



Newsletter

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Dear Members and Devotees,

Wish you all a Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year. I would like to thank each and every one for the support and goodwill shared during last one year.

Our temple essential services are carried out only through volunteers. Last year we had several new faces along with our experienced volunteers in the Executive committee. It was a perfect blend of youth and experience. We launched several new community oriented services. It was possible only due to the services and commitment of several volunteers. Service is more than just doing something out of good will, it teaches compassion and understanding. One could volunteer for something one really believes and has an interest in. Voluntary service at the temple is way of giving back. It installs a sense of ownership and it gives us a sense of pride because we feel that we have made a difference. We grow as a person each time we do community service at the Temple. Not only does this make us a better person, but it also helps the community around us. Like a slippery slope, if one see others volunteering, they will join with their friends. This will keep happening and instead of a few volunteers, there will be many. Knowing that we are helping the community is a very heartwarming feeling. Service has had a strong impact on my life. I hope to continue helping and volunteering in the Temple, rest of my life as a volunteer. Service gives us the ability to not only be a well-rounded individual, but also to give back to the community and temple what all it has given us and our Family.

Once again I would like to thank the members of our executive committee team for the excellent team work and coordination last year. Thanks to the Board of Trustees for all the support extended to the executive committee.

I would like to congratulate and extend our support to the incoming President Mr. Mohan Wakade and his team.

Last but not the least "Hindu Temple Society... Of the Community, For the Community, By the Communitywill continue supporting it."

Thanks

Shaji Kamalasanan

Upcoming Events

Monday, Nov 14 @ 11:00 a.m.:	Satyanarayana Katha @HTS
Thursday, Nov 17 @ 7:00 p.m.:	Sankashta Chaturthi @HTS
Sunday, Nov 20 @ 10:00 a.m.:	Third Sunday Pooja @HTS
Friday Dec 2 @ 7:00 p.m.:	Bollywood Night @Columbia County Library
Friday Dec 2 @ 7:00 p.m.:	Devi Pooja @HTS
Saturday Dec 3 @ 9:00 a.m.:	Kartikeya Pooja @HTS
Saturday Dec 10 @ 9:00 a.m.:	Ekadashi & Venkateshwara Pooja@HTS
Tuesday, Dec 13 @ 11:00 a.m.:	Satyanarayana Katha @HTS
Tuesday, Dec 13 @ 6:30 p.m.:	Dutta Jayanti Pooja @HTS
Friday Dec 16 @ 7:00 p.m.:	Sankashta Chaturthi @ HTS
Saturday Dec 17 @ 6:00 p.m.:	Ayyappa Pooja (replaces 3rd Sunday) @ HTS
Sunday January 1 @ 10:00 a.m.:	New Year Havan & Ganesh Pooja @ HTS
Sat & Sun January 14 & 15 @ 8:00 a.m.:	Venkateshwara Kalyanotsvam @ HTS

The December monthly Puja will be performed as Ayyappa Puja on Saturday, December 17 evening. There will not be a 3rd Sunday Puja in December.

President's message.

Namaskar to my Hindu family members in Augusta.

As a tradition we are starting a fresh year with the new team serving at the temple. The Board of Trustees has approved the Executive Committee that is listed in the newsletter. It is a good mix of more seasoned members with some new faces. It is a voluntary work for a great cause.

As we move forward, I would like to thank Shaji, Sonali and all the team members from 2016 for their dedicated efforts and time given for the Hindu Temple society. All the popular new services that have recently been started for education and health will continue. I have been a part of Arts in the Heart of Augusta for few years now and have witnessed the dedication, relentless efforts, and enthusiasm of our volunteers. I would love to extend my personal thanks and gratitude for their selfless services that stretched for countless hours without ANY expectations. I am truly and deeply humbled by their calm participation.

This year we are starting a new "planning committee" for the first time. This committee will help us get organized in all routine activities of Hindu Temple Society. With the help of this committee, future executive committee members will be able to prepare themselves with more ease and less anxiety when walking in to unknown territory as they accept new responsibilities.

We are such a diverse and a wonderful Hindu community in Augusta. No matter how much we argue and fight at times, our hearts come together at the temple. I would love to appeal to your hearts and invite you to join the 'give' campaign. I urge you to 'give' physical and mental participation for the temple. No matter how small or big it would be, please participate. This 'punya-karma' will flow in generations to come. Be selfish for that. This effort will be exemplary for our younger generation. This is the only way you will realize how gratifying this work is and we will build a more close-net community in the name of GOD.

Awadhoot Chintan Shree Gurudev Datta.

Sincerely,

Mohan Wakade.

HTS Augsta Executive Committee 2017

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Friday December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Bollywood Night

Enjoy a Bollywood Night at Columbia County Library Auditorium on Friday December 2 @ 7:00 p.m. Please note that tickets are \$10 per person including kids. **Please note that the children under the age of 10 are not allowed.**

Please contact Nitin Washi (706-294-5839) for more information.

Please see the flyer attached.

Tuesday December 13, 6.30 p.m.

Dutta Jayanti

Dutta Jayanti will be celebrated on Tuesday, the 13th of December at 6.30 p.m. Please contact Madhavi Chokshi (706) 868-8811 for additional information.

Saturday, December 17, 6 p.m.

Ayyappa Pooja

Ayyappa (also called Sastavu, Manikandan or Sasta) is a Hindu deity who is believed to be an incarnation of Dharma Sasta, the offspring of Shiva and Vishnu (in the form of Mohini). He is generally depicted in a yogic posture, wearing a jewel around his neck, hence called 'Manikandan'.

Sabarimala Sri Dharma Sastha Temple, dedicated to Lord Ayyappa, is the most famous among all the Sastha temples in Kerala. The temple is situated on a hilltop named Sabarimala in Pathanamthitta district.

Pilgrims have to fast for 41 days (Mandala) to cleanse their minds before going to Sabarimala. Mandala Puja celebration begins on the first day of the Malayalam month Vrishchika (November-December) and culminates on the eleventh day of Dhanu (December-January).

Please participate in the Puja and receive the blessings of Lord Ayyappa. Mahaprasad (Annadanam) will follow after puja.

For further information please contact Mr P. UnniKrishnan (803-270-5037) or Shaji Kamalasanan (803-295-3314)

Sunday, January 1, 10 a.m.

New Year Havan and Ganesh Pooja

New Year Havan and Ganesh Pooja will be performed at 10:00 a.m. at HTS followed by Aarti and Mahaprasad. Please contact Nidhi Gulati (706-650-2905) for more information.

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6.30p Hanuman Chalisa	2 7p.m. Krishna Archana	3 Priest Day off	4 6:15p Krishna Chanting 7 p. Devi Puja	5 9 a. Kartikeya Puja 11 a. Priest Busy
6	7 7p Shiv Puja	8 6.30p Hanuman Chalisa	9 7p.m. Krishna Archana	10 Priest Day off	11 6:15p Krishna Chanting	12 11a Venkateswara Puja
13 11 a. Priest Busy 2p Jain Puja	14 11 a. Satyanarayana Katha 7p Shiv Puja	15 6.30p Hanuman Chalisa	16 7p Krishna Archana	17 7 p Sankashta Chaturthi Priest Day off	18 6:15p Krishna Chanting	19 11 a. Priest Busy
20 11 a. Priest Busy 3 rd Sunday Pooja	21 7p Shiv Puja	22 6.30p Hanuman Chalisa	23 7p Krishna Archana	24 Priest Day off	25 6:15p Krishna Chanting	26 11 a. Priest Busy
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11 2 pm Jain Puja	12 7p Shiv Puja	13 11 a Satyanarayana Katha 6 p Hanuman Chalisa 6.30p Dutta Jayanti	14 7p Krishna Archana	15 Priest Day off	16 6:15p Krishna Chanting Sankashta Chaturthi	17 11 a Priest Busy 6p Ayyappa Pooja (this replaces 3 rd Sunday Pooja)
18 NO 3 rd Sunday Pooja Please note	19 7p Shiv Puja	20 6.30p Hanuman Chalisa	21 6p Krishna Archana	22 Priest Day off	23 6:15p Krishna Chanting	24
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Augusta, GA.

SCHEDULE

Mondays	7 pm	Shiv Puja
Tuesdays	7 pm	Hanuman Chalisa
Wednesdays	7 pm	Krishna Archana
Fridays	6:15 pm	Krishna Chanting
First Friday	7 pm	Devi Puja
Saturdays	8 am	Suprabatham
1 st Saturday	9 am	Karthikeya Puja
2 nd Saturday	9 am	Venkateshwara Puja
3 rd Sunday	10 am	Monthly Puja
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	2 pm	Jain Puja

Temple Hours: **8 - 10 AM** and **6 - 8 PM**

Temple is open every day at these hours except on Thursday.

Temple is CLOSED on **Thursdays** and **last Sunday** of the month.