



The Mantra

Vedic Center of Greenville

499 Bethel Drive, Mauldin SC 29662

Winter/Spring 2009

President's Corner:

Dear Friends,

We wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

I am pleased to inform you that your new executive committee of Vedic Center of Greenville has assumed the responsibilities for the calendar year 2009-2010. Before we present the outlook for the forthcoming tenure, I, along with new committee members commend the 2007-2008 committees who worked under the able leadership of Mr. V. K. Shah who did an awesome job in laying the foundation for bringing people together from across the community.

Recently, the new committee met and committed itself to work towards increasing cohesiveness and coordination between the people within and beyond the community.

The newly formed team is very enthusiastic and is already full of creative ideas that will certainly bring all the families, children & parents closer to our rich culture. We hope to bring to you Indian classical music in all forms, popular sports and health related activities in the coming months.

This team will work to create an environment of increased participation from family, children and senior citizens alike. The new team is very receptive and will welcome your suggestions with an open mind to further enhance the center's activities.

All the on going activities such as Aarti, Utsavs, Festivals, Bal Vihar will continue with full steam and we will look forward to your attendance on a larger scale. We will surely welcome all the new ideas from you to add any new aspect.

SAMACHAR

Email notification system

Vedic Center has launched a new email notification system to keep you abreast of current events taking place at the Center. To subscribe to the "Samachar" email notification system please send an email to:

subscribe@vediccenterofgreenville.org

In the days to come, we have in store for you a set of new events & forums that will significantly broaden the scope of participation from one and all.

We will work collaboratively with all the culturally focused groups to deliver the message of oneness and friendship.

It is important to mention that this team will need your encouragement, trust and participation in implementing the above ideas.

Please stay in touch with all the activities happening at the center by visiting www.vediccenterofgreenville.org and signing up for our electronic messaging system, e-samachar.

Sincerely,

On behalf of,
VC Team 2009-2010
Subhash Dhulekar
President

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Maintenance Dues for 2009:

If you have not already done so, it is 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

Benefits of joining the Vedic Center

- Reduced prices at annual events like Navratri and Diwali
- Free usage of Halls for activities/events conducted under Vedic Center auspices
- Reduced Membership fee for New & Forthcoming Sports Club

AHIMSA Hall Pledges:

If you have a remaining balance on your pledge amount, please consider sending in your checks to help reduce the Ahimsa Hall Mortgage.

Calendar of Events

Date & Time	Event	Coordinator	Tel #
February 7, 2009 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 8:30 a.m. - noon	Balaji Abhishekam	Achyut Vadoothker Mythili Gopal	213-9322 517-6325
February 23, 2009 <i>Monday</i> Time: 7:00PM	Mahashivratri	Purnima Patel Rashmi Kinariwala	848-1626 292-2276
March 10, 2009 <i>Tuesday</i> Time: 8:00 p.m.	Holi Pooja	Geera Desai	963-9774
March 28 - 29, 2009 <i>Saturday - Sunday</i> Time: 10:00 a.m.- noon Lunch to be served on March 29	Akhand Ramayan & Purnahooti	Nayan & Geera Desai Sri Prakash Gupta Dr. Shashi Rishi	963-9774 213-9904 877-8666
April 10, 2009 <i>Friday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Hanuman Jayanti	Jothi Rajasekar	288-1789
April 18, 2009 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Mahavir Jayanti	Anuj Malde	322-0318
August 9, 2009 <i>Friday</i> Time: 8:00 p.m.	Janmastami	Ila Rama Lata Patel Purnima Patel	288-1617 675-3802 848-1626
August 23, 2009 <i>Sunday</i> Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ganesh- Chaturthi	Saroj Rege Hema Dalal Subhash Dhulekar	877-9029 236-7464 320-5348
Sept 19 - Sept 27, 2008 <i>Sunday - Sunday</i> Time: 8:00 p.m.	Navratri	Vedic Center Team	
October 3, 2009 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Dashera	Vedic Center Team	
October 4, 2009 <i>Sunday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Sharad Purnima	Vedic Center Team	
October 17 th , 2009 <i>Saturday</i>	Diwali Celebration	Vedic Center Team	
October 24, 2009 <i>Saturday</i> Time: 6:00 p.m.	Annakut	Lata & Manubhai Patel	675-3802
October 29, 2009 <i>Thursday</i> Time: 7:00 p.m.	Tulsivivah	Purnima Patel Geera Desai	848-1626 963-9774

Community News

Congratulations:

- Rashmi & Veena Kamdar on the birth of their grandsons Chase & Reese.

- Nina Raheja, daughter of Vanita and Surinder Raheja for being chosen to represent South Carolina in the youngArts program.

- Tony Handa, son of Mina and Sunil Handa for receiving the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Thanks

Our sincere thanks for the donation of a beautiful painting of Hanumanji to the Vedic Center by Mr. Vedhagiri.

Condolences:

Our sincere condolences to the Bamba family on the sad demise of Shivani Boparai.

“Volunteers do not
necessarily have the
time; they just have the
heart.”

~Elizabeth Andrew

Scheduled Activities

Daily Aarti

Mon – Fri: 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Several dates are available to perform Aarti.

They are : **2,3,9,19,21,22,25,26,28 and 29** of every month.

*** **Volunteers are needed!!******

To sign up for aarti, please contact our Aarti Coordinator,
Mythili Gopal at 213-9322 or 517 6325

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:

Aruna Chandrasekhar at 322-8598

Shobha Vadoothker at 268-1963

Balance Sheet As of December 31st, 2008

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	21,827.55
Greer State Bank-MM Account	10,611.80
Buildings	2,060,487.22
Land	55,000.00
Audio/Video Sound Equipment	11,797.00
Idols Ornaments	15,000.00
Irrigation System & Grounds Improvement	15,050.00
Moorties-Marble Idols (1993)	22,000.00
Signage	1,633.88
Stage Curtains	12,260.00
Tables & Other Furniture	9,161.64
Utensils	7,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	11,410.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,253,239.09</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Loan with State Bank of Greer	778,531.45
Members Equity	877,714.40
Opening Bal Equity	100,043.85
Retained Earnings	312,296.87
Net Income	184,652.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>2,253,239.09</u>

Profit & Loss Statement November 1st, 2006 to December 31st, 2008

(For 26 Months)

(Income continued)

Sanjay Oza's Program Collection	3,617.00
Diara Program Collection	2,266.09
Interest Income	2,173.07
Senior Citizen Activities Inc	1,631.00
Ramnavmi Collection	1,222.00
Youth Camp Collection	2,175.00

Total Revenue	<u>843,061.78</u>
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Expense

Interest Expense	165,193.09
Utilities-Electric	27,989.50
Ramkatha Expense	26,539.14
Architect Fees	24,528.07
Repairs & Maintenance	13,420.19
Diwali Function Expenses	13,433.09
Utilities-Gas	12,667.87
Lawnmowing & Grounds Maintenance	6,613.90
Cleaning & Janitorial	5,100.18
2008 Navratri Garbha Expense	4,453.17
2007 Navratri Garbha Expense	3,789.79
Gujarati Play Expenses	3,552.10
Legal Fees	3,414.50
Surveying & Eng Design Fees	3,270.00
Utilities-Garbage Collection	2,969.10
Utilities-Telephone	3,058.60
Building & Liability Insurance	2,931.00
Utilities-Water	3,556.96
News Letter Expense	2,710.63
Sanjay Oza's Program Expense	2,492.40
Misc Events Expenses	2,358.60
Supplies	1,986.83
Utilities-Security System	1,690.00
Postage & Stationary	1,400.69
Bhagvat Saptah Expenses	1,367.40
Senior Citizen's Activities Exp	1,351.59
Dyra Program Expenses	1,213.00
Youth Camp Exp	775.00
Healthfair Expense	690.70
Bank Service Charges	618.77
Misc Expense	552.38
Election & Meeting Expenses	239.00
Utilities-Website	118.95
Ramnavmi Expense	66.20

Total Expense	<u>346,112.39</u>
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Total Net Income	<u>496,949.39</u>
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***These are un-audited Financial Statements for your review. If you have questions or concern, please feel free to contact Ricky Patel, Treasurer.*

Profit & Loss Statement

November 1st, 2006 to December 31st, 2008

(For 26 Months)

Income

Pledge Funds Collection	422,718.00
Ramkatha Collection	107,923.49
Maintenance Dues Collection	50,822.00
Ahimsa Hall Usage & Misc Collections	64,734.09
Aarti Collection	42,399.10
2007 Navratri Garbha Collection	29,826.00
2008 Navratri Garbha Collection	27,810.00
Diwali Function Collection	23,667.49
Bhagvat Saptah Collection	20,025.50
Memorial Fund Income	17,089.80
Gujarati Play Collection	9,562.00
Misc Events Collection	9,639.15
Healthfair/Flu Shot Collection	3,761.00

Vedic Center Loan Details

Beginning Loan Balance as of 11/01/2006: **1,012,635.89**

November-06	Loan Draw	193,515.66
June-07	Loan Draw	68,419.27
Total Loan Draw		261,934.93
April-07	Loan Pay-Off	(50,000.00)
October-07	Loan Pay-Off	(26,039.37)
December-07	Loan Pay-Off	(200,000.00)
July-08	Loan Pay-Off	(100,000.00)
August-08	Loan Pay-Off	(30,000.00)
October-08	Loan Pay-Off	(50,000.00)
November-08	Loan Pay-Off	(25,000.00)
December-08	Loan Pay-Off	(15,000.00)
Total Loan Pay-Off		(496,039.37)
Ending Loan Balance as of 11/30/2008		778,531.45

*For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:
Ricky Patel, Treasurer at 940- 4610.*

New Prayer/Bhajan Groups

We are delighted to see so many prayer/bhajan groups that have come forward. Listed below is the monthly schedule when these groups will meet at the Vedic Center:

- SAIGROUP BHAJANS
First Saturday of every month @ 6:00.p.m.
- KAGG BHAJANS
Last Sunday of every month @ 5:30 p.m.
- VISHNU SAHASRANAMAM CHANTING
Second Saturday of every month @ 6:00.p.m
- RUDRAM CHANTING
Second Monday of every month @ 7:00.p.m.

Revised Rental Information for Ahimsa and Temple Hall

Vedic Center provides excellent facilities to its members and community at large to hold all functions at a reasonable cost. Besides basic facilities, we can provide a fully equipped kitchen, tables and chairs, cleaning services, PA/Audio systems and even Security Services at additional costs.

Rates per day

Ahimsa Hall

- Weddings/ Major Event **\$900**
(125 people or more)
- All Other **\$500**

Temple Hall

- Weddings/Major Event **\$475**
(125 people or more)
- All other **\$250**

Hourly Rental:

Need some space to hold weekly classes (Yoga, Dance, Cooking etc...) Ahimsa Hall is available for **\$50.00** per hour use. Additional charges will apply if the kitchen is needed.

Deposit:

A deposit of **\$350** will be required at the time of reservation.

Non-Members:

For non-members there is an additional charge of **\$150.00** per event.

Additional Items (If needed)

- Kitchen	\$150
- Tables/Chairs	\$100
- Audio System	\$125
- Cleaning Services	\$200
- Security	\$400

Please note that Vedic Center does not allow consumption of any alcohol on its property and all food served must be pure vegetarian (No meats, Fish, or Eggs).

RENTAL CALENDAR

You can now check the availability of the halls by going to our website at

www.vediccenterofgreenville.org.

Click on the Rental tab and you should be able to view the rental calendar which is updated regularly.

2009 Member List

(Please note our calendar year runs from Jan 2009 – Dec 2009)

Below is a list of members who have paid the maintenance dues for 2009. If you have paid your maintenance dues for 2009 and your name does not appear in this list, please contact **Jignesh Gandhi at 270-4019**. We apologize for any omissions/errors.

BAXI	MEERA & HARESH	PATEL	SAVITA & PARUL
BUVA	PANKAJ & POORNIMA	PATEL	KASHMIRA
CHALUVADI	PURNIMA & VENKATA	PATEL	SHAKUNTALA & RICKY
CHITRAO	ASHUTOSH & GEETA	PATEL	RAE & SUNEER
DALAL	SHAUNAK & HEMA	PATEL	SNEHLATA & MANUBHAI
DATTANI	HEMEN	PATEL	MANJU & CHANDRAKANT
DESAI	NAYAN & GEERA	PATEL	NITA & SUDHIRKUMAR
DESAI	ASHOK & RITA	PATNAM	SUMITHA & RAJU
DESAI	DAKSHA & KETAN		
DHULEKAR	SUBHASH & APARNA	RAGHAVAN	ARUNA & SUNDARAMAN
ENGINEER	REKHA & ROHIT	RAHEJA	SURINDER & SARASWATI
GAMI	SUJATA & NILAY	RAJSEKHARAN	JOTHI & V RAJSEKHARAN
GANATRA	PAM & RAMESH	RAMA	JP
GOPAL	SANTANAM & MYTHILI	RAMA	RAMILA
GUPTA	SRI PRAKASH & TULSI	RAMA	DJ
HANDA	MEENA & SUNNY	RAMA	MP
HEGNESHWAR	NAREN & DINA	RAMA	HP
KARAMCHANDANI	LB & BC	RAMA	RP
	RATHI &		
MAHENDRANATH	NARENDRANATH	SHAH	VIPIN(VK) & NEETI
MAINKAR	PURNIMA & PRASHANT	SHAH	RAGINI & JATIN
MALDE	ANUJ & NUTAN	SHARMA	YOGENDRA & SUBHADRA
MANIAN	SANDHYA & ANAND	VACHHANI	HARSUKHLAL & SAROJ
MATHUR	SHAILENDRA & BHARTI	VADOOHKER	SHOBHA & ACHYUT
PATEL	VIPIN & KAUMUDI	VATSAVAI	RAJU R
PATEL	JITENDRA & DAMINI	VIVEK	MADHU & NARENDRA
PATEL	PRITI & KAUSHIK	VUDATHALA	INDIRADEVI&VENUGOPAL



New Locking System

Due to many concerns and several requests from our members we have now installed a **door bell and a self-locking lock** at the temple's main door.

Members can now lock the door from the inside and this should alleviate any safety concerns that may have come up. If the door is locked from the inside please ring the door bell and someone from the inside can open the door.

These measures are taken to ensure the safety of everyone inside the temple. If you have any questions please contact **Danny Patel at 752-7192**

Volunteer Clean-up Day

The **last Thursday of every month** has been set-up to clean the altar and the kitchen.

The cleaning will take place from
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping please contact:
Lataben Patel at 675-3802 or
Neeti Shah at 627-9080

Please come forward and volunteer ☺

<u>Executive Committee:</u>			<u>Board of Trustees</u>	
President	Subhash Dhulekar	320-5348	Yogesh Sharma	320-1317
Vice President	Nilay Gami	529-8644	Satish Kinariwala	292-2276
Treasurer	Ricky Patel	940-4610	Shaunak Dalal	848-4522
Secretary	Jitu Patel	640-2477	Ragesh Pandya	987-9954
Rental Coordinator	Danny Patel	752-7192	Manubhai Patel	675-3802
Fund Raising	J.P.Rama	288-1617	*****	
Communications	Nutan Malde	322-0318	Driving Directions to Vedic Center:	
Aarti Coordinator	Mythili Gopal	517-6325	From I-85 & I-385, take I-385 South take Exit 34,	
Membership	Naren Hegneshwar	371-9534	(towards Mauldin), and take a left on Bethel Drive.	
Membership	Jignesh Gandhi	270-4019	Vedic Center will be on your right before the STOP sign	
Maintenance	Dolatbhai Patel	752-7280	at the intersection of Bethel Road & Bethel Drive.	
Member	Geeta Chitrao	303-4714	*****	
Member	Jaya Harish	281-0658	Renting Vedic Center and Ahimsa Hall:	
Member	Lata Patel	675-3802	For all your special events and functions please book	
Member	Minaxi Doshi	879-4945	our new AHIMSA Hall. For rental rates and	
Member	Shailendra Mathur	297-3133	reservations please contact:	
Member	Dhiren Patel	848-6021	Danny Patel at (864) 213-9904	
Member	Pankaj Buva	634-8669	<i>Check rental calendar on www.vediccenterofgreenville.org</i>	
Ex-officio	V.K.Shah	923-2624		

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

INSIDE:
2009 Calendar of Events
New Rental Rates!!

Look for new initiatives in **E-Samachar:**
* Volleyball, Badminton &
Table Tennis clinics
* **Kite Festival in May**