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Pranaam!! Greetings to all Satsangis.

Our **Mother's Day Picnic** was on Sunday, May 12, 2019, hope all of you got an opportunity to make your mom feel proud. You can watch some videos and photos of the event on our Hindu Satsang's Facebook page. Please do **Like** and **Follow** our Hindu Satsang page on Facebook.

The guest speaker for the month of April was Mr. Brij Sharma who shared a few drops from his vast ocean knowledge. He spoke about doing good to others out of grace (pra-anugrah) clearly manifest in the person who is in the state of self-realization. The self-realized person spontaneously works for the cultural progress which leads to the betterment of society.

Our Guest Singer in April was Gayatri Vasudev who mesmerized us with her beautiful rendering of melodious bhajans. Hindu Satsang bhajan singers and guest singer were accompanied on dholki by Mr. Daljit Sabharwal.

Congratulations to Prem Sabharwal & Daljit Sabharwal on the birth of their grandson **Arnav Sabharwal** (Son of Hitender & Mansi Sabharwal) on April 19th in Denver, CO.

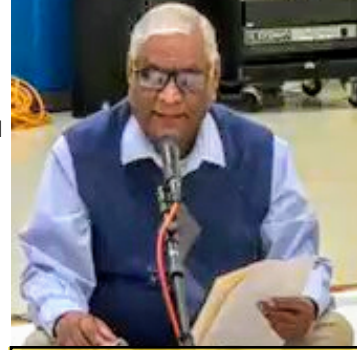
As you all know, **Darsh Kapadia** won one of the Hindu Satsang scholarships this year. In the age when kids as soon as they get money, run to get video games, fancy gadgets, and whatnot - Darsh decided to use that money to sponsor prasad this month to thank Hindu Satsang - that definitely is a marvelous gesture. He may be one of the youngest kid to have sponsored it - way to go Darsh!

Krish Nangia organized a booth at the meeting to familiarize Satsangis with using the QR code for linking to the Hindu Satsang Facebook page.

Last week I was pleasantly surprised to find that I have been selected as the 'Volunteer of the Month' at the school regional board meeting. Here is a picture of the same -

<http://bit.ly/volmonth>. It really feels good when your skills and hard work is valued and appreciated. I take this opportunity on behalf of the Hindu Satsang board members to thank all the Hindu Satang volunteers and teachers for their dedication and hard work - no non-profit organization can flourish without selfless volunteers.

Sunday School update: The final exam for the academic year 2018-19 was held on May 19th and the graduation day is on June 2nd. See you all on May 26 at 10 am for the congregation at HTGC Temple. Namaste. ❀



Our guest speaker on April 28th, Mr. Brij Sharma who turned 80 in April.

April Aarti Collections



Checks

Brij & Seeta Sharma	\$11
Satya & Raj Gupta	\$51
Surendra & Jyotsna Salgia	\$21
Total Checks	\$83
Cash	\$43
Grand Total	\$126

Birthday Celebrations in May

Subhash Pandey Kanchan Pandey Vasudha Pandey Ashika Sachdev



Anniversaries in May



शादी की सालगिरह पर हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं!

Birthdays and Anniversaries are posted on Hindu Satsang's Facebook page by 5th of the month. If you see any issues or names missing, please let me know before 8th of the month so that it gets printed correctly in the newsletter. Also, if you would like to share your news with your fellow satsangis, please send me an email with details: kpriya10@yahoo.com.

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Newsletters are generally published at least 3 to 4 days before the 4th Sunday of the month.



(Top) Hindu Satsang Super-Moms during the May 12th picnic at Herrick Lake Park. A lot more pictures at the Hindu Satsang's Facebook page. Please **Like** and **Follow** our Facebook page for latest updates. A BIG shout out to our education coordinators Neema and Anu for organizing the event, Subhash Oza, Ramesh Malhan, Hersh & Shivam for photos, Kam Gupta for delicious pakoras (Kamkora), and scores of volunteers - without them events like this would not be possible. Thanks to Mr. Subhash Pandey, Ms. Madhu Uppal and Mr. Ramesh Malhan for coordinating the event and for their guidance.

(Left) **Shriya Tiwari** (Student of Sunday School), learning to compose and publish webpage on Hindu Satsang's website. If any of the Elementary School student is interested in learning the process, please contact Jai Viswanathan @ kpriya10@yahoo.com.

The Story Behind Jagannath Temple



Jagannath Temple, Puri (Odisha) is one of the four Dhams. Here is a very short version of the story behind the Sri Jagannath (Sri Krishna) temple. After 36 years of the Mahabharat war, Sri Krishna was ready to leave this mortal world (Mrityu Lok) after fulfilling his duties. He also got cursed by Gandhari as she held Krishna responsible for the death of her 100 children in the Mahabharat war. Sri Krishna wanted to leave this world and for that, he orchestrated a divine play (leela). Sri Krishna was mortally wounded by the arrow of a fisherman called Jara. After Krishna left his body, Arjuna cremated it. To his surprise, Krishna's whole body got burnt to ashes except his heart which continued to burn. Arjuna heard the divine order to cast the burning heart into the sea, so he did. The heart kept on floating on the sea and gradually turned into a blue statue of Krishna - *Nilamadhava* (the blue Krishna). A tribal group enshrined the Nilamadhava statue in a cave. King Indradyumna heard about the Nilamadhava, he thought Krishna needs a grand temple, not a primitive cave. King Indradyumna came to forcefully retrieve the idol, accompanied by his army. To his shock, the idol vanished from the cave. Indradyumna realized his mistake and begged for forgiveness. Indradyumna was deeply traumatized by the incident and was constantly pleading with Sri Krishna for his forgiveness. One night in the dream, Sri Krishna asked him to return to the sea-beach of Puri and search for a wooden log which would bear the mark of Vishnu. Indradyumna searched and found the log with the mark.

After retrieving the log, King Indradyumna searched for able sculptors who could sculpt the idol of Vishnu. He couldn't find a single sculptor who could even scratch the wood.

After a few days, an old man approached Indradyumna who claimed that he could carve out idol from the woods. His condition was that he will work in a locked room and nobody should disturb him. The King agreed to his request and the sculptor started working on the statue.

The wife of the king, queen Gundicha would listen to the hammer sound of the sculptor on a daily basis. One day the sound stopped, King and the queen rushed and force opened the doors. To their surprise, the sculptor wasn't there and the three incomplete idols of Sri Jagannath, his brother Sri Balabhadra and sister Subhadra stood there with their big round eyes and a big smile. King Indradyumna enshrined the incomplete idols into the temple of Puri. The mark of Shri Vishnu, the transformed heart of Sri Krishna was carved out of the log and put inside the idols. This heart is called "Daru Brahma" means the "wooden soul".

The idols of Shri Jagannath and Balabhadra have no palms or fingers and Subhadra's idol has no hands at all. Even after enshrining the idols inside the temple, King Indradyumna could not find a sculptor to fix the idols. Again Sri Krishna came in his dreams and told him - "Don't try to complete me - if I get hands, my ardent devotees will become dependent on me. I want everyone to be self-dependent and strong to protect me".

Numerous barbaric Muslim invaders tried to destroy the Jagannath temple and tried to desecrate the idols of Shri Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra but nobody was successful to even touch the idols.

Rath Yatra is the annual Rath (chariot) festival of Shri Jagannath in which Sri Jagannath, along with his brother, Balabhadra and sister Subhadra visits the Gundicha temple which is about 3 KM (1.9 miles) away from the Jagannath temple.

Jagannath Rath Yatra is on July 4th in 2019. Get ready for a quiz in the next newsletter about Jagannath Temple and Jagannath Rath Yatra. 🌸

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Hindu Satsang, May Congregation (Held on every 4th Sunday of the month)

Date: May 26, 2019

Time: 10 am to 12:30 pm

Location: HTGC Temple, Lemont.

Agenda for Sunday, May 26

Convener: Hersh Sabharwal

10:00 am: Prayer and Bhajans by
Satsangis

10:30 am: Guest Singer -

Raja Bankapur

11:15 am: Guest Speaker -

Priest Shri Ram Prasad ji

12:00 pm: Lunch (Preeti Bhojan):

Sponsored by Manju Kalra, Uma Rajinder
Nauth, Shashi Malhotra, Darsh Kapadia



Our Guest Speaker this month:

The guest speaker for the month of May is **Priest Shri Ram Prasad ji** from Lemont Hindu Temple. He needs no introduction as he is so popular amongst devotees. Pandit ji has been with this temple since 1998 and hails from Himachal Pradesh in India. As we saw during the Hindu Satsang's Youth program, many kids these days recite Hanuman Chalisa with so much devotion, fluency and confidence. Pandit ji is bringing their favorite topic, please bring your kids along and learn more about the **topic:** Hanuman Ji and Hanuman Chalisa.

About our Guest Singer: **Raja Bankapur** is a very versatile singer and a multi talented musician. Although a Telecommunications Engineering Manager by profession, his passion for music was so strong since childhood that he developed himself through self learning to become a well known professional musician & singer in Chicago for the past 20 years. He has also learned to play Bansuri, Harmonium and Tabla on his own. He has performed in more than 300 shows all across the USA and entertained folks on Masti and Maharaja Cruises. We have a **special surprise** - one of our satsangi will accompany him on sitar - unravel the mystery on May 26th. ✨