

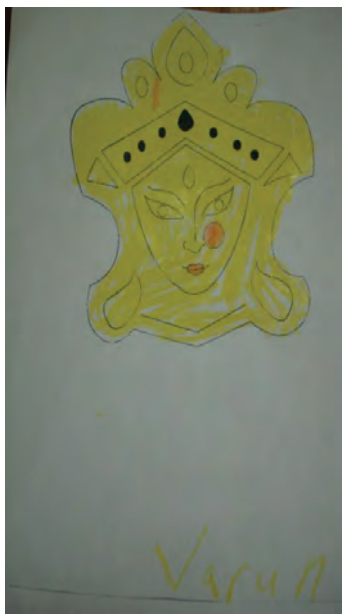
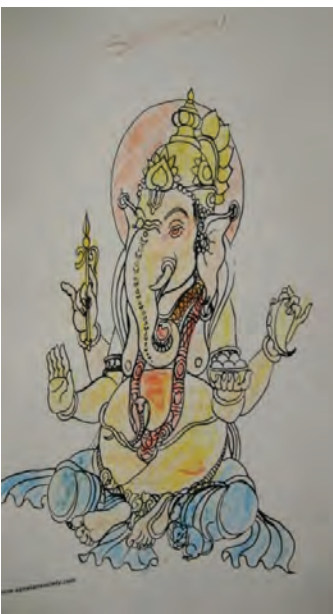
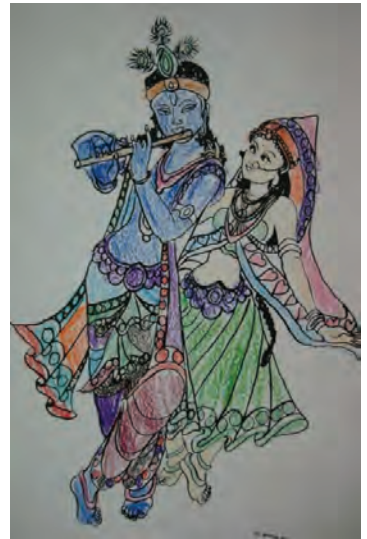
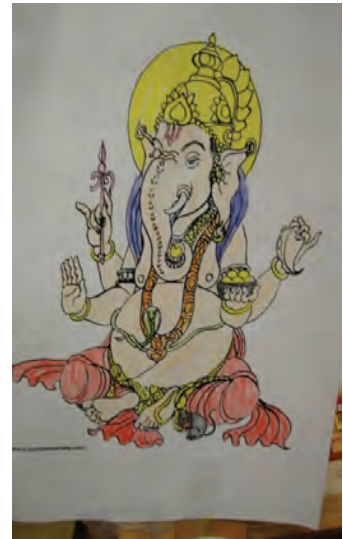


**HTGC
ANNUAL REPORT**

**GENERAL BODY
DECEMBER 6, 2009**



CHILDREN'S CORNER



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

"Don't fear pressure, for pressure is what turns rough stones into diamonds."

Dear fellow devotees of HTGC:

I wish you and your families Happy Holidays & a prosperous New Year. By the grace of Sri Ramachandra Bhagawan, we had one of the most successful years in the history of our temple in important aspects such as attendance, celebration of religious festivals, ambience and devotees service. I am delighted that many of you have confirmed our above assessment of 2009 HTGC operations. Thank you all for your wonderful support and generosity.

Major accomplishments in 2009:

- **Religious Festivals:** Celebrated with record attendance in all major Festivals starting with New Year through Sankranthi, Thai Pooam, Mahashivarathri, Sr Rama Navami, Brahamotsavam, Sri Krishna Janmastami, Vinayaka Chaturdhi, Sri Venkateswara Jayanthi, Dussehra, Diwali and Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam. Over 150 couples participated in the Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam and the entire ceremony was a spectacular event, thanks to you all and the learned priests who conducted the festival.
- **GSD Expansion project:** Basic structure has been completed and the expanded facility was opened for your use and prayers on November 29, 2009. We have initiated visa paper work to obtain the services of 6 to 8 Shilpis from India to build the Parvathi Mata Gharbalayam gopuram and Indianize the expanded area. We expect that this work will start in March 2010 and completed by June. Punar Prana Prathista of Parvathi Mata will take place immediately after the completion of the Gopuram work. The total cost of the project including Indianization is estimated to cost about \$1,280,000 and we have a \$135,000 short fall in funds for this project. I request you all to continue to donate generously so we meet the General Body's mandate that no loans be taken for any capital project work.
- **Meditation Hall:** Work is well ahead of schedule and the basic structure is about 60% complete. Indianization work will start when the Shilpis become available. The total cost of the project including Indianization is estimated to cost about \$1,150,000 and we have a \$120,000 short fall in funds for this project. Again, I request you all to continue to donate generously so we meet the General Body's mandate that no loans be taken for any capital project work.
- **Beautification of the Temple:** All the Gharbalayam doors at Ramalaya and GSD temple have been beautified with gold plated covers which are guaranteed to last for generations. **Handrails** have installed for the main steps from the street level to the Rajagopuram and steps are ready for your use. The much awaited Parikrama around Rama Temple is also ready for your use. Handrails at the ramps have been installed and we now can safely do the Pradakshinas and pull the Vahana Cart around the temple.
- **Mortgage Debt Reduction:** Reduced mortgage debt by over \$100,000 more than the budgeted amount. We were able to achieve this in spite of the money wasted on legal fees by the painful and costly lawsuit filed by 8 plaintiff trustees. Thanks to all the volunteer devotees who worked hard nights and days to save money and assist in funds collections.

Lawsuit Filed by Eight Trustees(Plaintiffs):

The Du Page circuit court judge dismissed the case filed against the Temple, me and Secretary Dr. Bansi Sharma on 11-12-09. However, the eight plaintiff trustees are continuing to perpetuate the wastage of our resources by filing a seconded amended petition on 11-20-09. Copy of the court order is available at the front desk for your reference. This is nothing more than harassment and sabotage to distract us from discharging our responsibilities. We will continue to pray to Lord Rama to help us get through this sad episode in the history of our sacred temple, especially during an year everything else was picture perfect.

Goals for 2010:

- Repair and seal hundreds of cracks on the Rajagopuram and Lord Krishna Mandir Gopuram. Rain water leaks through these cracks in to the Ramalaya and Krishna Mandir Mahamanatapams and we must urgently repair these cracks to prevent damage to the main structure. This is estimated to cost \$250,000 to \$400,000 and we ask for your help and generosity to fund this most urgently needed repairs.
- Build Parvathi Mata Gharbalayam Gopuram so we can perform the Punar Prana Prathista of Parvathi Mata by about May 2010
- Initiate constitutional changes to empower members of HTGC can settle disputes within the temple framework instead of going to court and waste your donations as the current eight trustees have done and continuing to do so.
- Reduce mortgage debt by \$320,000
- Complete Meditation hall project including Indianization
- Most importantly and more than anything else, bring peace and harmony to our operations so we work and pray as one community shredding aside all personal grudges and revenge motivated acts such as law suits.

Thank you and in the service at the lotus feet of Sri Rama Bhagawan,

Bhima Reddy





RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson: Prasanna Reddy

Members: Rupa Acharya, Satish Amruthur, Shashi Kaveti, Cuddalore Kumar, Pushpa Marathi, Sarada Mettupalli, Prema Parameswar

2009 started with spectacular **Phoolangi Seva** Alankaram to Lord Rama, Sita and Lakshmana. Throngs of devotees came to the temple and had a New Year Darshan and blessings from the Lord Rama all day long. The festival began with **Vaikuntha Ekadasi** followed by **Godā(Andaal) Kalyanam**. Both festivals were celebrated as per recommendations from our learned priests.

Thai Poosam was a grand two day event. Generous donations enabled offering of **Swarna Vel to Lord Subrahmanya**.

Mahashivarathri festivities over three days were grand with Homas and special Spatika Ling Pooja.

Many devotees participated in all night vigil-the dedicated jagaran and Japa.

Sri Ramanavami's was another three day grand event celebrated in conjunction with **Aurora Balaji's temple participating by offering wedding gifts to Sita Devi**. Live Nadaswaram made this event a memorable one. More than 1700 devotees witnessed the grand Sita Rama Kalyanotsavam .

Brahmotsavam: The five day celebrations in July was well attended under the leaderships of Religious committee and the Executive committee, and volunteers. Flower committee did a wonderful job with the garlands. Anndanam was sponsored by devotees on all the five days. Thanks to Prasadam committee volunteers led by Veena Marwha and Sarveswari Reddy. Maintenance committee played major role in success of this event. Nagamani Belegere coordinated the Sangeetha and Nrityopachara during the festival. We thank all the participants priests and guest priests who conducted Homas, Nitya pujas, Vahana Upachara and Kalyanotsavam with devotion and dedication. Live Nadaswaram added additional pomp to festivities. I thank Bhima Reddy HTGC President, who participated in all the festivities & was instrumental in getting the ramp ready for the parikrama of vahanas. I thank all volunteers who worked hard to make it success & memorable experience.

Sri Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi: Both the festivals were well received with record number of devotees participating in both the events. Almost 80 children with parents and grand parents participated in the Samuhika Ganesha Pooja.

The last quarter was very busy with major celebrations Navaratri, Venkateswara Jayanthi, Maha Rudram, Chandi Homam, Deepavali, Kartika Somavarams. During nine day of Navarathri, the Deities of both the temples were offered Nrityopachara and Sangeethopachara. On the first day of Venkateswara Jayanthi, for the first time Lord Venkateswara was given the alankara of Guruvayurappan. Venkateswara Jayanthi was concluded with 600 lamps Deepotsavam and Navavarna Sangeethopacharam.

Sharad Navarathri, Sri Rama katha was also celebrated and participated by many devotees. Thanks to Pandit Ram Parsad Shastri-ji for coordinating this event very successfully.

Skanda Sashti five day celebrations included homas and poojas was participated by a large number of devotees. Outstanding Alankaras to Lord Subrahmanya on all five days by our priests was well appreciated.

Shata Dhampathi Samuhika Satyanarayana Vratam For the first time we had gathering of 128 couples participating on Karthika Poomim day . After the Pooja, it was a pleasure to serve Prasad bhojanam to all 450 devotees.

Gold doors were mounted at all the Gharbhagudi Dawarams in GSD. Thanks to Bhima-ji and Jhansi who spent hundred of hours for completion of it. **GSD expansion is complete.** Religious festivities of Vastu Pooja, Punyavachanam and Homas are scheduled for November 29 to annex new hall. Regular Pran Prathishta for Ma Parvathi & Navgrahas will be in 2010 after sun is in Uttrayana & Shilpis complete the necessary Five Gopurams of Parvathi Garbhagudi,

I thank our **Priests** for their hard work, and guidance, **Velu and Vanamoorthy** for their dedication and service to the temple with a smile. My thanks to generous devotees donors for the gold doors, Swarna Vel, silver Yagnopaveethams, swarna Abharanams, and sponsoring special flower garlands from India during all the festivals. May Lord Rama bless you and your families.

Flower committee led by **Jeevika Rani and Pushpa Marathi** along with devoted volunteers spent endless hours in making beautiful garlands for Deities, **Sridevi Rangarajan** for wonderful decorations, **Prasadam chair Veena Marwaha & Co-Chair Sarveswari Reddy, Surya temple Chef for superb food preparations**

I would like to thank the **maintenance committee chair Sridhar Thambarhalli and Co-Chair Bhima Rao** for their assistance and help. My sincere appreciation for the front desk staff and volunteers for the help and support they provide every day.

Religious committee strongly recommends not giving **Rama Temple or GSD temple for weddings or Shanti Path** as this distracts other devotees visiting our temple & interrupts functioning of scheduled temple activities.



Audit Committee Report

Chairperson: Rajender Pampati

Members: Sudershan Mittal, Murthy Pappu, Swarna Devisetty, Ramdev Jajgalamidi

The Audit Committee reviewed the following:

1. Cash receipts for the period from January 2009 through September 2009.
2. Payments to vendors for the period from January 2009 through September 2009.

Cash Receipts

In general, the procedures for cash receipts are being followed and there are no significant exceptions to be reported. record keeping is excellent.

Payments to Vendors

In general, the procedures for payments to vendors are being followed and there are no significant exceptions to be reported.

The Independent Auditor's report for 2008 was not available for our review. We recommend that the Board should review the Management Letter when it is provided by the Independent Auditor.



Membership Committee Report

Chairman: Tilak Marwaha

Vice-Chair: Hemlata Bakane

Members: Prasanna Reddy Venkat Vedam , M. Jayaram, Sarada Mettupalli, Monika Jaiswal.

Membership committee implemented several new By Law changes in 2009 (approved by 2008 BOT).

Annual Membership fee was increased to \$500 from \$200 and member paying with cash or cashier's check were required to present a picture ID. Membership filing deadline to attend the Semi Annual General Body Meeting (SAGBM) was set for March 15th. 7PM and for Annual General Body Meeting was set for June 30th. 7PM of the Calendar year.

The committee held 7 meetings this year. First task the committee took was to revise the membership application form to incorporate the changes approved by the 2008 BOT which also added a new category of Membership (Associate Member) without voting rights. The new form was approved by the committee and uploaded on the Web by March 7th to meet SAGBM deadline.

Membership committee received total of 20 new applications before March 15th deadline. After following the established procedures 19 applicants qualified for membership and 1 was disqualified compared to the 282 application received during the same period in 2008. During Semi-Annual General Body Meeting the Membership committee played a key role in Registration, Ballot Control and Quorum Count

As of June 30th, 7PM deadline, the committee received 154 additional applications for membership. compared to the 234 application received in 2008. Membership committee reviewed and approved 139 applications on July 12th 2009 meeting whereas 15 applications were disqualified. The Final membership list was presented to the BOT on August 30th meeting, but Board of Trustees took additional time to review the list which later was approved in 1st week of September 2009.

We would like to thank 2009 BOT for having confidence in us to carry out this responsible task. We also want to thank our fellow committee members for their invaluable input and hard work, and last but not least our thanks to HTGC treasurer Jayadev Mettupalli for providing requested donations details in a very timely manner to meet the deadlines.

Thanks to outgoing trustees of 2009

Sukanya Reddy, S. Vemuri

S. Veerabahu, Sudha Rao.

President and EC



Annual Report Children's Library

Dr Gopal Srinivasan

It was an exciting year for the library; hard work and dedication of the committee members has stabilized the infrastructure to have a functional library.

It was not an easy task to accomplish. It took hundreds of hours to barcode the books, cover the books with wrappers, help & educate the children and parents about the types of books available, track books which are not returned, clean out trash & organize the first Children's Day in November 2009.

Our special thanks go to Mr. P. Krishnan and Mr. Raju Chekkuri whose continued commitment through the years has brought stability to the system. As parents of children who attend Sunday school, Usha Lettman, Minnu Pillai, and Rupa Raote have brought new insight and made special contributions by creating a user-friendly system; Krishnan has resolved many of the glitches with the software by working with the vendor for many hours since the purchase two years ago and has made the system safe and simple. Rupa has joined Krishnan to reinforce the implementation process of automation. Minnu has been active in recruiting volunteers. Usha has brought stability by improving the organization of the books and materials. Kavita Grover, Divya Grover, and Renu Nair have shown consistent commitment as youth volunteers as we are looking for more students like them to expand services.

Children's Day celebrated on November 15, 2009 was a success with participation of over 200 children who loved the puzzles and the coloring contest. Many of the parents walked in for the first time and were surprised to see the number of books available. We have more than 300 active members and recruitment continues.

Our goals for the coming year 2010:

1. Create a system for youth volunteers to help other children.
2. Become a part of the Reach Out and Read program to encourage young children to gain an interest in reading. This new initiative will cater to children less than 3 years of age.
3. We hope to redesign the workspace to create a quiet space for people to work with their computers.
4. Hire a part time librarian to assist in training volunteers.

The library hopes to grow through the years with your support. Our goal is to help children enjoy learning at the temple and have fond memories of the place as they become adults. It is essential to have young children develop an attachment to make it an institution of learning good values and help future generations.

In a world of uncertainties, wars, and unpredictable future such a place with vision and value becomes more critical than any other time.



Ekanta Seva Report by Mrs Nagamani Dharmapuri

As a Chair of the Ekanta seva committee, I was blessed to participate in this event to service the devotees of the temple. Over the past four years I have been able to organize various types of music consistently for this service every month. Ekanta seva is a service to Lord Rama at the end of long daily rituals conducted on every second Sunday of the month. The Seva is in the form of rendition of classical karnatak and or, Hindustan classic music, as well as Bhajans, which is rendered by various artists of local talent, as well as from different states. We also had some artists from India. This service is highly sought by the young artists as a debut and by the seasoned artists for the blessings of Lord Rama. Younger artists were given special privilege to encourage the art of music. This concert is free to all the devotees of the temple. More over the artists are blessed at the end of the program by the temple priests with a token of appreciation of HTGC, I would like to thank each and every artist, vocalists and instrumentalists who accompanied the event with Mrudangam Violin and also Veena as well as Tabla. My special thanks to all the devotees for supporting me in this endeavor. Because of time and space and for the sake of brevity, please pardon me for not including each and every ones name of the artists.

Over the last three years 2007, 2008, 2009 I have been able to organize special events of music festivals, such as Vasanta Deepotsava, Venkatesha Bramhotsava, and Ramanavami celebrations and ten days of Navarathri sangeeta Upacharam music. This music deliberations were also coordinated along with the temple priest Mr Narasimhachari to be more authentic, as specified in the old scriptures of Hindu religion with Vedas and ragas and rhythm for each deity. My special thanks to the priests for helping me conduct these music festivals. Each one of them were one of a kind event and successful.

I have also been conducting the Special event of homage to Saint Thyagaraja, Aradhana a music festival is at Rama Temple in January of every year for the last 20 years. Over 100 Teachers and students from various Indian music schools in Greater Chicago area participate in this annual event. Next Aradhana is scheduled to be held on January 16th 2010.

As a Fine arts committee chair I conducted four programs successfully. Two of the Hindustani programs were organized independently on behalf of HTGC Fine arts program. The artists for the program included, Mr Ganesh Deasai, and Namitta Desai music and dance and Mr Omkarnath Havildar, Hindustani devotional songs, which was self supported. Two of the Karnatak music programs by Mr T.V.Shankarnarayanan and Hyderabad brothers, were organized in coordination with Chicago Thyagaraja Utsavam (CTU).



Cultural Committee

Nitha Nagubadi (Chair)

Members: Sirisha Garapati, Subbayamma Nagubadi, Falguni Rana

Volunteers: Minakhi Pujari, Bharati Khuntia

We are very grateful and honored to be involved with planning the cultural programs at the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago. We had a very busy year and held several new programs this year.

We started the year with a full auditorium for the **New Years Day program** then continued the energy with a very colorful **Lohri and Sankranti** program with children performing variety of Bollywood dances. The midnight devotional dance of **Shivrathri** program was very successful and filled with classical dance and Telugu folk songs. Later, in March we held the **annual Holi festival** with a 2 part program. First with a variety of dances followed by play of Holi Colors outside. We had a successful **Ramnavami** Classical Dance and music cultural program with historical stories honoring Lord Rama

Baisakhi and Ugadi also proved to be another colorful event with various enthusiastic Bollywood and folk dance by talented members of the community. This year we held a **music and dance competition**, where over 100 children performed in 3 different grade group categories for trophies for 3 different places.

Vivekananda Day classical dances and comedy performances raised funds for the Meditation Hall. The cultural committee hosted a well attended **Navrathri Garba Dance** with live DJ music sponsored by Shaadi Creations. **Diwali** Program had lively colorful classical and modern dance performances by the local artists.

We ended year with a program for the **World Parliament of Religions**, where Ipsita Mahapatra performed 2 solo Odissi dance performances. At this program, Swami Varadananda of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of Chicago gave a special presentation for World Parliament of Religions Conference in Melbourne, Australia during December 3-9 this year.

Special thanks to Sirisha Garapati and Subbayamma Nagubadi for their devoted services throughout this year. to the Temple for create success of the cultural programs. We thank Temple administration, participants, music and dance teachers, If interested in volunteering to participate & plan for cultural programs for 2010 contact Temple administration.



Front Desk Committee

Committee Chair: Asha Oberoi

Members: Pratap B. Reddy, Rudra Raju, Saumitri Swamy, Madhu Uppal

Volunteers: Koko Parikh, Tilak Marwaha, Ramesh Rao, H. Mistry,
Vikram Bhatnagar, Ratna Tummuru, Narendra Chemarle, Megha Vij, Sharad Madhav,
Laxmi Mohan., Jay Kalra, Jayanthi Mittur.

Front desk is the first point of contact for the Temple Devotees. With available systems in place the Front Desk operations provided excellent service to the Temple and its Devotees. The Front Desk employees Ms. Jalaja Yarlagadda, Ms. Geetha Sripada and Ms. Nagamani Gantla provided efficient service to the devotees & management.

Front Desk employees never restricted their duties to the front Desk but also helped Auxiliary, Religious and Other Committees. We sincerely thank them for their help.

All the Committee members and Volunteers are responsible to cover the work on weekends. They all helped devotees to participate in all the regular & major religious festivals like Bramotsavam, the five day event, Skanda shasti, Sri Rama Navami and others. We sincerely thank them for their help. Front Desk members helped to sell sparkling boxes for fire works Daseera & Diwali festival.

Summer Festival Committee

Chair: Prakash Thimmapuram

Co-chair Monica Jaiswal

Members: Vijayakrishna M Chilmakur, Pratap Reddy, Gnaneshwar Kaveti, Sreenath Vasireddy

The HTGC Summer Festival was held on August 9th 2009 in the HTGC premises. The event was attended by thousands of devotees making it a grand success. Food stalls representing cuisine from all over India were served by HTGC Kitchen staff and numerous community volunteers. Vendors as far as New Jersey participated in the summer Festival offering their merchandise. Several activities for both adults and children were conducted with token prizes for the winners. For the first time in the history of HTGC, Pony Raids, Dunk Tank and Moonwalk activities were organized to attract young devotees.

In spite of the grand success of the Summer Festival, there were few lessons learned in organizing the summer festival.

- 1) Outside Food Vendors: In addition to HTGC Kitchen and volunteer food stalls, there were two restaurants raised money for HTGC by selling their food. However, they closed their stalls early and didn't stay until the end and didn't bring enough quantities. Next year, we should ask them to donate either money or food items instead of setting up their own stalls.
- 2) Even though new games and activities were introduced, there were no dedicated volunteers in providing the oversight. Make sure that at least one dedicated volunteer is assigned to each task.
- 3) Stall Sizes: All vendors preferred to have two 10'x10' stalls rather than one 10'x20' stall. Also, the flyer should make it clear that the 10'x20' stall is 10' wide and 20' deep. Most vendors assumed that the stalls were 20' wide.
- 4) The August is a peak summer month with high temperatures. The HTGC board should consider moving the Summer Festival to the month of July.
- 5) Locate all children games and activities close to the food stalls so that the parents can watch their children while eating the food.
- 6) The Summer Festival Committee received full co-operation from other committees such as Maintenance Committee, Prasadam Committee, Front Desk and HTGC Board of directors in organizing all the events and wish to express their appreciation for their support. The Summer Festival Committee members are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community.

FUND-RAISING 2009

Semi Annual \$125,000

Annual Fund Raising \$ 145,000

Thank you for your dedication & untiring efforts



KV REDDY

President EC & BOT



THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO

Summary of Revenues & Expenses

For the Period January - November 2009

	Current Month			Year to Date		
	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 09 vs Nov 08	01/01/2009 11/30/2009	01/01/2008 11/30/2008	2009 vs 2008
Revenues:			%			%
Capital Donations	145,921	41,079	255.2	590,230	642,849	-8.2
Hundi Collections	31,766	30,242	5.0	327,810	300,599	9.1
Religious	32,241	29,195	10.4	495,520	457,065	8.4
Prasadam	46,810	50,257	-6.9	522,417	478,627	9.1
Auxiliary	2,421	3,441	-29.6	56,736	61,672	-8.0
Miscellaneous	5,777	-913	-732.7	66,615	71,532	-6.9
Hall Rental	6,530	10,280	-36.5	64,279	64,788	-0.8
Total Revenues	271,465	163,581	66.0	2,123,607	2,077,132	2.2
Non-Capital Expenses:						
Salaries/Benefits	39,055	40,254	-3.0	456,234	409,151	11.5
Religious Services	4,027	9,737	-58.6	63,392	66,376	-4.5
Prasadam/Kitchen	7,670	4,544	68.8	84,554	78,689	7.5
Auxiliary	28	0	#DIV/0!	15,867	17,466	-9.2
Miscellaneous	7,449	9,742	-23.5	37,847	64,007	-40.9
Insurance (Non-Health)	0	0	#DIV/0!	25,437	22,326	13.9
Office	616	6,399	-90.4	94,844	30,544	210.5
Utilities	12,452	8,305	49.9	95,761	95,859	-0.1
Bank Expenses	13,855	14,361	-3.5	157,022	164,276	-4.4
Publicity/Publications	1,834	500	266.9	35,272	45,823	-23.0
Maintenance	1,362	5,740	-76.3	95,765	102,183	-6.3
Total Non-Capital Expenses	88,347	99,583	-11.3	1,161,995	1,096,699	6.0
Gross Operational Margin	183,118	63,998	186.1	961,612	980,433	-1.9
Cap.Exp(Excl. MH&GSD Exp)	21,195	10,430	103.2	103,990	70,200	48.1
Loan Principal Payment	123,929	22,452	452.0	366,744	330,847	10.8
Net Margin after Cap.Exp, Prin. Pmt	37,994	31,116	22.1	490,878	579,386	-15.3

Total Revenues	271,465	163,581	66.0	2,123,607	2,077,132	2.2
GSD Exp, DJ, & MH, DR	105,545	16,901	524.5	496,360	468,901	5.9
Unrestricted Revenues	165,920	146,680	13.1	1,627,247	1,608,231	1.2

Total Loan Balance on 11/30/2009	2,309,699					
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THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO

Budget Vs Actual: Revenues & Expenses



Operating Revenues	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual Jan-Nov 09	Projected Jan-Dec 09	Variance(%) Bud. vs Act	Budget 2010
Capital Donations	613,292	450,000	590,230	620,000	37.8	410,000
Hundi Collections	329,110	325,000	327,810	360,000	10.8	350,000
Religious Services	497,891	550,000	495,520	550,000	0.0	550,000
Prasadam	507,371	525,000	522,417	567,000	8.0	575,000
Auxiliary	63,860	80,000	56,736	65,000	-18.8	70,000
Miscellaneous	141,429	80,000	66,615	73,000	-8.8	75,000
Hall Rentals	67,308	80,000	64,279	70,000	-12.5	70,000
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Total Operating Revenues	2,220,261	2,090,000	2,123,607	2,305,000	10.3	2,100,000
Operating Expenses	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual Jan-Nov 09	Projected Jan-Dec 09	Variance(%) Bud. vs Act	Budget 2010
Salaries & Benefits	448,027	570,000	456,234	480,000	-15.8	470,000
Religious	46,949	45,000	50,491	54,000	20.0	50,000
Brahmotsavam	25,723	25,000	12,901	12,901	-48.4	5,000
Prasadam	88,585	100,000	84,554	93,000	-7.0	100,000
Auxiliary	19,999	25,000	15,867	17,000	-32.0	20,000
Miscellaneous	74,212	50,000	37,847	37,000	-26.0	40,000
Insurance(Non-Health)	22,326	28,000	25,437	31,000	10.7	30,000
Office Expense	33,264	35,000	25,583	30,000	-14.3	30,000
Legal Expenses	0	10,000	69,261	75,000	650.0	50,000
Utilities	104,197	115,000	95,761	110,000	-4.3	140,000
Interest & Banking Fees	179,042	170,000	157,022	167,000	-1.8	160,000
Publicity	45,938	60,000	35,272	40,000	-33.3	40,000
Maintenance	115,114	126,000	95,765	110,000	-12.7	125,000
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Total Operating Expenses	1,203,376	1,359,000	1,161,995	1,256,901	-7.5	1,260,000
Capital Projects Expenses	Actual 2008	Budget 2009	Actual Jan-Nov 09	Projected Jan-Dec 09	Variance(%) Bud. vs Act	Budget 2010
Loan Principal Reduction	370,557	270,000	366,744	400,000	48.1	380,000
Ramalaya Rennovation/Kitchen	73,066	75,000	45,354	50,000	-33.3	250,000
GSD Repairs/Renovation	0	0	37,309	40,000	-	
Priest Quarters and Misc.	990	5,000	0	0	-100.0	
Vivekananda Center	70,089	750,000	401,586	750,000	0.0	110,000
HVAC Modifications	0	0	0	0	-	
GSD Expansion	56,023	900,000	1,104,161	1,200,000	33.3	100,000
Miscellaneous	31,577	25,000	16,723	17,000	-32.0	
Jewelry	21,910	0	4,604	4,604	-	
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Total - Capital Expenses	624,212	2,025,000	1,976,481	2,461,604	21.6	840,000
Total - Capital & Non-Capital Ex	1,827,588	3,384,000	3,138,476	3,718,505	9.9	2,100,000
Drawn from GSD Exp Funds		922,000	922,000	1,100,689	19.4	0
Drawn from Med. Hall Funds		750,000	401,586	750,000	0.0	0
Investment Income	66,076	35,000	6,429	6,429	-81.6	500
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Revenues Minus Expenses		413,000	315,146	443,613		
CC Loan Balance	2,553,442	2,320,000	2,186,699	2,160,000		1,780,000
LOC Loan Balance	123,000	123,000	123,000	123,000	-	0





The Hindu Dharma & Philosophy

Chair: Rohini Udupa

Members: Dr. Sudha Rao, Dr. Sathya Sridhara and Srinivas Rao

Events:

- **February 4, 2009:** Madhva Navami
Guest Speaker: Dr. P. V. R. K. Prasad on Madhva philosophy
- **May 2, 2009:** Shankara Jayanthi Celebrations
 - Discourse on Sankaracharya's life and accomplishments
 - Bhajans after Shiva Abhisheka & Puja
- **May 10, 2009:** Basava Jayanthi Celebrations
 - Cultural program all related to Basaveshwara's life and work. Devotee base for this program continues to grow every year.
- **May 30, 2009:** Swami Bhaktananda
 - (Swami Nithyananda's disciple)
 - Spiritual discourse
- **June 14, 2009** Swami Adhyatmananda – welcome reception
 - 15 – 19 Yoga, pranayama & meditation classes 6 AM to 8 AM; Over 70 people participating daily
- **July 5, 2009:** Swami Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya of Taralabalu
 - (Also affectionately known as high-tech Swamiji)
 - Discourse on 3 Dimensions of Divine spirit
- **July 7, 2009:** Swami Vishvayogi Viswamji
 - Gurupurnima celebrations & Puja and spiritual discourses
 - Well attended and very divine experience
- **July 11-17, 2009:** Swami Mukundananda
 - (Disciple of Jagadguru Kripalu Maharaj)
 - Yoga, meditation, discourses and Kirtanas for 7 days
 - Well attended
- **July 11, 2009:** Swami Bhaktananda
 - (Swami Nithyananda's disciple)
 - Spiritual discourse
- **August 8, 2009:** Raghavendra Aaradhana
 - Well attended and a grand program
- **August 14, 2009:** Ma Purnanandaji
 - (Founder – Shree Guru Swami Chinmayananda Sewa Nidhi)
 - Topic: Shree Krishna in my heart
- **November 1, 2009**
 - Mahendra Kumar Trivedi (Guruji)
 - (Founder – Divine Life Foundation)
 - Topic: Science and spirituality – case studies presentation on scientifically verified impact of divine blessings on plants, viruses and inorganic and organic materials [Mainly organized by Vivekananda Meditation Hall committee chair, Dr. Krishna Reddy and supported by Hindu Dharma and Philosophy committee]
- **Other Activities**
 - Prasad Palacharla conducting - Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays (continually increasing attendance)
 - Meditation sessions conducted by the Science of Spirituality group [and cosponsored by Hindu Dharma and Philosophy committee]



Maintenance Committee Annual Report

Chairman: T.A. Sridhara

Members and volunteers: A.V. Satish, Bhima Rao, Bhima Reddy, Gurudatt Ramamurthy, Mohan Rao, , Prasanna Murthy, Prasanna Reddy, Renuka Reddy, Purushotham Acharya, Ramachandra Kajekar, Ramanujam Prasad, T.V. Ramachandran, Tilak Marwaha

Staff members: Vanamoorthy Acharya, Velayutham Neelamegham

The committee had several major accomplishments for this year:

- Fixing gold plated covers on all the entrance doors of garbha-gudis. I express my gratitude to President Bhima Reddy and his family for their tireless hours of hard work.
- The security vigilance system was upgraded to be able to record digitally 24/7. With GSD expansion, additional wiring and an upgraded system are also being installed.
- Multiple TV and video cameras were set up to broadcast live the various pujas during the Ramanavami Celebration. The committee has added 2 large 52" TV monitors for such use in the future. This equipment has since been used in several other programs. Before the year-end, a full functional and a permanent video distribution will be setup in the expanded GSD Mandir.
- As part of Bramhotsavam celebrations concrete ramps have been built to provide the ability to perform a full Vahana Parikrama. Concrete pavement has been expanded to accommodate vahanas to be pulled around the Dhvajastambha. A new cart has been purchased and upgraded to manually pull the Vahanas around the temple parikrama.
- New sliding gates have been installed with the HTGC monogram for the main Lemont road entrance.
- Additional railings have been installed for the main steps leading from Vivekananda to the Rajagopuram, parikrama ramps, ramp to Gupta Dining Hall, and curbside at the main circle.
- The Maintenance Committee, in coordination with the Building Committee, has executed several additional tasks associated with the construction of the two main ongoing projects (GSD Expansion and Vivekananda Mediation Hall).

Apart from these major projects, the maintenance staff and Committee have provided all the support required for day to day operation and in:

- ✓ Designing and building the decoration materials for all major festivals.
- ✓ Supporting audio and lighting requirements for all temple programs as well as programs of other associations and devotees renting our premises.
- ✓ Assisting with decorations for religious events, festivals and programs.
- ✓ Setting up facilities for the Sunday School, major events, and festivals held at HTGC.
- ✓ Setting up the Rathi auditorium and the Gupta and Ramalaya Dining Halls.
- ✓ Cleaning and waxing of walkways and Ramalaya and Gupta Dining Halls. Setting up for Yoga classes held three times a week.
- ✓ The sale of fireworks and sparklers for Dussehra and Deepavali.
- ✓ Conducting an "Emergency Evacuation Drill" with the Lemont Fire Department to train and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of our staff in evacuating occupants in emergency situations. Participants in this Drill included Sunday School students, teachers, and devotees present at the time.
- ✓ Traffic control for major events such as Summer Fest, Dussehra, and Deepavali. Due to construction on the Lemont Bridge, we had to look for an alternate location for remote parking this year. *The committee would like to recognize and thank "Personal Creations" on Lemont Road for their generosity in accommodating the temple's need for remote parking during Summer Fest and Dussehra celebrations.*



HTGC PRASADAM COMMITTEE

Veena Marwaha (Chair)
Servesawari Reddy (Vice-Chair)



Committee Members: Ganthimathi Indiraj, Jayamma Siddhalingiah, M. Jayaram, Monica Jaiswal, Rekha Singh, Priyanka Kumar, Shashi Kaveti, Sarveswari Reddy (Vice-Chair), Veena Marwaha (Chair)

Volunteers: Chintamani, Jayanti Mittur, Kiran Bagai, Lakshmi Mohan, Pratap Reddy, Rani Pampati, Revathi Rao, Rudra Raju, Sheela Jayaram, Sheela Swamy, Sivasankaran Natesan, Subhadra Ramaswami, Sumathi Nathan, Tilak Marwaha, Vijaya Kothavalli, Chennai Indiraj, Gnaneshwar Kaveti, Jayadev Mettupalli, Jhansi Reddy, Lakshmi Reddy, Rajender Pampati, Ramamurthy, Rupa Acharya, Satya Tambarahalli, Sridevi Rangarajan, Asha Oberoi, Pradeep Nayar, Prasanna Reddy, Priya Reddy, Rajeswari Raju, Sridhara Tambarahalli, Renuka Reddy, Satish Amruthur, Sirisha Akula, Manickam Annamalai, Chinthamani Annamalai, Ratna Tummuru, Baskar R, Lakashman N, Renu Nagaraj, Uma Murti, Seenu Patil and many more.....

Prasadam had a very challenging year in 2009. In spite of the continued recession, the hard work of the HTGC volunteers and employees lead to an increase in the Prasadam revenues. We would personally like to thank Sooryanarayana Hebbar, Velayutham and Vanamoorthy for providing numerous hours of hard work and welcoming atmosphere for our prasadam volunteers.

Revenues of the Prasadam increased this year and reversed decrease seen in 2008. Actual revenues are higher than the budgeted. For the January – October period, the revenues were \$475,607 in 2009 compared to \$428,370 in 2008, an 11% increase over 2008. The projected revenue for the full year is \$550,000 compared to the last years actual revenue of \$507,371, an 8.4% increase without raising any prices.

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Revenues (\$)	328,356	373,698	438,849	482,918	535,489	507,371	550,000*
Expenses (\$)	69,326	85,848	86,926	103,519	96,986	88,565	92,000*

*estimated

Some of the highlights of 2009 are:

1. On the **Sri Ramanavami Day**, Mahaprasad was provided to devotees all day.
2. Token system was used more frequently to provide faster services on Sunday School days and on major festivals such as **Holi, Dassera and Diwali**.
3. During the **Brahmotsavam Celebration**, Prasadam provided free Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner to all Devotees for 3 days.
4. Prasadam generated a single day record revenues of \$16,400 on **Diwali Festival Day** and an all time high monthly revenue of \$61, 085 in October.
5. Prasadam committee served for the First time a Mahaprasad dinner to 450 devotees after the Samoohika **Satyanayanaya Pooja** on Nov 1, 2009.

Some suggestions for the future are: 1) Complete remodeling of the Kitchen and Dining area, 2) Install a walk-in Freezer and Refrigerator, and 3) Replace the exhaust system.

Publicity Committee Report

B. Indusekar (Chair), Arun Murthy (Vice-Chair)

Members: Pradeep Nayar (Webmaster), Nandish, Dhananjaya, Renuka Reddy and K. V. Reddy



The committee held monthly meetings and additional meetings as necessary. The HTGC Publicity Committee worked closely with Religious Committee, Hindu Dharma & Philosophy Committee, Vivekananda Committee, Fine Arts, Maintenance Committee (parking maps), Ekanta Seva and other committees in informing and publicizing the programs and events to the public.

The HTGC Publicity Committee was responsible in creating over 60 informative fliers for various events at the temple. The committee produced color fliers and banners for many events in sizes 8 1/2"x 11" to 24"x36" to convey the messages. The HTGC Publicity Committee created necessary advertisement material for various events like Ramanavami, Krishna Janmashtami, Vivekananda Meditation Hall Fundraising event, Deepavali and other events and had them published in local newspapers. The HTGC Publicity Committee published six bimonthly newsletters and a 15-month annual calendar. The HTGC Publicity Committee worked with Webmaster to ensure posting of event information online on time.

The HTGC Publicity Committee considered that HTGC was lagging in e-communication and implemented e-communication services. It initiated an e-mail ID collection program and began e-mail communication with the registered devotees. By sending over twelve email notifications since August '09, the temple has been able to inform many devotees in a timely manner of many events at the temple. We hope this communication service will expand and include more informative material and reach more devotees in the future. We also hope that this initiative will reduce Temple's operative expenses.

Expenses:

For the period January - November, the publicity expenses in 2009 are \$35,272 compared to \$45,823 in 2008. We reduced the expenses by 24% by negotiating lower prices with the printers, and the committee members printing most of the posters by themselves.

Goals for 2010

1. Revise the current six (6) bi-monthly newsletters to either quarterly newsletters or three newsletters a year. This, we believe, will reduce the printing & mailing expenses. The program could be phased out and made available only on the web and deliverable to those who subscribe to HTGC e-communication.
2. Consider publishing the annual calendar on web only.
3. Consider publishing the entire annual report on the web only and publish the necessary pages that are required by law in print.

Annual Report HTGC Lemont Sunday School

Vivek S Modak, Chair, Education (Sunday School) Committee



HTGC Sunday school conducts **74 classes**, all run by **70 volunteers** from various age groups. These classes are attended by **400 students** from **280 families**. Classes are about languages spoken in India; Hindu religion, art forms from India along with classes that prepare students for college preparation tests. All the volunteer teachers are the members of the Sunday school coordinating committee.



Highlights for the year 2009 are introduction of following new classes

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| 1. ACT preparation | 2. Creative Writing in English |
| 3. Public Speaking in English | 4. Hindustani Vocal |
| 1. Hanuman Chalisa | 6. 18 Mahapuranas |
| 7. Indian Puppetry | 8. Prayer chanting in Marathi and Sanskrit |

Resume Building & Interviewing Techniques.

Web based registration along with payment of the registration amount using **credit card over internet** is another **highlight** of the year 2009. Prakash Upadhyayula; Sunday school administrator and web master Pradeep Nair supported by treasurer Jayadev Mettupalli made this possible.

Year end celebration for the school year 2008-2009 was held on 05/03/2009 Show & Tell day and 05/17/2009 Graduation ceremony.

Future goals for upcoming year 2010

1. Adding more exam preparation classes for various age groups.
2. Web based classes.
3. Sunday school student music group.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees
The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago
Lemont, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities and net assets - modified cash basis of THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis, and cash flows - modified cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 2, these financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and net assets of The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Oak Brook, Illinois
October 19, 2009

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THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
December 31, 2007

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MODIFIED CASH BASIS
December 31, 2006

ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 85,621	\$ 53,359	\$ 138,980
Investments	304,475	939,393	1,243,868
Due from Unrestricted Fund	-	92,795	*
Property and equipment, net	<u>9,360,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,360,292</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,750,388</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,547</u>	<u>\$10,743,140</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:			
Due to Temporarily Restricted Fund	\$ 92,795	\$ -	*
Notes payable	<u>2,942,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,942,500</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,035,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,942,500</u>
Net assets:			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated	6,403,380	-	6,403,380
Designated	311,713	-	311,713
Temporarily restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>1,085,547</u>	<u>1,085,547</u>
Total net assets	<u>6,715,093</u>	<u>1,085,547</u>	<u>7,800,640</u>
	<u>\$ 9,750,388</u>	<u>\$ 1,085,547</u>	<u>\$10,743,140</u>

*Eliminated in combination.

ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Cash	\$ 67,214	\$ 189,511	\$ 256,725
Investments	200,450	580,304	780,754
Property and equipment, net	<u>9,499,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,499,654</u>
	<u>\$ 9,767,318</u>	<u>\$ 769,815</u>	<u>\$10,537,133</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:			
Notes payable	\$ 3,441,952	\$ -	\$ 3,441,952
Net assets:			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated	6,072,042	-	6,072,042
Designated	253,324	-	253,324
Temporarily restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>769,815</u>	<u>769,815</u>
Total net assets	<u>6,325,366</u>	<u>769,815</u>	<u>7,095,181</u>
	<u>\$ 9,767,318</u>	<u>\$ 769,815</u>	<u>\$10,537,133</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements, and the accompanying independent auditor's report should be read in conjunction herewith.

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GSD Temple Expansion Project

Ad Hoc Committee Report

Bakshish Rawal (Chair)

Dr. Raj Khurana (Co Chair)

Members: Ashutosh Gupta, Chandrashekar Reddy, C.M. Khurana, Marella Hanumadass, Raj Sehgal, Ravi Gupta, Ravi Oberoi, Ravindra Parekh, Sreeram Reddy, S. Vemuri, T.V Ramachandran (Project Coordinator)



Permit for storm water management was issued on Dec. 3rd, 2008. The village of Lemont issued the permit for site work on Dec. 5, 2008. Construction contract was signed between HTGC and the general contractor (KS-P) on December 13, 2008. Ground breaking ceremony was conducted in November, 2008. Lemont village issued permit on December 29th, 2008. The site work started in the last week of Dec. 2008 which included grading of soil

The new water detention system was proposed as a part of a value engineering review. Thus the revised civil drawings were submitted to Dupage County to install a cast-in-place concrete tank (65'X30'X6' 9 ") for the underground detention system in lieu of the previously certified 6 foot diameter PVC pipe system. The capacity of the tank was increased from 12,000 cft to 13,000 cubic ft. By April, 2009 detention tank and site development work was almost completed.

The **modification** of the building work started on June 01, 2009 including relocation of Yagsala, Bathrooms, Kitchen, Storage and Office area.

The **foundation** work was completed in June except near the Parvathi shrine. The concrete masonry unit (**CMU**) masonry wall work started there after the building of the new north wall of the prayer hall wall and the new north wall of the yagshala.

The **Balayaylam** of Parvathi Mata was performed on July 9 & 10 and was relocated to the Durga Mata Shrine. **Balayaylam** of Navagrahs was performed on July 24, 2009 and relocated to the Durga Shrine. Electrical, plumbing, sprinkler, fire alarm and the mechanical work was completed for the existing expanded prayer hall. Landscaping work for the north & east hill area and back of the temple was completed in November. After Finishing touches by the General Contractor K-P Construction **Temporary** permit for occupancy of additional hall facility was issued.

President Bhima Reddy along with EC & Religious Committee arranged the opening of the expanded GSD with vedic Religious and necessary steps advised by Priests at GSD.

Punyavachnam, Ganesha Homa & Vastu Homa & Navgraha Homa were conducted for New renovated GSD & after aarti all celebrated with Prasadam & greeting each other. Committee sincerely thanked all dedicated donors & sponsors.



BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Satish A.V. Chairperson

Members: Upendranath Nimmgadda, Yogesh George, Bhima L. Reddy

Two major capital projects were started this year. The GSD expansion which involved existing GSD building and the Meditation Hall in independent building.

The building committee has tried to co-ordinate operations of both these projects with Religious and Maintenance committees. The committee members have watched the construction at all phases and where ever necessary has communicated to the respective committee and suggested corrections, remedies and alternatives.

The Prikrama Ramps & steps Stairs leading to Rama Temple Entrance had been completed. The railings for safety to step stairs and Ramps have been installed. The Entrance gate to Temple had been installed with inscriptions of HTGC

The committee strongly recommends the Ramalaya Gopuram leaks & Radha Krishna Temple roof leaks to be attended to at the earliest with a long term solution. The estimated cost & analysis have been done. The annual fund raising addressed the renovations. And generated good amount of donation for this cause.

Thank you all the members of the committee for your input and time. & my thanks to Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve the temple.



Pradeep Nayar
Chair, Website committee

Achievements 2009: Worked very closely with the publicity committee to upload events, documents and other announcements on the website.

- Recommended and implemented the process of processing credit card payments online. Used Wufoo to streamline online form creating and credit card processing using Google checkout
- Setup online donations for the Brahmotsavam event as a proof of concept for credit card processing.
- Worked with the Sunday School committee to implement an online registration form with credit card processing setup online. This allowed them to streamline the registration process and reduce long lines at the temple.
- Setup & created an online email mailing list signup sheet to kickoff the start of e-communication.
- Used Mailchimp to manage mailing lists and sent e-communication.
- Setup a facebook fan page and a twitter account that gets updated with status updates whenever a mailing list email is sent out.
- Started uploading and displaying images of events help in the temple online on the temple website.
- Created an online registration form for the Global Yoga Mala Event.
- Recreated and refined the existing HTGC logo.

Future Enhancements for 2010:

- Work on redesigning the current website.
- Work more closely with the Sunday School committee to allow students to contribute to the website.
- Work on an iPhone friendly version of the new redesigned site.
- Work on getting the new website integrated with social networks.

ASTOMA SADGAMYA

TAMASOMA JYOTIRGAMYA



**MRITYURMA
AMRITAMGAMYA**

**OM SHANTI SHANTIH
SHANTIH !!**



Vivekananda Meditation Center

TOTAL COST 1.2 MILLION
COMPLETION APRIL, 2010



GSD EXPANSION
NOVEMBER 29, 2009
TOTAL COST 1.238 MILLION

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INDIANIZATION , RELIGIOUS
PRAN PRATISHTA NAVGRAH
& PARVATHI MA MAY, 2010

SECRETARY'S CORNER !

BANSI, D. SHARMA, MD

Jai Mata Di !

It was a great honor to serve as the Secretary of Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago for the year 2009 alongside President Bhima Reddy & EC Dr. Gopal srinivas , Jayadev Mettpalli, Renuka Reddy, Dr. SubbaRao Chintam & BOT. I thank you all and the Lord for giving me this opportunity.

“ BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS WORTH LIVING AND THE BELIEFS WILL HELP CREATE THE FACTS.”

It was a year of tough decisions and executions day in and out with one vote majority overtaking administration of temple projects, whether right or wrong.

I along with the President, Bhima Reddy tried to follow the path right for the Temple, Devotees and Projects making it financially sound, viable and memorable events in the long run without holding debts over heads of devotees and coming generations.

We achieved highest order of participation in Religious, Hindu Dharma & Cultural programs and conducted Brahmotsavam in the right fashion for the welfare and peace of temple and devotees.

Unfortunately, 8 plaintiffs - Ashutosh Gupta, Sudha Rao, Sukanya Reddy, Subramanyan Veerabahu, Lata Bakane, Pramila Reddy, Krishnaiah Revuluri and Subramanyam Vemuri - in their frivolous lawsuit against Temple wasted temple resources and robbed in legal expenses instead of paying against temple debts to make temple debt free, a Project conceived during my 1988 thru 1995 terms as a trustee & President for 1994. The Lawsuit was thrown out by DuPage Court on November 12, 2009.

As a devotee like many of you, I strongly recommend that you must actively oversee the administrative decisions taken in board room as non-participation can adversely affect the health of our temple organization and Devotees' Faith with apathy of the membership actions.

Capital Projects have been undertaken by these special interest groups against the will of dedicated wellwisher trustees & administration by One Vote Majority so called “Democracy” Insinuating Approved General Body mandates, Lacking appropriate Fund Collection, and Leaving accessory expenses of Renovation, Indianization, Religious services needed in the lap of Devotees, members and Organizatin as additional “DEBT”

You as members must exercise your Rights to recall such destructive elements as Trustees in Organization & take them out and stop intrusion of special groups agianst the Fundamental Principles of HTGC for which we all have worked hard & this Temple stands for.

I Challenge all of you who have been asset to this Organization, HTGC to show your potential in weeding out such elements which costs Temple its resources and hinders growth in Heritage, Traditions, Godliness & Cultural Goals.

Let Holidays be Safe , Healthy , Prosperous and Blessed for you ,Family & Friends.

