



Vedic Center of Greenville

499 Bethel Drive, Mauldin SC 29662

January – April 2008

President's Corner:

On behalf of the Vedic Center volunteers, I wish each one of you a very happy and healthy new year. Twelve months ago, I outlined our vision and goals for 2007 in my first message. Reflecting back, we had a very successful year; I thank you for your unconditional support and cooperation in achieving these goals.

Your strong support has given my committee and I, a high level of confidence and increased our enthusiasm to tackle the challenges in 2008. Before discussing our vision and goals for 2008, I would like to summarize our major accomplishments in 2007:

- Increased number of families paying the annual maintenance dues by **60%**.
- Tremendously improved the working relations and cooperation between Vedic Center and other community associations such as India Association of Greater Greenville and Telugu Association of Greenville.
- Paid **\$301,314.30** to the bank to reduce the outstanding bank loan.
- Organized one week of Bhagwat Saptah discourses by Shri Bhupendrabhai Pandya.
- Presented several cultural and musical programs:
Gujarati Dairo, Sanjay Oza's musical group,
Bhajans by Sudhir Narain,
Pursottam Upadhyay's Sugam Sangeet,
Anil Desai's Garba Group from Bombay,
Dhiren Butch and DeeJay David's Navratri Garba).

All these programs were fully supported by the ticket charges and contributions.

- Completed facility improvements: expanded parking lot and added landscaping and sprinkler system.
- Jointly organized Diwali Night with IAGG in our new hall.
- Promoted other activities – Health Fair, Youth Camp, Guided Meditation, Art of Living, hosting seniors' visit from Charlotte, etc.

I hope that you have noticed an increase in the energy level and enthusiasm in our community members as a result of these programs and activities. My committee and I are encouraged by this highly positive environment and plan to build our 2008 vision and goals on it.

2008 Vision:

Our 2008 vision is to increase the community involvement, complete the expansion project, and start our journey to re-pay the bank loan.

We have a financial liability of just under **one million dollars** for the new hall. In addition we have outstanding pledges of \$365,000, which we expect to collect over a span of four to five years. We plan to request for more pledges and donations in the coming year.

Our primary goals for 2008 are:

- Reduce the interest payment on the bank loan; our target is 50% reduction from 2007.
- Complete the expansion project to make the new hall fully operational; major items are kitchen equipment, sound system, and stage curtains.
- Increase number of families paying the annual maintenance dues by 20%.
- Hold more religious activities (e.g. Ram Katha – a 10-day event is being planned).
- Improve communication through our website, e-mail notifications, and other means.
- Increase effectiveness of our website through application of most current technologies.
- Promote youth and senior activities.
- Establish an office and library at Vedic Center.
- Beautify the exterior grounds of Vedic Center.

Our goals for 2008 are challenging but they are achievable with a strong team effort. We will be asking for your involvement in tackling many tasks, and I am confident that you will not hesitate to support us.

Once again, thank you very much for all your participation and support.

V. K. Shah
President

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Maintenance Dues:

It's the beginning of a new year and time to send in your annual maintenance dues of \$101.

Please mail your checks to:
Vedic Center of Greenville
P.O.Box. 5311
Greenville, SC 29606

Calendar of Events - 2008

Date & Time	Event	Coordinator	Telephone #
January 19, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 8:00 a.m.	Balaji Abhishekam	Mythili Gopal Achyut Vadoothker Sri Prakash Gupta	213-9322 268-1963 213-9904
March 1, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 9:00 a.m.	Health Fair	Dr. Vinita Srivastava	233-2744
March 6, 2008 <i>Thursday</i> Time: 8:00PM	Mahashivratri	Ila Rama Sonal Desai	288-1617 244-2939
March 21, 2008 <i>Friday</i> Time: 8:00 p.m.	Holi Celebration	Satish Kinariwala Jay Patel	292-2276 848-1626
April 12-13, 2008 <i>Saturday & Sunday</i> Time: 9:00 a.m.- noon Lunch to be served on April 13	Akhand Ramayan & Purnahooti	Nayan & Geera Desai Sri Prakash Gupta Dr. Shashi Rishi	963-9774 213-9904 877-8666
April 20, 2008 <i>Sunday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Hanuman Jayanti	Neelu Matai	627-4311
April 26, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Followed by dinner	Mahavir Jayanti	Anuj Malde	322-0318
May 2008	Senior Citizen Outing	Neela Vakharia Vimla Dave Ranjan Desai	297-5311 268-6097 268-8663
June 27 - July 6, 2008 <i>Thursday - Sunday</i> Time: 6:30 p.m.	Ramkatha	Nayan & Geera Desai JP & Ila Rama Shaunak & Hema Dalal Satish & Rashmi Kinariwala Jatin & Ragini Shah	963-9774 288-1617 236-7464 292-2276 244-5545
Aug 24, 2007 <i>Sunday</i> Time: 9:00 p.m.	Janmastami	Purnima Patel Rashmi Kinariwala Dr. Shashi Rishi Ila Rama Geera Desai	848-1626 292-2276 877-8666 288-1617 963-9774
September 7, 2008 <i>Sunday</i> Time: 5:00 p.m.	Ganesh- Chaturthi	Saroj Rege Hema Dalal	877-9029 236-7464
September 30 - October 10, 2008 <i>Tuesday - Friday</i> Time: 8:00 p.m.	Navratri	Purnima Patel Rashmi Kinariwala Mansi Pandya Ila Rama	848-1626 292-2276 987-9954 288-1617
October 11, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Dashera	Mansi Pandya Ila Rama Kashmira Patel Hema Dalal	987-9954 288-1617 989-0369 236-7464
October 18, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Sharad Purnima	Geera Desai Purnima Patel Ragini Shah	963-9774 848-1626 244-5545
November 1, 2008 <i>Saturday</i>	Diwali Celebration	V.K. Shah	923-2624
November 8, 2008 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 6:00 p.m.	Annakut	Lata & Manubhai Patel Geera Desai	675-3802 963-9774

Community News

Condolences:

Our sincere condolences to:

- Naren Vivek and family on the passing away of Nanubhai (Bapuji),
- The Rama family on the passing away of D.P.Rama.
- Deean family on the passing away of Rameshbhai Deean.
- Ranjanben Desai and family on the passing away of Vinodbhai Desai.
- Mahesh Umarwadia and family on the passing away of Sushilaben Umarwadia.

Good wishes for a speedy recovery to:

- Prafula Patel
- Dayaben Dodhia

Scheduled Activities:

Daily Aarti

Mon-Fri: 8:00pm – 8:30pm
Sat and Sun: 7:00pm – 7:30pm

The following dates are still available every month for daily Aarti:

20th, 21st, 28th, 31st, 29th, 2nd, 7th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 22nd.

If you would like to sign up for a day, please contact
Purnima Mainkar at 676-9338

Your participation is highly encouraged so that we can keep the temple open for Aarti everyday.

Sri Venkateshwara Suprabhatam

2nd Sat of every month: 9:00 a.m.

Contact:

Shobha Vadoothker at 268-1963

Bal Vihar

Every Sun: 11:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Contact:

Shobha Vadoothker at 268-1963
Aruna Chandrasekhar at 322-8598

Pledges for New Ahimsa Hall

November 1st, 2006 thru December 31st, 2007

The following is a list of pledges and amounts received from our generous donors and well wishers.

If you would like to contribute towards the new hall please forward your contribution to:

Vedic Center of Greenville. P.O.Box 5311. Greenville, SC 29606.

Last Name	First Names	City	Pledged (\$)	Paid (\$)
Amin	Dilip & Shaila	Greenville	1,001.00	1,001.00
Bali	Madan	Greenville	101.00	101.00
Bethi	Naveen & Dr. Krishna	Greenville	25,000.00	2,000.00
Bhatnagar	Jayesh & Ajanta	Greenville	1,001.00	1,001.00
Bhatt	Hemang & Sumita	Simpsonville	3,001.00	
Dalal	Sonak & Hema	Greer	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dattani	Hemen & Dipali	Simpsonville	3,001.00	501.00
Desai	Janak & Pragna	Greer	1,001.00	1,001.00
Desai	Kaushik	Greer	1,001.00	1,001.00
Desai	Vinod Bhai & Ranjan	Greer	2,001.00	1,001.00
Desai	Ashok & Rita	Greer	3,001.00	
Gandhi	Vijay & Purvi	Greenville	3,001.00	
Gundi	Siddesh & Arsshina	Simpsonville	2,000.00	1,001.00
Jain	Surendra & Neeli	Greer	15,000.00	15,000.00
Jariwala	Hareesh	Greenville	7,501.00	3,000.00
Joshi	Anoop C. & Nomita	Greenville	1,000.00	500.00
Kamdar	Rashmi & Veena	Taylor	3,001.00	
Kinariwala	Satish & Rashmi	Greer	3,001.00	
Matai	Vinay	Greer	501.00	501.00
Mathur	Shailendra & Bharti	Simpsonville	10,001.00	2,500.00
Mehta	Ajay & Bharati	Greenville	1,001.00	1,001.00
Mehta	Prasun & Priya	Greenville	10,001.00	7,000.00
Naik	Rakesh & Lata	Greer	3,001.00	
Naik	Hamant & Kirti	Seneca	5,000.00	2,500.00
Ogale	Amod A. & Varada	Clemson	500.00	500.00
Pandya	Rajat & Sonal	Greer	3,001.00	
Pandya	Ragesh D	Greenville	25,001.00	5,000.00
Parikh	Anil & Daksha	Greer	3,001.00	750.00
Patel	Vallabhbhai	Greer	101.00	101.00
Patel	Devang & Sonal	Anderson	500.00	500.00
Patel	Mahesh P.	Anderson	500.00	
Patel	Paresh & Varsha	Anderson	500.00	
Patel	Suryakant C	Walhalla	501.00	501.00
Patel	Mitesh & Monica	Greenwood	501.00	501.00
Patel	Ranchhodbhai D	Ft. Myers	501.00	501.00
Patel	Suresh & Urvashi	Greenville	504.00	504.00
Patel	Priyangu & Sneha	Simpsonville	1,000.00	351.00
Patel	Kirit V.	Hendersonville	1,000.00	
Patel	Nitin A	Seneca	1,000.00	
Patel	Raju A	Seneca	1,000.00	
Patel	Sunil N	Anderson	1,000.00	
Patel	Ashok & Madhumati	Anderson	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Indravadan A	Mauldin	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Neetish	Simpsonville	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Pankaj Kumar & Kalpana	Anderson	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Sanjay & Varsha	Travelres Rest	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Shiddarth	Anderson	1,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Jagdish	Summerville	1,001.00	1,001.00

Last Name	First Names	City	Pledged (\$)	Paid (\$)
Patel	KantiBhai & Jasuben	Hendersonville	1,001.00	
Patel	Urmish & Deepti	Hendersonville	1,001.00	
Patel	Pradip & Ranjan	Clemson	1,500.00	501.00
Patel	Jagdish & Gitabhen	Piedmont	1,500.00	1,500.00
Patel	Kiran & Prema	Piedmont	2,501.00	1,501.00
Patel	Jigar & Hema	Mauldin	2,501.00	2,501.00
Patel	Kamlesh & Trupti	Simpsonville	3,001.00	1,000.00
Patel	Naresh J.	Anderson	3,001.00	
Patel	Vinay R	Simpsonville	3,001.00	
Patel	Vikram & Amita	Central	3,001.00	
Patel	Amul & Kashmira	Greer	3,001.00	
Patel	SumanBhai & Bhartiben	Clinton	3,003.00	
Patel	Ashok Kumar	Anderson	3,551.00	
Patel	Ramesh(Ricky) & Shankuntala	Anderson	5,000.00	5,000.00
Patel	Jitendra & Damini	Duncan	5,001.00	1,001.00
Patel	Dineshbhai Lallubhai	Greenville	5,001.00	2,500.00
Patel	Ravindra B. & Hemlata R.	Anderson	5,001.00	5,001.00
Patel	Balubhai V	Clemson	5,001.00	
Patel	Dharmesh N	Clemson	7,001.00	
Patel	Mehul B	Greenville	7,501.00	
Patel	Bhaves & Jignaben	Anderson	7,501.00	
Patel	Kalpesh & Anshuman	Mauldin	7,501.00	
Patel	Champakbhai M	Greenville	10,001.00	401.00
Patel	Narendra Kumar (Nathubhai)	Piedmont	10,001.00	2,000.00
Patel	Vinod & Jyoti	Ashville	10,001.00	
Patel	Manoj G.	Simpsonville	10,001.00	
Patel	Rajani R.	Greer	15,001.00	
Patel	Raju B	Central	15,001.00	3,000.00
Patel	Vijay & Alka	Greenville	25,001.00	5,000.00
Patel	Sudhir	Greer	25,001.00	5,000.00
Patel	Kaushik & Priti	Easley	25,001.00	7,500.00
Patel	ManuBhai & Snehalata	Simpsonville	30,000.00	10,002.00
Prabhoo	Naresh & Dharmishta	Simpsonville	2,001.00	2,001.00
Prabhu	Prashant & Kaumudi	Greer	1,001.00	
Rama	Rama Family	Greenville	201,001.00	200,018.82
Rege	Arun & Saroj	Greer	1,001.00	1,001.00
Rughani	Govind & Kavita	Greer	2,500.00	500.00
Saxena	Naveen	Greenville	25,001.00	5,000.00
Shah	Ashok & Dipika	Greenville	1,001.00	1,001.00
Shah	Jatin & Ragini	Greer	1,001.00	1,001.00
Shah	V.K. & Neeti	Greenville	1,500.00	1,500.00
Shah	Jatin & Rashmi	Greer	2,001.00	
Shah	Gautam & Saroj	Greenville	3,001.00	3,001.00
Shah	Ketan & Ragi	Greenville	3,001.00	
Sharma	Pawan Kumar & Neeti	Simpsonville	501.00	501.00
Singh	Harishyam	Simpsonville	10,001.00	
Vachhani	Harsukh & Saroj	Greer	501.00	
Vakharia	Indu & Neela	Greenville	5,001.00	1,001.00
Vashi	Ramesh & Bhartiben	Greenville	1,000.00	1,000.00
Vivek	Naren & Madhu	Greer	25,001.00	5,000.00
Total:			\$701,331.00	\$335,759.82

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Profit & Loss

From November 1st, 2006 thru December 31st, 2007

Nov '06 - Dec '07

Income:

Pledge Funds Collected	335,759.82
Aarti Offerings	29,963.35
2007 - Navratri Collection	29,826.00
Annual Membership Dues	27,805.00
Bhagvat Saptah Collections	19,524.50
Memorial Services Collections	15,958.80
Diwali Collections	10,816.49
Other Misc Donations	9,646.76
Community Hall Usage Fees	5,978.09
Sanjay Oza's Musical Program Collection	3,617.00
Interest Income	1,548.05
Other Events	1,382.00
Purshotam Upadhaya's Concert Collection	1,380.00
Youth Camp & Senior Citizen Fees	1,301.00
Diara Program Collection	1,213.00
Balaji Kalyanam Collection	1,149.00
Shard Purnima & Ankoot Collection	1,101.00

Total Income **497,969.86**

Expenses:

Interest Payment on Loan	110,571.39
Architect Fees	24,528.07
Electricity Expense	15,964.37
Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance	7,137.50
Waste Disposal & Water/Sewer Expense	6,505.62
Gas expense	6,172.21
2007 Navratri Expense	3,789.79
Surveying & Eng Design Services	3,270.00
Sanjay Oza's Musical Program Expense	2,492.40
Supplies	2,303.43
Legal Fees	2,214.50
Janitorial & Cleaning Expense	2,183.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,967.01
Insurance Expense	1,965.00
Telephone & Website	1,708.06
Purshotam Upadhaya's Concert Expense	1,676.60
News Letter Expense & Advertising	1,749.28
Diwali Expense	1,375.25
Diara Program Expenses	1,213.00
Postage & Stationary Expense	1,185.49
Security System & Services	910.00
Youth Camp Expense	775.00
Bhagvat Saptah Expenses	751.00
Bank Service Charges	466.02
Interfaith Forum & Charlotte Visitors	350.00

Total Expenses **203,223.99**

Net Income **294,745.87**

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31st, 2007

Dec 31st, 2007

ASSETS:

Checking Account - BB&T	51,102.47
Money Market Account - Greer Bank	46,007.53
Buildings	2,057,691.60
Land	55,000.00
Audio/Video Sound Equipment	7,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	20,234.97
Idols Ornaments	15,000.00
Moorties-Marble Idols (1993)	22,000.00
Utensils	7,000.00

Total Assets **2,281,036.57**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Mortgage Liability Loan	998,531.45
Opening Balance Equity	110,044.85
Members Equity	877,714.40
Net Income	294,745.87

Total Liabilities & Equity **2,281,036.57**

Comments

- ❖ These Financial Statements are for 14 months starting November 1st, 2006 and ending December 31st, 2007
- ❖ These statements reflect all the financial activity for calendar year 2007 and the last 2 months of 2006.
- ❖ In 2007, Vedic Center has reduced its liability by paying off **\$301,314.30** towards the principal amount.
- ❖ In 2007, we opened a Money Market account in State Bank of Greer. Currently, it has a balance of **\$46,007.53**
- ❖ The following major payments were made in 2007 that related to expenses incurred in 2006
 - Architect Fees \$24,258.07
 - Gas Bills \$3,524.54
 - Survey & Design \$3,270.00
 - Legal Fees \$2,214.50
- ❖ These are **Un-audited** Financials Statements for your review, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bharti Mathur, Treasurer.

Executive Committee:

President	V.K.Shah	923-2624
Vice President	Ugal Chand	292-1396
Treasurer	Bharti Mathur	297-3133
Secretary	Jitu Patel	954-956-9219
Rental Coordinator	Sri Prakash Gupta	213-9904
Aarti Coordinator	Purnima Mainkar	676-9338
Religious Activities	Lata Patel	675-3802
Member	Ajay Mehta	268-8828
Member	Amar Bumb	292-0048
Member	Minaxi Doshi	879-4945
Member	Mythili Gopal	213-9322
Member	Anil Patel	561-7550
Member	Naren Hargeshwar	371-9534
Ex-officio	Kaushik Patel	220 1333

Committee:

Communications	Nutan Malde	322-0318
Fund Raising	J.P.Rama	288-1617
Membership	Arun Rege	877-9029
Newcomer Coord.	Neeti Shah	627-9080
Web Designer	Paras Kinariwala	884-1199
Wellness Coord.	Vimla Dave	268-6097

Board of Trustees

Surendra Jain	801-2877
Satish Kinariwala	292-2276
Shaunak Dalal	848-4522
Ragesh Pandya	987-9954
Manubhai Patel	675-3802

Driving Directions to Vedic Center:

From I-85 & I-385, take I-385 South take Exit 34, (towards Mauldin), and take a left on Bethel Drive. Vedic Center will be on your right before the STOP sign at the intersection of Bethel Road & Bethel Drive.

Renting Vedic Center and Ahimsa Hall:

For all your special events and functions please book our new AHIMSA Hall. For rental rates and reservations please contact:

Sri Prakash Gupta at (864) 213-9904

The Vedic Center
P.O. Box 5311
Greenville, SC 29606

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