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Shanthi Sandesh

First Samuhika Satyanarayana Puja well attended

Our First Samuhika Satyanarayana Puja was well attended. 26 Families performed the puja led ably by Srinivasji from the Hindu Temple of St. Louis. His nephew Shri Sai assisted him. 25-30 additional friends attended the puja and provided greatly appreciated volunteer support during the puja. The overall attendance was estimated at approximately 125 devotees. Srinivasji provided detailed

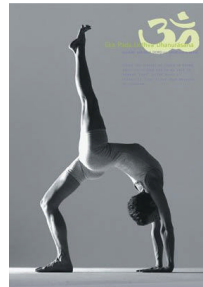
explanations, which were quite helpful in understanding the significance of various aspects of the ceremony. Our web site shanthimandir.missouri.org will soon have a more detailed report on the event along with photographs from the event. The very successful puja underscored the need for a larger prayer hall and additional parking ❁



Yoga and Hindi Classes to start in 2006

We are planning on Yoga and Hindi classes at the Mandir beginning in the New Year. Yoga classes are tentatively scheduled for Saturdays, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., and Hindi classes are tentatively scheduled to be held the second and fourth Sundays, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. We will have more details on these classes posted on our web site. Additional and more immediate information can be obtained

from Inder Khurana at 874-9647. Please contact him if you would like to enroll in these classes and/or to provide organizational support ❁



New Year's Celebrations at the Mandir



We are planning an informal celebration at Shanthi Mandir at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2006 to celebrate the New Year. We will have students of Hema Srinivasan's shloka class recite several shlokas including prayers to Goddess Lakshmi (the New Year being an auspicious time for business ventures). We will also have devotional singing and bhajans following the prayers. If you or any of your family members/friends would like to sing or lead the prayers, please let Hema (445-2854) or Kalai Kumar (445-9579) know of your interest. As co-organizers of the celebration, they can accommodate you in the program. Prasad distribution will follow the devotional component of the celebration. We expect to wind down the celebration by 4:00 p.m. Please join us with your family and friends for this auspicious event ❁

Happy New Year!

Shanthi Mandir open at regular times for prayers/aarti

In addition to the ongoing programs at the Mandir (list below), we are planning to keep the Mandir open for devotees to meditate, offer their prayers, and participate in the aarti on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Aarti at 7:45 p.m.) . We

will have CDs of bhajans and other devotional songs handy that can be played during the prayer times. Chandra Rawlani is taking the lead in organizing these regular prayer meetings which will begin effective January 1, 2006. Please help us by

volunteering to keep the Mandir open at these times. If there is interest in this type of open prayer time, and we receive adequate volunteer support to keep the Mandir open, we will consider longer and more frequent access to the Mandir ❁

Ongoing Devotional, Educational and Service Programs

Sai Bhajans
 Suprabhatam
 Shram Daan
 Tamil Classes
 Bal Puja
 Bal Sabha

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 9:00–10:00 a.m.
 Saturdays 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
 1st and 3rd Sundays 3:00–5:00 p.m.
 2nd Sundays 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 4th Sundays 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed for HTCC Committees to assist in Mandir operations

Several committees are being formed to help with the various operational aspects of the Mandir. If you would like to volunteer to serve on any of these committees or would like to learn more about Mandir operations please contact Gopal (446-0663). We would really appreciate your help and active participation in making our Mandir serve the community in the best possible manner ❁