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Sri Venkateswara Temple Newsletter

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Dear Sir/Madam,

South Texas Hindu Society (STHS) is a community organization that facilitates and fosters cultural, religious, spiritual and intellectual development in the communities of South Texas. Since its inception in 2002, STHS has organized several cultural, spiritual and intellectual development events.

Over the past decade, through Festival of India and Community Health Fair STHS has showcased its rich cultural heritage to the local population and has served over 10,000 fellow South Texans with free health screenings that

included cholesterol, EKG, blood pressure, blood sugar, diabetes analysis and a free follow-up consultation with a physician/specialist to address any health issues,

To promote spiritual and intellectual development, STHS celebrates the Mahakumbhabhishekam ceremony every 12 years with the first being held on May 24 - May 28, 2005. The second of the series will be held from May 13-18, 2017.

Since its inauguration, STHS has enjoyed the generous support of physicians, engineers, members of the hospitality industry, other professionals and community members. In order to make this year's event a grand success, we would highly appreciate your continued support at the following levels of sponsorship:

Diamond \$ 15,000

Platinum \$ 10,000

Gold \$ 5,000

Silver \$ 2,500

Bronze \$ 1,000

Please note that STHS is a 501- (C)(3) non-profit organization and therefore your donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Dr. Vijay Bindingavele

President, STHS

## **Maha Khumbhabhishekam 2017**

Once in every 12 years temple is renovated and all the vigrahas are reestablished (punahapratista). During the Jeernoddhaarana (renovation period), the divine presence of the Murtis (Deities) must be transferred to the holy waters contained in the Kalaasas. Pooja is done to these Kalaasaas and Ustava deities (bronze idols taken out in processions). The kalasaas remain in a miniature structure known as Balaalayam. "Baala" means mini and "aalaya" means temple or structure in Sanskrit. During this time the devotees will not be able to see or do poojas to the stone sculpted moola vigrahas (Deities). The scheduled poojas will be done only to Utsava moortis. The divine presence of the Lord will remain here until it is transferred back to the Moola vigrahas. Scheduled Poojas to Moola vigrahas will start only on the Mahaa Kumbhaabhishekam day. According to The aagamashastra.

**Dr Ramakrishna Mulukutla**

## Temple Celebrations 2017











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## Holi Celebrations by CBIA at Temple

















## Editor's Corner



Our first quarter started with everyone's new year in January and ended with Ugadi , Gudipadua and a number of other communities' new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU

Spring time with beautiful weather, fresh flowers, lot of pollen and the associated allergies. That is the nature ,the beauty something that happens every year and very enjoyable part of the seasons in south Texas.

All festivities and colorful gatherings at the temple for the entire quarter, were awesome to watch.

Our next big event at the temple is Mahakumbhabhishekam.

All arrangements for the Maha kumbhabhishekam are underway in a big way.It only happens every 12 years .

A number of our board members have already planned time off, to make it a successful and a memorable event. Please plan to attend and participate. There is not much satisfaction for us if we do not see you all at the temple during this event.

For some of us this is once in lifetime event. I want all of us to feel the same way.

Being able to celebrate a festivity of with this level in US away from our motherland is a great achievement for all of us .It is not just for the board members but for the entire community .

Love to see you all ,please come participate and make it a memorable event.

I looked up for photographs of our inauguration in 2005 and found some .It was not like these days in 2005 .

We were very busy focusing on the occasion and took very few photographs .

*Hoping to see all of you including our out of town members .*

*Lalitha M.Janaki,MD FACR*

*Memories of Inauguration 2005*

