

Monthly Newsletter for Hindu Center of Virginia

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## Hindu Center of Virginia

*Presents an Enchanting Evening of Ragas, Bhajans &  
Thumris*

*Padma Bhushan Dr. Prabha Atre*

**Shri Aditya Kalyanpur on *Tabla***

(Senior Disciple of Ustad Zakir Hussain)

**Shri Sunil Borgaonkar on *Harmonium***

(Senior Disciple of Ustad Dilshad Khan)

**8 pm, Friday November 8, 2002.**

*at Hindu Center, 6051 Springfield Road, Richmond, VA.*

*Please call for details:*

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*BIHARATI*

**Temple Hours:**

Monday to Friday:

7.00 A.M. to 9.00 A.M.

5.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M.

Saturday and Sunday:

11.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.

For special occasions, please contact the Priest or any one of the Religious Directors.

**Directions:**

Take Exit 49-B on I-295 West. Turn right at first intersection on Springfield Road. The first driveway on your left is the Temple.

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<b>Puja Calendar for February &amp; March</b>		
February 6, 2005 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Puja and Bhajans	Mahalaxmi & Chandrashekar Challa
February 13, 2005 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>Basant Panchami/Saraswatri Puja</b> Puja, Saraswati Havan and Bhajans	Geeta & Anil Jain
February 20, 2005 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Puja, Abhishekam to Lord Krishna and Bhajans	Asha & Sudhir Jain
February 27, 2005 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Puja and Bhajans	Sid S Kere; Shilpa & Shekhar Damle; Sarah Carr
March 06, 2005 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Puja and Bhajans	Arun Misra & Archana Dubey
March 08, 2005 (Tuesday) 6:30 P. M. to 9:15 P. M.	<b>Maha Shivaratri(See inside for Details)</b>	Open - Sponsors Invited
March 13, 2005 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Puja, Vedic Havan and Bhajans	Abhilasha & Abhijit Punje
March 20, 2005 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Puja, Abhishekam to Lord Karthikeya and Bhajans	Bhal & Manju Patel
March 27, 2005 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Puja and Bhajans <b>Holi celebration</b>	Open - Sponsors Invited
Date	Time	Puja
Sunday, February 06	6:00 P. M.	Pradosha Puja
Tuesday, February 15	5:30 P. M.	Karthigai Puja
Monday, February 21	7:00 P. M.	Pradosha Puja
Wednesday, February 23	7:00 P. M.	Poornamashi
Monday, March 07	7:00 P. M.	Pradosha Puja
Monday, March 14	5:30 P. M.	Karthigai Puja
Tuesday, March 22	6:00 P. M.	Pradosha Puja
Thursday, March 24	7:00 P. M.	Poornamashi

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10. Anil Jain

**For those who are interested:**

Basant Panchami (Saturday, February 12), Madhwa Navami (Thursday, February 17), Sankatahara Chaturthi (Sunday, February 27), Karadai Nonbu (Sunday, March 13), Holi (Thursday, March 24), and Sankatahara Chaturthi (Monday, March 28).

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We are very excited to see so many of you becoming Annual Members of the Hindu Center during our Blessed Membership drive. We encourage the rest of you to become a member or renew your membership for year 2005 now. The Temple belongs to you and is there for your religious, spiritual and social needs. The Members get significant discounts on puja and rental

fees.

The membership dues are \$51 for Annual members and \$1,001 for Life Members. The Temple is run on purely volunteers basis by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee members. We count on your contributions/donations to carry on the affairs of the Temple.

For more information, please contact me at 271-0248, Rakesh Chug at 762-8532 or Kamlesh Shah at 796-4838.

Brij M. Mago, Membership Director

**Please contact Rakesh Chug (762-8532); Nickhil Gosaie (360-8550); Gita Jain (360-1760); Nalini Premkumar (270-9384)); Bhal Patel (360-7790); Tony Sappal (334-2774) or Pt. Kannan (672-2254) to sponsor Puja on any Sunday.**

#### **Puja Sponsorship News**

**We** sincerely thank the following devotees for Sponsoring Sunday Puja During the month of December, 2004:

Dec. 05th Sangeeta & Tarsem Sharma  
Dec. 12th Veena & Vijay Ramnarayan  
Dec. 19th Mina & Nilkanth Bhat  
Dec. 26th Sriram Kalyanam

**O**ur goal is to make Sunday Puja a rewarding and satisfying experience for all devotees. We need your help. Puja Sponsorship Committee is currently getting a team of volunteers together to help the sponsoring families prepare maha prasada for the Sunday Puja. If you are interested then please feel free to contact either Rakesh Chug (762-8532), Bhal Patel (360-7790), Nalini Premkumar, (270-9384), Gita Jain (360-1760), Tony Sappal (334-2774) or Nickhil Gosaie (360-8550). All suggestions or questions are welcome and we promise to honestly address them.

## **Hindu Center of Virginia Celebrates**

# **Maha Shivaratri**

**Tuesday, March 08, 2005**

### **PROGRAM:**

Ganapati Puja	6:30 P.M.
Lord Shiva's Abhishekam	7:00 P.M.
Alankaram and Bhajans	7:45 P.M.
Astotram and Archana	8:30 P.M.
Mantra Pushpam and Vedam	8:40 P.M.
Aarti (s)	8:50 P.M.
Prasad and Food	9:15 P.M.

### **Contact for Details:**

Bhaskaran Nagarajan (755-6165)      Geeta Jain (360-1760)      Nalini Premkumar (270-9384)

Ram Gupta (781-1696)

**Sponsorships:**

Entire Puja: \$101  
Archana & Abhishekam: \$51  
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**OPEN INVITATION TO THE 2004  
FESTIVAL OF INDIA VOLUNTEERS**

It is my pleasure to invite all the volunteers of India Bazaar 2004 to the Hindu Center on March 12, 2005 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. to celebrate the success of the Festival. This year all your help and support has made the Bazaar most successful Festival with record fund raising for the Hindu Center.

As a chairperson of the festival committee, it is my humble request to all of you to mark your calendar for the above date and be there to celebrate your success. We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate your hard work and dedication. The program will start with light entertainment followed by refreshments and a brief presentation of the Bazaar results before the dinner.

Sincerely,  
Rama Jadhav  
(754-2138)

The Hindu Center family suffered a great loss on January 17th as our dear Mr. Brij Bushan Mago passed away at the age 73. He positively touched many lives and was friend to a lot of us in Richmond. He was a very active member of the community and served as President of India Association as well as Treasurer of the Hindu Center at different occasions. He is survived by wife Pushpa; children Rooma, Ritu and Mohit; and mother Vaishno Devi (Mataji). The Hindu Center and the community at large join the Mago family during this period grief and we all pray to

God for His blessings to bear this great loss.

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**Multicultural Capital Access Forum**

The City of Richmond Office of Minority Business Enterprise and the Asian American business Assistance Center (AABAC) cordially invite you to join other financial service providers from across Central Virginia on Thursday February 17, 2005 from 9 am until 3 pm at the Hyperlink restaurant, located in the Fan at 814 West Grace St, in Richmond. Free event registration and reservation deadline is February 16th

Contact: My Lan Tran at Tel (804) 646-6046 or at email: [tranml@ci.richmond.va.us](mailto:tranml@ci.richmond.va.us), or Melody Olarte at the Asian American Business Assistance Center (AABAC) at Tel: 804-798-3975, or by Email at [aabac@comcast.net](mailto:aabac@comcast.net)."

### **UKROP'S GOLDEN GIFT PROGRAM**

This program starts on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> and will end on March 26. Hindu Center is a participating non-profit organization in this program. All purchases made by Ukrop's Valued customers (Valued Customer Cards are free and can be obtained at any Ukrop's stores) during this period will be accumulated. Each valued customer will receive a gift certificate showing total purchases during the program. All the Hindu Center devotees are encouraged to collect these gift certificates and submit them to the treasurer, Jayesh Kapadia. Ukrops will donate a certain percentage of the gift certificates to the Hindu Center at the end of the program. Please feel free to contact Jayesh Kapadia at 360-7077 or [jands@henricoschools.org](mailto:jands@henricoschools.org) for more information.

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5:00 PM-9:00 PM Dinner*

*For Further Information and event planning please call:*

*Bina Mehta (804) 530-8826*

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*India Garden & Grill (804) 320-5010*

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### **Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity**

The Hindu Center of Virginia is proud to be participating in this worthy cause of building

affordable housing for low income families in the Richmond area by donating time, effort and money. We will be partnering with the many other organizations in the city to build this home as a part of the House of Faith Coalition project. We had the Habitat for Humanity meeting on January 20, 2005. This was a meeting with the builder, construction supervisor, the family who is the recipient of the House of Faith home and the other congregation members. The builder has drawn up a schedule with tasks of when the volunteers are needed and when the house will be finished. The construction on this project (home) will begin on April 27th and be completed on June 18th if everything stays on schedule.

The most important task for us now is to actively participate as volunteers in helping build the house. They need at least 15 to 20 volunteers each day from all the congregations for the successful completion of this project. Having as many as possible from our community shows that **we care about the community that we live in**. Many companies allow their employees to take off for community service with pay such as CapitalOne, Phillip Morris etc. The State also has 2 days a year allocated to community service.

No prior building experience necessary. Skills required to complete task will be demonstrated. Tools and supplies will be provided. Comfortable clothing and tennis shoes required. Just bring your enthusiasm to help and have a fun time working and getting to know others. So please join in any way to volunteer on this project. Feel free to contact Nalini Premkumar at 270-9384; Ram Gupta at 781-1696; Tony Sappal at 334-2774 or Nikhil Gosaie at 360-8550.

Festival of India Committee regrets the omission of the following persons from the list of Puri Bhaji Booth volunteers:

Indu Bhargava	Vishwa Bhargava	Uma Dhingra
Kailash Khanna	Kumkum Khanna	Sukhdev Walia