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SPECIAL KUMKUMA ARCHANA AND HOMA CELEBRATION



PROGRAM will be held at IACCT on Friday, August 4 and Sunday, August 6, 2017. We are pleased that **Panditji Shashibhushana will continue a great tradition at the temple.** This year, there will be Dinner prasadam on August 4th and Lunch prasadam on 6th. *Please support the temple by participating in Kumkuma Archana alone for \$51 and/or Homa alone for \$101 or the entire Maha Yagna for \$251. Please see the attached program. Please sign up for the events at the temple or by mailing the form in this newsletter or by contacting Panditji at 269-276-6203.*



SHRI KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION

Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 10:00 PM, Bhajans, light prasadam available after midnight.
Sponsors: Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot

NAND MAHOTSAV CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 19, 2017, 6:30 PM (Bhajans, Arati, Dinner prasadam).
Sponsors needed for this program.



GANESHA CHATURTHI FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD DURING AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.

Ganesha Chaturthi Pooja and Archana followed by dinner prasadam will be held on Friday, August 25, and Ganesha pooja every evening from August 26 through September 4 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Ganesha festival will conclude with Anant Chaturdashi pooja and celebration followed by dinner prasadam on Tuesday, September 5. Please see the full program attached herein.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES: We are planning to start an educational lecture series to cover various health related topics each month. We plan to continue this series as long as there is enough interest in the community. We are considering some topics initially, but welcome other topics which you may be interested in. Please call **Brij Bhargava (269-271-2735)** or any other board member to suggest other topics. **Arun Tandon** is scheduled for two presentations in September. Our goal is to cover a new topic each month. Several physicians from the community, who are leaders in their medical specialty, have agreed to participate in this educational lecture series for everyone's benefit. Here are some suggested topics under consideration: **1. Just headache or a tumor?, 2. Blood pressure - a silent killer, 3. Depression - you don't have to suffer alone, 4. Gas or is it a heart attack?, 5. Diabetes - why should I worry about it?**

EDUCATIONAL LECTURE SERIES – Arun Tandon will be presenting two talks on September 14 and 21 with questions and answers, at IACCT, lower level, as follows:

“Solving the puzzle of weight loss – once for all!! Simple solutions – fast results,”
by Arun Tandon, Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:30 PM

“Preventing and slowing the progression of diabetes and heart disease,”
by Arun Tandon, Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:30 PM

Arun Tandon is a licensed pharmacist who has been practicing 'compassionate care' for almost 30 years in the Portage area. He has a special interest in Ayurveda, yoga and pranayama, and has also received a certificate in nutrition from Cornell University.

His extensive knowledge of the human body/mind relationship, positive and negative impacts of medicine on the human body, and his simple, yet powerful and holistic approach towards health makes him a great teacher. He has been awarded the "Preceptor of the Year" award by Ferris State University, School of pharmacy. He has lectured at several universities, institutions, and nursing homes. Arun is well regarded and recognized for his humility and love for humanity.

Arun has helped several patients get off their diabetes medications including insulin for Type 2 diabetes, and subscribes to the philosophy of taking the least amount of medications to stay healthy.

FLU CLINICS – Two clinics for flu vaccination shots will be held at the temple for the benefit of IACCT community members. First one on Sunday, September 10, organized by Meijer, and the other one on Sunday, September 24, organized by Walmart. Both clinics will be held from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

NEW IACCT-IAK DIRECTORY 2018-2019 – As usual, IACCT will be publishing a new members and friends directory the Fourth Quarter 2017, in conjunction with India Association of Kalamazoo through joint efforts of **Shri Valvani and Vijay Mehta**. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR NAME AND OTHER INFORMATION IN THE 2016-2017 DIRECTORY, AND PROVIDE ANY CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO SHRI VALVANI at SValvani@hotmail.com or VIJAY MEHTA at vijaymehta42002003@yahoo.com. We will honor your request if you wish not to include any part(s) of your information in the directory. Also, please contact us if you are interested in an advertisement or a message in the directory.** We will insert your camera ready advertisement or compose a simple (without graphics) message and provide you with a copy of the directory for your use. The cost of an insert is as follows:

Full page, Black & White (approx. printed area 4.5" wide and 7.5" height)	\$160.00
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Full page, in Color (approx. printed area 4.5" wide and 7.5" height)	\$240.00
Above rates are for pages distributed throughout the directory.	
Full page INSIDE COVER, Black & White (approx. printed area 4.5" wide and 7.5" height)	\$240.00
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Please make checks payable to Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple and mail it to 2002 Ramona Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49002. Sorry, half page INSIDE COVER, or in color are not available. Advertisements help us to defray the cost for printing and distribution, and raise funds. Net proceeds are shared between IACCT and India Association Kalamazoo. For questions, please contact Shri Valvani (269-372-6760) or Vijay Mehta (269-327-5456).

IACCT Upcoming Events

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

When	Event	Sponsored By
Friday, Aug 4, 2017 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Dinner Prasadam)	Vara Mahalakshmi Kumkuma Archana	Dinner prasadam sponsored by: Amar & Sridevi Sappidi; Sashi & Shantha Murthy; Suresh & Ragini Yenishetty; Shiva & Sneha Boda;
Sunday, Aug 6, 2017 9-00 AM – Noon (Lunch prasadam)	Mahalakshmi Haven	Please sign up for the events at the temple. Contact Panditji 269-324-8224 or 269-276-6203 or Vijay Sood 269-327-2846 for details. Lunch Prasadam Sponsored by Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot; Ravi & Sangita Mediratta
Sunday, Aug 13, 2017, 11:00 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Badri & Ashrita Narayan
Tuesday, Aug 15, 2017 10:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Shri Krishna Janmashtami Celebration Pooja and Archana	Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot Light prasad packets will be available after midnight
Saturday, Aug 19, 2017 6:30 PM	“Shri Krishna Janmashtami” Nand Mahotsav Pooja, Bhajans, Aarti, Dinner Prasadam	Sponsors Needed
Sunday, Aug 27, 2017, 11:00 AM	NO SATSANG	No Satsang
Friday, Aug 25, 2017 6:30 pm	Ganesh Chaturthi Pooja and Archana Dinner Prasadam	Shri & Swerun Valvani; Hari & Urmil Bhargava; Om & Savita Jolly; Purushothama Doddanna & Jyoti Lal
Aug 26 – Sep 4 Everyday 6:30 PM	Ganesh Pooja	
Tuesday, Sep 5, 2017 6:30 PM	Anant Chaturdashi Pooja Dinner Prasadam	Chandrakant & Trupti Patel; Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar; Subhas & Prabha Ravi; Pravin & Lata Patel
Sunday, Sep 10, 2017, 11:00 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Sudhir Reddy, Phanisha & Rathna Mandagere & YOGA group
Sunday, Sep 10, 2017, 2:00 – 6:00 PM	Flu Clinic	Organized by Meijer (Please contact Amar Sappidi at 269-978-0568 for further info)
Thursday, Sep 14, 2017 7:30 PM	EDUCATIONAL LECTURE: “Solving the puzzle of weight loss – once for all!! Simple solutions – fast results”	Presentation by Arun Tandon, with Questions and Answers session
Thursday, Sep 21, 2017 7:30 PM	EDUCATIONAL LECTURE: “Preventing and slowing the progression of diabetes and heart disease”	Presentation by Arun Tandon, with Questions and Answers session
Thursday, Sep 21 – Friday, Sep 29, 2017	Sharadeeya Navaratri Kalash Sthapana and Durga Pooja on Sep 30; Chandi Paath by Panditji every evening.	Please contact Dipti Bhargava (269-375-6474) for further info.
Sunday, Sep 24, 2017, 11:00 AM	Pooja & Satsang	Suresh & Priya Acharya; Dhruva & Chanda Bhattarai; Narayan & Tanu Niraula
Sunday, Sep 24, 2017, 2:00 – 6:00 PM	Flu Clinic	Organized by Walmart (Please contact Manisha Parikh at 269-321-0235 for further info)
Saturday, Sep 30, 2017, 6:30 PM	Vijaya Dashmi Durga Pooja, Archana Dinner Prasadam	Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot; Nitin & Himja Udhawani; Raj & Meenu Lal; Avi & Priyanka Dalvi

Please call Prabha Ravi (269-808-6394) or Sujatha Krishnamurthy (269-312-8925), to sponsor Satsangs.

Indo-American Cultural Center & Temple, 2002 Ramona Avenue, Portage, MI 49002

**Special Kumkuma Archana and Homa Celebration
Friday, August 4 and Sunday, August 6, 2016**

IACCT is pleased to announce the eighth annual two-day celebration with **Laksha Mahalakhsmi Kumkuma Archana and Ganesh Navagraha AshtaLakshmi Kanakadhara Maha Yagna. Dinner mahaprasadam on 4th August and also Lunch prasadam on 6th will be served.** Preliminary program is as follows.

Day 1: Friday, August 4th, 2017 6:00 PM-8:00 PM followed by Dinner prasadam. Shraavan Masa Vara Maha Lakshmi Auspicious Day: 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 Mahalakhsmi; thus, the participants will accomplish over 108,000 chants of Mahalakhsmi. *Those who are attending, please bring two fruits to pooja.*

This event is equivalent to 108 Mahalakhsmis attending pooja, and has the potential for Mahalakhsmi 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 grateful for big participation in the past, and are counting on great community support to fill the prayer hall with reverberations of Mahalakhsmi chants. Please support IACCT by participating in **Kumkuma Archana**.

Dinner prasadam sponsored by: Amar & Sridevi Sappidi; Sashi & Shantha Murthy; Suresh & Ragini Yenishetty; Shiva & Sneha Boda

Please sign up at the temple, or send the registration form or contact Panditji at 269-276-6203 to participate.



Day 2: Sunday, August 6th, 2017 9:00 AM - Noon followed by Lunch prasadam: Ganesh Navagraha AshtaLakshmi Kanakadhara Maha Yagna (Havan, Homa, and Annadhana), open to all. Our Panditji will lead the Modaka Ganesh Havan, Navagraha Havan, Ashtalakshmi and Kanakadhara Maha Stotra pooja outdoors. This Homa is very powerful and has the potential for Nirvighnata, Vijaya, Manashanti, Manashantosha, Sakala Navagraha Dosha Nivarana (Mangala and Shani Dosha), Apamrituya Nivarana and Sarva Roga Nivarana. Sponsoring donation for Homa alone is \$101 for each family. Event Sponsor donation for the entire Maha Yagna is \$251 (includes participation in all events and would be recognized as the sponsors for Mahaprasad). We hope that you will support IACCT efforts by participating in **Kumkuma Archana alone for \$51 and/or Homa alone for \$101 or the entire Maha Yagna for \$251**. This is an excellent opportunity to participate in Special pooja and/or havan and support the temple. *Please sign up at the temple or send the attached registration or contact Panditji at 269-276-6203.*

Dinner prasadam sponsored by: Dharmesh & Niraj Rajpoot: Ravi & Sangita Mediratta

GANESH CHATURTHI FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Friday August 25 – Tuesday, September 5, 2017



GANESH CHATURTHI

Friday, August 25, 2017, 6:30 PM
PROGRAM

Ganesh Pooja, Bhajans, Archana, Arati
Mantra Pushpanjali, Dinner Prasadam

Sponsors:

Shri & Swerun Valvani; Hari & Urmil Bhargava;
Om & Savita Jolly; Purushothama Dodanna & Jyoti Lal

Ganesha Chaturthi Pooja and Archana followed by dinner prasadam will be held on Friday, August 25. Ganesha Pooja will be held every evening from Saturday, August 26 through Monday, September 4 beginning at 6:30 PM. The Ganesha Festival will conclude with Anant Chaturdashi pooja and celebration on Tuesday, September 5 as shown below.

ANANT CHATURDASHI

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 6:30 PM

Anant Chaturdashi, the last day of the Ganesha Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The program beginning at 6:30 PM is as follows.

PROGRAM
Ganapati Uttar Pooja, Bhajans, Aarati,
Mantra Pushpanjali, Dinner Prasadam

Sponsors

Chandrakant & Trupti Patel; Damodar & Jyotsna Golhar;
Subhas & Prabha Ravi; Pravin & Lata Patel

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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) 269-276-6203)

Regularly Scheduled Events

Day & Time	Event
Every 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	11:30 AM
Every Monday,	7:00 PM
Every Tuesday,	7:00 PM
Every Wednesday,	6:00 PM
Every Friday,	6:30 PM
Every Saturday,	10:00 AM
Every Saturday,	11:00 AM
See IACC&T Calendar for Dates	
Every 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	11:15 AM
Every Pournima day,	6:30 PM
Every Pradosh day,	7:00 PM
Every Sankashta Hara Chaturthi day,	7:00 PM
	Bal Vikas
	Rudrabhisheka
	Hanuman Chalisa
	Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship
	Lalita Sahasranama
	Yoga for Fitness & Fellowship
	Vishnu Sahasranama
	Pooja & Satsang
	Satyanarayana Pooja
	Rudrabhisheka
	Ganesha Abhisheka