 2019

Murti Sthapana:

We do now have the dates of Sthapana of the following murti Vishnu ji – November 19th 1999

1. Lakshmi Mata – November 19th 1999
2. Parvati Mata – March 1999
3. Lakshman Ji - November 19th 1999

We also do now have the names of the devotees which devotee/devotees donated the following murti's.

1. Sita Mata and Hanuman ji – Dr. Natwar Rajput
2. Parvati Mata – Pt. Maula
3. Lakshman Ji – Madan Jaitley

Improving Efficiency and effectiveness

Mr. Vishal Kothari deserves lot of applause for computerizing the financial records. The donation receipts are issued in a very timely manner. The computer and the quick books software have been very helpful. In order to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the financial record keeping process, we have moved to Accounting Software Quick books and computerized the accounts. Members of HCC interested in volunteering and taking training in this accounting software are more than welcome to contact the current treasurer Mr. Vishal Kothari.

A new water heater has been purchased and installed in the kitchen with a full five year warranty for maintenance and labor charges from Lowes. The Reliance water heater has been returned. This will achieve significant savings to HCC over next five years and beyond.

Your Board has also negotiated a new contract with MCQ for waste disposal at less than one third the cost of the previous contract. HCC might have to pay some cancellation fee to the previous Waste Management Company and we are in discussions with them. But be assured that this will achieve huge savings to HCC.

Membership Fees:

We request all the HCC devotees to remit the membership dues of \$ 50.00 for 2018 soon, as this will entitle you to vote and also stand for the elections in March 2019. This helps your Mandir for the day-to-day expenses of HCC.



As a reminder you have to pay the membership fee by December 2018 to be eligible to vote and stand for the elections in March 2019.

The membership fees for 2019 will increase to \$ 100.00 per year from 2019 onwards. As clarified earlier the membership fees are **tax deductible**.

Diwali Fund Raising Dinner

This is scheduled for Saturday November 3rd 2018 at Clark Road Secondary School, London. Please save the date. Mrs. Bhama Rajgopal is planning the same. The entertainment program will be organized under her leadership. Any one wishing to participate or offering some programs please contact her at 519-641-6231 or any Board Member.

Education:

HCC has published Jagriti this year and will be distributed very shortly to the members and will be posted on the web site. I must thank the editorial board for the same. We must also thank our youths for contributing the articles for the same.

Bal Vikas and Heritage children under the leadership of Mrs. Suman Singh, Mrs. Bhasham and Mrs. Usha Rao gave a very impressive show on the celebration of India Independence day. Our children deserve lot of appreciation. We will encourage parents to enroll their children in the Bal Vikas classes.

Preeti-Bhoj Sponsorship:

We look forward to the generosity of our community members in hosting Preeti-Bhoj on Sunday puja. There are still openings available and we request you to sponsor either as a family or group. Please contact Mrs. Shipra Lala or any member of the Preeti-Bhoj Committee.

Temple Hours and Puja Schedule Revised:

Your Board has revised the opening hours of your Mandir and the Puja schedule. These are also posted on the HCC web site. These are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday: 7AM to 9AM

Except first Saturday of the month: –**Suprabhatham & Vishnu Sahasranama** - 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Sunday: 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

Havan: First Sunday of the month, 10:30 – 11:15 am



Shiv Puja: Monday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Hanuman Puja: Tuesday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Ganesh Puja: Wednesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Lakshmi Narayan Puja: – Thursday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Durga Puja: – Friday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Satya Narayan Katha – on Poornima every month – Call Pandit ji for timing (will vary as per the day of the week)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am - 11:30 am: Puja Service

10:30 am - 10:45 am: Invocation of Mantras

10:45 am - 11:30 am: Bhajans and kirtan

11:30 am - 11:50 am: Punditji's Katha /message

11:50 am: Aarti.

Followed by Preeti Bhoj

New Comers

Please let us know, if you know anyone coming new to London or any new member of your family, we would like to welcome to our Mandir.

Dress Code in the Mandir:

As has been mentioned before, we would appreciate maintaining appropriate dress code in the Mandir and please do not wear shorts, T-shirts or baseball hats.

Website of HCC:

Please visit the website of HCC for latest information and we will make sure it is kept updated with the latest information. We appreciate efforts of Mrs. Suchita (Ranu) Jain for maintaining the website.



UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS HCC – 2018-2019

The updated calendar of events is provided and this will be posted on the web site. We will also post the upcoming events for the month on the web site.

May 13th 2018 – Mothers Day

June 17th 2018 – Fathers Day

July 22nd 2018 – Fun in Sun

August 26th 2018 – Raksha Bandhan Poornima

September 2nd 2018 – Shri Krishan Janamastmi – 8 to 12 midnight

Dhai Handi – Check for Dhal HANDI – Sept 2nd 2018

Ganesh Staphana 25th anniversary celebration – Sept 15th 2018 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Daily Puja during Navratri and Ganesh Puja – 7 – 8 PM

Ganesh Visarjan – September 23rd 2018

September 15th 2018 -Ganeshji – 25TH anniversary installation Dr. Rita Rabheru

Sept 16th 2018– Radha Ashtmi

September 30th 2018 – Sharad Tarpan in Mandir

October 7th 2018 – Sharad Tarpan in Mandir – Thanksgiving – Oct 8th 2018

October 9th 2018 – (Tuesday) 1st Navratri

Durga Puja, 13th, 14th 15th 16th Oct 2018 (15th and 16th – 7:30 to 9:30 PM)

Mata Ki Chauki Oct 12th 2018

October 18th 2018 - Dusshera

October 27th 2018 – Karva Chauth

October 30th 2018 – Ahoi Ashtmi

November 3rd 2018 – Diwali Fund raising Dinner

November 4th 2018 – Dhan Teras



November 5th / 6th 2018 – Deepavli Lakshmi Puja

November 11th 2018 – Ankoot and Goverdhan Puja - Chappan Bhog - (Ankoot is Nov 7th 2018)

November 17th – Nov 18th 2018 – Tulsi Vivah

Dec 31st 2018 to January 1st 2019 – New Year's Day

Krishanji 25th anniversary installation Mr. KM and Dr. Suman Dhir

January 13th 2019 – Pongal, Makar Sankranti, Lohri

January 19th 2019 and January 20th 2019 – Ram Privar 25th year celebration

February 10th 2019– Vasant Panchmi and Sarawasti Puja

March 2nd and March 3rd 2019 -Shiv Parivar – 25th anniversary installation Rudra Yaga – Dr. Mohan Merchea, Mr. Bal Bawa and Dr. Sood

March 4th 2019 - Maha Shivratri

AGM – March 10th / 17th 2019

March 20th 2019, (Wednesday) Holika Dhan

March 24th 2019 - Holi

April 6th and 7th 2019 - Durga Mata – 25th anniversary installation – Dr. Mohan Merchea

Navratri April 6th to April 14th 2019

April 6th 2019 – (Friday) Mata Ki Chauki – to be decided

April 13th – April 14th 2019 - Ram Chritramans – Dr. Sareen's. (Ram Naumi April 13th 2019)

South Indian Year New Year on April 14th 1999.

April 27th and 28th 2019 -Balaji – 25th anniversary installation

(Dr. Raj Velamoor, Dr. Sam Swaminath, Dr. C. Rajgopal, Dr. GN Swamy, Dr. Arun Prakash, and Dr. Bo Vanketsan)

April 21st 2019 - Mahavir Jayanti

May 25th and May 26th 2019 - Mahavir Swami ji 25th anniversary installation – Dr. PC Shah, Mrs. Raj Jain, and Mr. Amrit Nahata

