

The Mantra



Vedic Center of Greenville

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September – December 2007

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Daily Aarti

Monday-Friday 8.00pm -8.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 7.00pm-7.30pm

Sri Venkateshwara Suprabhatam

2nd Saturday of every month :9.00am
Contact: Shobha Vadoothker –268-1963

Bal Vihar

Every Sunday 11.15am-12.30pm
Contact : Shobha Vadoothker 268-1963
Aruna Chandrasekhar 322-8598

Acknowledgement.....

Your continued financial and moral support has been instrumental in bringing various religious and social programs to the Vedic Center of Greenville. Highlights of the events in the last three months are as follows:

Shrimad Bhagawat Katha: June 27 – July 4th: each night, approximately 300 – 400 families attended the Bhagwat Katha. Extremely successful program. Special thanks to Drs. Nayan & Geera Desai, Satish & Rashmi Kinariwala and Shaunak & Hema Dalal for their leadership in bringing the program to the Vedic Center and to all the sponsors for their genuine financial support.

Summer Youth Camp: July 9th – 13th: Please check the Vedic Center website for memorable photos of young and enthusiastic participants. Special thanks to Mrs. Sandhya Manian, Niraja Pillai, Nisha Dias and the volunteers to make this event successful.

Musical Night: July 22nd: Performed by the playback singer from India – Sanjay Oza & Group. Outstanding performance by Sanjay and his group.

Janmastami Celebration – Sudhir Narain and his brother Pradeep Narain, provided an exceptional non stop bhajan program from 9 PM – 12 PM. Approximately 400 plus were in attendance.

Vedic Center Website: completely redesigned. Please visit the website for periodic event announcements. Also, many new features have been added, including ability to sign up to receive news letters electronically. Please sign-up and help us reduce the mailing expenses. Special Thanks to Paras Kinariwala for his efforts and hours of hard work to create this new Vedic Center Website.

Financial Statement: In this newsletter, we are publishing the Financial Statements of Vedic Center for the period of November 1st, 2006 thru July 31st, 2007. We believe that this will give you a better understanding of the financial needs and liabilities of your Vedic Center as well as provide you with a full view of the financial status. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bharti Mathur or V. K. Shah.

General Body Meeting and Elections: December 2nd, 2007 3:00PM

The following positions are open for election: Trustee, Vice President, Treasurer and members (3). We invite nominations for these positions by November 18th. All nomination can be forwarded to Ugal P. Chand: ugalpchand@gmail.com. However, we will accept nominations from the floor during the meeting as well. Nominees need to be present at the meeting for consideration as candidate. Candidates must have paid the maintenance dues for current year.

For all Vedic Center Updates, please refer to their website <http://www.vediccenterofgreenville.org> and the Notice Board placed in the temple.

Important Requests:

Ahimsa Hall is in need of an adequate sound system so that we can provide you with great musical programs in the future. Also, we need Kitchen appliances & equipment for our new Kitchen and the curtains need to be installed in the stage area. Please help us raise funds to accomplish these tasks. We need your financial support.

Future Temple Events:

Navratri Celebration :

October 12, 2007 – October 21, 2007

Garba - Raas @ 8:00 PM on week day nights.

Musical Group will entertain on October 12th & 13th and October 19th & 20th

Tickets will be \$5.00 for paid members and \$10.00 for non members. Children under 6 years free.

Naivedhya (Prasadam) Please bring only dry fruits.

Donation for Aarti Sponsor is \$21.00 per family. Also, we need Sponsors for Snacks and Dinner.

Sponsorship for the snack stall is \$301.00: Sponsorship for the dinner stall is \$ 501.00

Multi sponsors for any of the above items are welcome or if you wish to prepare a meal for an evening, please contact Mr. V.K. Shah or Mrs. Ragini Shah.

Musical Program by Shri Purushottam Upadhyay:

Hindi / Gazal / Gujarati songs by one of the all time great composer/singer Shri Purushottam Upadhyay who in his melodious voice will render unforgettable musical program. Besides his singing, his harmonium playing and mimic will mesmerize and regale the hearts of music lovers. The sheer mastery by this multi talented performer is sure to drench your heart and soul in the musical ecstasy.

September 28th @ 8:00PM - 11.30 PM Tickets: \$15.00

Tea and snacks will be provided during the intermission.

September 29th: Balajee Kalyanam- program starts @ 7:00AM onwards with Mahaprasad follows. For additional information, please contact Mythili Gopal 213 – 9322 or Yogesh Sharma – 234-1349

Ashtami Havan: October 19th: 6:00 PM. Contact Dr. Geera Desai

Dashera: October 21st: 5:00 PM to 8:00PM Dinner; Garba Raas afterwards.

Sharad Purnima: October 26th: 8:00PM onwards.

Dhanteras: November 8th:

Diwali : November 9th

New Year Ankut: November 10th: 5:00PM onwards. (Please sign up to bring your favorite dish / item.)

Diwali Celebration: November 17th (Along with India Association of Greater Greenville)

Tulsi Vivah- November 24th 4:00PM

Please continue to check the Vedic Center Website and the bulletin board for further details.

Diwali Celebration: November 17th

Diwali, the words comes from Sanskrit 'Deepawali', meaning 'rows of lights' is celebrated on the Amavasya or the no moon day in the Hindu month of Kartik (Ashvin in Gujarat) (October - November). The festival of Diwali falls 20 days after the famous festival of Dussehra. Diwali is celebrated as a five-day-long festival and there are set rituals for each of the five days. Diwali Festival marks the coronation of Lord Ram as the King of Ayodhya on his return to the kingdom with wife Sita and brother Laxman after 14 long years of exile and slaying of Ravana - the demon King of Lanka. As the Hindus hold Lord Ram in high esteem, the festival of Diwali is celebrated with joy and charm that is unmatched in celebration with any other festival.

We're very excited to announce the upcoming Diwali celebration in collaborative effort with India Association of Greater Greenville. Both organizations are working together to make this Diwali night a memorable event. We plan to celebrate in style with mouth-watering appetizers & dinner. Performance and musical program will be performed by: The Pandya Family. More details will be forthcoming!!!

Attached is a listing Families who have paid the annual Maintenance dues for 2007. If you have paid your maintenance due for 2007 and your name is not listed, please contact Sri Prakash Gupta @ 213-9904. If you have not paid your annual maintenance due, kindly send your check.

Congratulations

- ❖ Rajani and Raxsha Desai on marriage of their son Sachin to Nisha
- ❖ Vikaam and Shibani Contractor's daughter, Milly had a baby girl.
- ❖ Jitu & Kokila Joshi on marriage of their daughter Parul to Himanshu.
- ❖ Arun & Shilpa Rege on marriage of their daughter Shilpa.
- ❖ Pafulla Patel on being Grandmother.
- ❖ Dipak & Kalpana Shah on being Grandparents.

Condolences

- ❖ Dr. Sudhir and Nita Patel and the family of passing away of Dr. Patel's father in India
- ❖ Janak and Pragna Desai and the family of passing away of Janak's mother and Pragna's father in India

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to:

- ❖ Nanubhai Patel
- ❖ D.P. Rama
- ❖ Vimla Dave
- ❖ Ravjibhai Patel (Father of Pragna & Vijay Patel)
- ❖ Ila Rama (Knee Surgery)
- ❖ Surendra Jain (Surgery)

Please e-mail news of general community interest to: ugalpchand@gmail.com so that we can publish that in the news letter.

Man's life has a beginning and an end; the beginning and the end are both governed by the law of cause and effect. The nest of a bird built with arduous circumspection on the branch is swayed by the gale and felled by the storm. The lovely petals of the rose, dancing in the breeze and spreading fragrance around, are blown to the ground by the sudden gust of wind ! Man too is floored at the height of his triumph by the stroke of some unseen hand. Man is aghast at the consequence that he experiences; he is unaware of the cause, for he has no inclination to seek it. The cause for birth is the same as the cause for death - fascination for sense-objects and the trail of activity that it involves.

Vedic Center Rental Rates			Address & Directions to the Vedic Center
<u>Temple</u>	Member	Non-Member	The Vedic Center 499 Bethel Road Mauldin, SC 29662 Driving Directions From I-85 or I-385 take Exit 34 off I-385 South, go towards Mauldin, and take a left on Bethel Drive (2 nd light). Go to the dead end. Vedic Center will be on your right before the STOP sign.
All day for Wedding	\$600.00	\$800.00	
All day (non-wedding)	\$400.00	\$500.00	
Half a day (non-wedding)	\$250.00	\$350.00	
<u>Ahimsa Hall</u>			
All day(non-wedding)	\$1000.00	\$1300.00	
All day (non-wedding) with food	\$1500.00	\$1800.00	
<u>Wedding Package Deals</u>			
One day	\$1500.00	\$1800.00	
Two days	\$2200.00	\$2700.00	
Three days	\$2900.00	\$3600.00	
<u>Cleaning Deposits</u>			
Temple	\$200.00		
Ahimsa Hall	\$350.00		
These rates are inclusive of chairs, tables, utensils and usage of kitchen facilities. For reserving the hall, please call Sri Prakash Gupta (864) 213-9904 Deposits are required to make and hold reservations for all events.			<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Please book AHIMSA HALL (the name of our new Auditorium) for all your future special events and functions.</p> </div>

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