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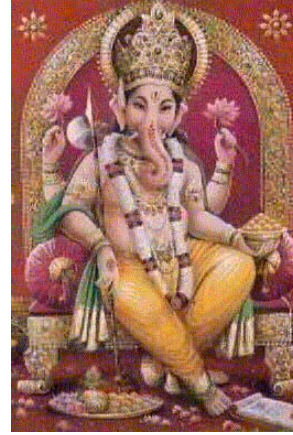
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## गणेश चतुर्थी पूजन समारम्भ

# GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION



**Saturday, September 11, 2010, 6:00 PM**

(Please disregard the time shown in IACCT Calendar)

| कार्यक्रम   | PROGRAM   |
|---|---|
| प्राणप्रतिष्ठा अभिषेकसहितं पार्थीव गणपति पूजा<br>पुण्याहवाचन<br>नवग्रहपूजा<br>वास्तुपूजा<br>गणेश हवन<br>नवग्रह हवन<br>वास्तु हवन<br>भजन | Parthiva Ganesh Pooja with<br>Pranapratishta and Abhisheka<br>Punya Vachan<br>Navagraha Pooja<br>Vastu Pooja<br>Ganesh Havan<br>Navagraha Havan<br>Vastu Havan<br>Bhajans<br>Alankaram<br>Aarati<br>Mantra Pushpanjali<br>Dinner Prasadam |
| आरती<br>मन्त्रपुष्पाञ्जलि<br>प्रसाद भोजन  |   |

Sponsors:

**Hari & Urmil Bhargava  
Ramesh & Mati Patel  
Virendra & Vijay Sood  
Shri & Swerun Valvani**

*We are seeking sponsoring families for "Alankaram" or Special Ornament Pooja with a donation of \$251 per family for Lord Ganesha on Ganesh Chaturthi.*

During his recent visit, Panditji brought beautiful ornaments for deities from India.

The Board has decided to seek sponsors to adorn the deities with the ornaments. On the religious festival day for a deity, the ornament pooja sponsors will decorate the deity with a special pooja performed by Panditji. Please see the Events List for "Alankaram" for other deities during the year. ***Please contact Panditji, Subhas Ravi, Damodar Golhar, or Shri Valvani to sponsor Special Ornament Pooja or Archana on Ganesh Chaturthi.***

Ganesha Pooja will be held every evening from September 12 through September 21 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Ganesha festival will conclude with Anant Chaturdashi pooja and celebration on Wednesday, September 22. Please note that no lunch prasadam for regular satsang on Sunday, Sept 12, 2010.

## **ANANT CHATURDASHI, Wednesday, Sep 22, 2010 6:00 PM**

Anant Chaturdashi, the last day of the Ganesh Festival will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. The program for the day, beginning at 6:00 PM is as follows.

- **Ganapati Uttar Pooja**
- **Bhajans**
- **Ganesh Archana**
- **Aarati**
- **Mantrapushpanjali**
- **Prasad/Dinner**



### **Sponsors:**

**Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar  
Shivdas & Surekha Kalokhe  
Chandrakant & Trupti Patel  
Subhas & Prabha Ravi**

## **Special Kumkuma Archana and Homa Celebration on Friday, Oct 1 and Saturday, Oct 2, 2010**

IACCT is pleased to announce a grand two-day celebration with **Laksha Mahalakhsmi Kumkuma Archana and Ganesha Navagraha Mahalakhsmi Maha Mritunjaya Poorvaka Sri Rudra Mahayagna**. Preliminary program is as follows.

**Day 1: Friday, October 1, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM: Laksha Mahalakhsmi Kumkuma Archana**, open to ladies and girls above 10 yrs age. Panditji will lead the pooja for up to 108 ladies who will chant 1008 names of Mahalakshmi. With participation of all 108 ladies during the pooja, the group will accomplish over 108,000 chants of Mahalakshmi. This event is equivalent to 108 Mahalakshmis attending pooja, and has the potential for Mahalakshmi Asta Anugraha to bring about generational happiness, remove generational poverty, sorrow and fear. For Kumkuma Archana, a donation of \$51 for each participant is required. We are counting on great community support to fill the prayer hall with reverberations of Mahalakshmi chants. Please support IACCT efforts by participating in **Kumkuma Archana**.



**Day 2: Saturday, October 2, 9:00 AM - Noon followed by Lunch Mahaprasad: Ganesha Navagraha Mahalakhsmi Maha Mritunjaya Poorvaka Sri Rudra Mahayagna**, open to all. Our Panditji and up to four other Panditji's will lead the 108 Modaka Ganesha Havan, 108 x 9 Navagraha Havan, Mahalakhsmi Sahasra Nama Havan, and Rudra Havan pooja outdoors. This Homa is very powerful and has the potential for Nirvighanata, Vijaya, Manashanti, Manashantosh, Sakala Navagraha Dosha Nivarana (Mangala and Shani Dosha), Apamrituya Nivarana and Sarva Roga Nivarana. Sponsoring donation for Homa is \$151 for each family. Event Sponsor donation for the entire Mahayagna is \$251 (includes participation in all events and would be recognized as the sponsors for Mahaprasad). We hope that many of you from the community will support IACCT efforts by participating in **Kumkuma Archana and/or Homa or the entire Mahayagna**. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in Special pooja and/or havan and support the temple.

**SHRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION WITH ALANKARAM FOR LORD KRISHNA AND RADHA WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 BEGINNING AT 10:00 PM. Sponsored by Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot and Ashok Walia. Please see last Newsletter for details.**

**YOGA FOR FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP TAUGHT BY SUDHIR REDDY** - Fueled by the enthusiasm of the membership of IACCT, and the initiative of Sudhir K. Reddy, the Yoga Activity is etched into the fitness routines of many of IACCT friends and members from Greater Kalamazoo area. Attendance for Yoga sessions has ranged from a few people on Wednesday evenings, to a room full of over 20 people on several Saturday mornings. Some of the participants long to get-together at the temple, to forget the mundane pressures of day-to-day lives and "to focus for an hour on our inner selves while we breathe and stretch". The net result and feedback is that, all of us feel relaxed and rejuvenated after yoga, while others also feel a gradual improvement in their flexibility. With a mean age of the yoga enthusiasts of approximately 35 yrs, the fellowship of the "retired but not tired" members continue to inspire the younger participants. Regular couples, children-parent, spouses or friends, occasionally visiting parents-relatives, have all been finding this activity, a healthy addition and a great complement to Prayers and Satsangs at the temple. With about 30 asanas and much practise by now, we are now well on our way to say, Yoga at IACCT has been a Fitness, Fellowship, a Fun activity, all started with a mere half a dozen of us showing some interest, back in April 2010. Your editor has had a privilege to attend Yoga sessions from time to time. I can truly attest to the inspiring enthusiasm by Sudhir Reddy, who is able to share his Yoga knowledge not only for novices like me, but also for many others who have been practicing Yoga for several years. The maturity of the classes has been evident by a few "other participants" who are able to lead the Yoga classes during Sudhir's occasional absence. The Yoga sessions are free to all and donations to IACCT are welcome. The regular sessions are held for about an hour every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and every Saturday at 10:30 AM. *IACCT gratefully acknowledges Sudhir Reddy's volunteer services and contribution to the community. His quest for Yoga is bound to make our body and souls healthy and add several Yoga enthusiasts to the Kalamazoo community.*



### Satsang Sponsorships Needed for late 2010 and beginning 2011

Please see the **Events List** for regular satsangs and Special Festivals during September. We are thankful to all those who have helped fill the satsang sponsorship slots at the temple for remainder of the year. Please support the temple by sponsoring a satsang. Please use the chart at the temple to fill in your names.

#### IACCT Upcoming Events

*(A few past dates may be included to provide updated information and to recognize sponsoring families)*

| DATE  | EVENT   | SPONSORS  |
|---|---|---|
| Sunday, Aug 22, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Ajay & Geeta Gupta<br>Sunil & Seema Jaggi   |
| Wednesday, Sep 1, 2010 10:00 PM                                     | Janmashtami Celebration<br>Krishna Radha Alankaram                                  | Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot<br>Ashok Walia (269-274-3237)  |
| Saturday, Sep 11, 2010 6:00 pm                                      | Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja<br>Ganesha Alankaram<br>and Archana                          | Ramesh & Mati Patel<br>Hari & Urmil Bhargava<br>Virendra & Vijay Sood<br>Shri & Swerun Valvani                |
| Sunday, Sep 12, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | IACCT Sponsored<br>(no lunch prasadam, dry fruits only)   |
| Sep 12 – 22 Everyday 6:30 PM  | Ganesh Pooja  |   |
| Wednesday, Sep 22, 2010 6:00 PM                                     | Anant Chaturdashi<br>Pooja followed by Dinner<br>Prasadam<br>Archana                | Subhas & Prabha Ravi<br>Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar<br>Chandrakant & Trupti Patel<br>Shivdas & Surekha Kalokhe   |
| Sunday, Sep 26, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Phanisha, Vinod, Purshottam (614-353-2917)  |
| Friday, October 1, 2010 6:00-8:00 PM<br>(dry fruit prasadam only)   | Laksha Mahalakhsmi<br>Kumkuma Archana   |   |
| Saturday, October 2, 2010<br>9-00 AM – Noon<br>(lunch Mahaprasadam) | Ganesha Navagraha<br>Mahalakhsmi Maha<br>Mritunjaya Poorvaka Sri<br>Rudra Mahayagna |   |
| Oct 8 - 16, 2010  | Sharadeeya Navaratra  |   |
| Sunday, Oct 10, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Ravi & Sangeeta Mediratta<br>Devendra & Sheerin Sharma  |
| Sunday, Oct 17, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Vijaya Dashmi Pooja followed<br>by Lunch Prasadam<br>Durga Alankaram<br>Archana     | Mangesh & Shweta Ingle<br>Viswas & Uma Ghorpade<br>Anuya Vadnerkar<br>Anurag Anand                            |
| Sunday, Oct 24, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Manikantan & Sunita<br>Seshadrinathan<br>(419-973-9527), Archita Sivakumar,<br>Nishit, Krishna (215-870-4860) |
| Friday, Nov 5, 2010, 6:00 PM  | Laxmi Pooja & Diwali<br>Celebration<br>Vishnu Laxmi Alankaram<br>Balaji Alankaram   | Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot<br>Niranjan & Marifel Lal  |
| Sunday, Nov 14, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | General Body Meeting<br>Pooja & Satsang   | Mohan & Sudha Ganapathy<br>(651-686-4512)   |
| Sunday, Nov 28, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Sponsors Needed   |
| Sunday, Dec 12, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | Pooja & Satsang   | Sponsors Needed   |
| Sunday, Dec 26, 2010, 11:15 AM                                      | No Satsang  | No Satsang  |

***Please call Raj Tiwari at 649-9550, or Subhas Ravi at 372-1647  
or Vijay Sood at 327-2846 to sponsor Satsangs.***

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### Temple Hours

**Weekdays (Except Wed): 8:00 —10:00 a.m., 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.**

**Sat & Sun: 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday : Temple Closed (Open for special Poojas and by prior arrangement)**

**Panditji's Phone: 269-324-8224, (Cell) 269-271-0192**

### Regularly Scheduled Events

| <b>Day &amp; Time</b>                                   | <b>Event</b>                  |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Every Sunday, 10:30 AM                                  | Gita Study                    |
| Every Sunday, 11:30 AM                                  | Bal Vikas                     |
| Every Monday, 7:00 PM                                   | Rudrabhisheka                 |
| Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM                                  | Hanuman Chalisa               |
| Every Wednesday, 6:30 PM                                | Group Meditation              |
| Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM                                | Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship |
| Every Friday, 6:30 PM                                   | Lalita Sahasranama            |
| Every Saturday, 11:00 AM                                | Vishnu Sahasranama            |
| Every Saturday, 10:30 AM                                | Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship |
| See IACC&T Calendar for Dates                           |                               |
| Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 11:15 AM | Pooja & Satsang               |
| Every Pournima day, 6:30 PM                             | Satyanarayana Pooja           |
| Every Pradosh day, 7:00 PM                              | Rudrabhisheka                 |
| Every Sankashta Hara<br>Chaturthi day, 7:00 PM          | Ganesha Abhisheka             |