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### **NEWSLETTER – October 22, 2022**

Dear Respected Devotees,

Namaskar and Happy Diwali!

Diwali is one of the major festivals in Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism. The festival lasts five days from the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the dark half of the lunar month Ashvina to the Second day of the light half of the lunar month Kartika.

This Year in honor of Diwali various Hindu organizations in the London area have organized a “Diwali Food Drive” to help the needy. Please donate non-perishable food items at the temple. A red bin has been kept upstairs for all donations, which will be collected until the end of month. Collected food items will then be transferred to the London Food Bank by Mrs. Ritu Shah. Food will be donated under the banner of “Diwali Food Drive”. The Bengali



community has generously committed to donate \$300 towards food items. Many thanks to them.

I am happy to announce that during the festival season the various Hindu community groups has donated generously.

During the Shree Ganesh Festival the Maharashtrian community donated the following:

Mr. Sauragh Sayare	\$2,500.00
Mr. Yogesh Marathe	\$2,500.00
Mr. Rishi Saraf	\$3,111.00
Total	\$8,111.00

During Durga Puja the Bengali community donated \$4,000.00.

During Navratri Garba the Gujarati community donated \$23,527.17

HCC would like to thank the community for their generous donations.

HCC is very pleased to announce that the Diwali Fundraising Event held on October 22, 2022 was extremely successful. The Diwali Fundraising Event held in the Mandir basement has collected approximately \$15,000 gross. Together, let's make it a goal to reach \$25,000. Please donate with an open heart – any amount big or small goes a long way towards supporting HCC. As always, please feel free to contact me to discuss making a pledge, donation or becoming a life or patron member so you do not have to renew your membership.



I am very thankful to all donors, sponsors, Taal Restaurant, HCC Board and the festival committee. Many thanks also to the Balvikas teachers, parents and all the children. Thanks also to all the participants, choreographers, volunteers and Panditji. It takes a great deal of hard work to pull off such a remarkable event! It was extra special to celebrate in our own temple.

It's clear that we need a stage to properly accommodate future celebrations. Please let me know if you would like to donate towards a stage, podium, curtains, sound system etc.

Despite difficult times, the HCC Board, the Festival Committee and other individuals have continued to assist in running HCC. The credit goes to all of you who have supported HCC. Many positive activities and tasks were done by individuals, HCC board members and all who continue to keep HCC thriving.

**HCC Seva Group:** HCC is very thankful to the HCC Seva Group who helps without seeking recognition. Sincere thanks to these volunteers.

**Baal Vikas:** The children meet every first and third Sunday of the month from 10:30 AM 11:30 AM. The children learn about human values like Sathya, Dharma, Shanthi, Prema and Ahinsa. Stories connected with these values are taught. Sometimes the children are shown animated stories regarding these values. Panchatantra stories are also told. The children are placed in a junior and senior class where they are taught shlokas, bhajans, skits and also perform at various festivals throughout the year. HCC is very pleased to see the children's activities and eagerness to learn. Special mention goes to the devoted teachers, Aunty Mani Bhashyam, Aunty Suman



Singh and Mrs. Usha Rao who lead the classes. HCC is extremely thankful for their contribution to carry on our dharma.

### **Life and Patron Members:**

Please contact Mrs. Prema Patil if you think you have made donations close to \$6,000 or \$10,000, within the past 3 years so that we can update your membership status.

*This Year the following devotees became Life Members:*

Mr. Vishal and Mrs. Namrata Kothari, Mr. Bhargav and Mrs. Vishruti Patel

### **Membership Fees:**

A friendly reminder to HCC members to renew their membership by December 31, 2022 to be eligible to vote or stand for election with the HCC board in March 2023.

### **Membership Receipts:**

Please contact HCC Treasurer, Mrs. Shanta Chanderdat, if you have not received your donation receipts.

### **Donations:**

HCC is very pleased to announce that the Festival Committee raised approximately \$3,000 during Mata-Ki-Chowki. Thanks also to the devotees who prepared and donated the Diwali sweet boxes, the rangoli artists, and the donation of the balloon decorations.



*Diwali Fundraising Event Sponsors:*

Gold Sponsor – Lawyer Vikas Sharma, Notary and Immigration, Law Professional Corporation; London City Dental, Dr. Manish Kanwal DDS and Dr. Rachit Gangar DDS

Silver Sponsor – Sales Representative Century 21 – Mr. Ken and Mrs. Sonia Patpatia, Nawab’s Indian Cuisine

Bronze Sponsor – Dr. PC Raju & Jyoti Shah Family Foundation, Anonymous Devotee, Bombay Spices London, Dr. Avjit Biswas

Thank you very much for all of your generous donations to HCC.

We still need more donations to maintain the upkeep of the Mandir, utilities and other routine expenses. The donations can be made via e-transfer to [hcclondonet@gmail.com](mailto:hcclondonet@gmail.com). The money is automatically deposited to the HCC bank account.

**HCC Website:**

HCC is very thankful to Mrs. Suchita Jain for maintaining the website. Upcoming events for the remainder of 2022 and any weekly updates will be posted on the website. Please visit the website at [www.hcclondon.ca](http://www.hcclondon.ca)

**Building Committee:** Dr. Mohan Merchea, Mr. Tara Persaud

**Custodian Committee:** Mrs. Hansa Parekh, Dr. Mohan Merchea, Mr. Tara Persaud, Mrs. Prema Patil, Dwejendra Doobayji



**Leaf Project:** At the time of writing this newsletter the HCC Board has not received any information (engineering/architectural drawings) from the past member/devotee who was taking care of the leaf project. Due to the above reason, the project is still pending.

### **Mandir Programs and Daily Services:**

#### *Weekly Schedule:*

Monday - Shiv Abhishek and HCC Meditation Group

Tuesday - Hanuman Pooja, Sunderkand Path

Wednesday - Shri Krishna Pooja and HCC Bhajan Satsang

Thursday - Shri Vishnu Pooja

Friday - Devi Pooja and HCC Spiritual Book Group

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month Suprabhatam

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month Shri Amritvaani Path

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Vadik Havan

#### **MANDIR TIMINGS:**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY MORNINGS: 8AM to 11AM**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY EVENINGS: 6PM to 9PM**

**SUNDAY: 10AM to 1PM if PREETIBHOJ 2PM**

#### **AARTI:**

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM**



MONDAY TO SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM

*Special Thanks:*

Monday Meditation group is led by Mr. Narendra Chunilall, to whom HCC is very thankful.

The HCC Spiritual Book Group is led by Dr. P. K. Lala. The group continues reading the Panchdashi that captures the essence of the Vedanta. HCC thanks Dr. P. K. Lala for the time he puts into making this group a success.

Special thanks also to Mr. Naresh Raval for his assistance with the Bhajan Satsang on Wednesdays.

We have added monthly Ganesh Chaturthi Festival and also are doing Satya Narayan Katha every month.

HCC was able to celebrate the following festivals this year: Shivratri, Hanuman Jayanti, Mahavir Jayanti, Ram Naumi, Sri Janam Ashtami, Sri Ganesh Utsav, Sarad Navratri, Mata Ki Chouki, Sri Durga Ashatmi, Maha Navmi, Dashmi, Durga Puja, Karva Chauth, Than Treyodashi. HCC thanks all devotees who assisted in making these festivals a success.

All HCC programs were very successful this year, even in the most difficult and trying times. The HCC board is happy to see many devotees attending daily programs. HCC continues to receive lots of positive feedback about the on-going programming. In carrying out these programs we have tried to keep times consistent and respect your time and effort in joining the programs, because in the end it is only a success if you come and attend. If you have a festival or program that you want to see celebrated, please contact Mrs. Prema Patil or any other board member.



## **Upcoming Events:**

October 24 – Diwali Maha Lakshmi Pooja @7PM, Aarti @8:15PM followed by Sparklers

October 25 – Hindu New Year (Havan, Aarti in the morning as well on October 26<sup>th</sup>)

October 30 – Chhath Puja/Govardhan Pooja Chhapan(56) Bhog\Annakoot Pritibhoj sponsored by Gujarati Community. Please see attachment.

November 6 – Tulshi Vivah (Please contact Prema Patil at 519-520-4044 to sponsor or to participate)

November 7 – Dev Diwali\Kartika Purnima

January 1, 2023 – New Year's Day – 29th Anniversary of Shree Krishna Bhagwan Murti Stapna Puja and Pritibhoj will be sponsored by Dr. Suman & Mr. Krishan Dhir. This New Year's Day event is for everyone.

After the Pooja please help by vacuuming, tidying up, putting chairs away and sanitizing the Mandir.

There are many positive things that are happening at HCC and will continue to happen with your continued support and participation.

In seva and betterment of future generations,

Mrs. Prema Patil  
HCC President