



# BHARATIYA TEMPLE OF LANSING, INC.

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We have  
named our  
news letter

**"Mandir  
Patrika"**

June 5, 2004

Dear Devotee,

From the humble beginnings back in 1982 to the present day, our Temple has come a long way. To be sure, the journey has not been without the ups and downs and we have faced many trials and tribulations but through it all our community has always come together and rallied around a common goal and purpose. As a community, we met every challenge and built not only what we set out to do but more. Now, we proudly say that our House of Worship with its beautiful inside & outside architecture is the crowning achievement of our community. It is admired by many. The credit for this achievement belongs to each individual and family who responded to the call, worked hard, and contributed their time, efforts, knowledge, and monies.

Today, our journey continues but we are at a crossroad. Do we now become complacent, remain static and not grow or do we look forward, plan for the future, complete our Temple and meet the increasing needs of our growing community?

As your Board Members we have unanimously concluded that building the necessary additions is the right thing to do. We have articulated these needs to you on several occasions. We firmly believe that the proposed project is well within the means of our community. In conjunction with the Finance Committee members we have developed a fair and workable funding plan. The plan was included in the letter to the community sent in April. We now implore you to respond enthusiastically by sending in your pledge card for this project as soon as possible.

**We also would like to remind all the non-members that June 30 is the deadline to become an annual member for 2004. Please get involved, become a member, and participate in this year's election process. That is an effective way to have your say in the future direction and management of this Temple. Please do not put off this task to tomorrow.....take care of it while it is still fresh in your mind. Please send in your membership form and a check for the dues now.**

Thank you and God bless,

Your Board of Trustees

## **Pratishtha Anniversary on Sunday, June 13, 2004**

**The Program for the day is as follows:**

1. **Shri Ganesh Abhishekh**  
9:00 AM to 10:00AM (note the early start by 30 minutes)
2. **Jain Puja**  
10:00 to 11:00 AM
3. **Sarva Devata Puja and Arati**  
11:00 to 12:00 Noon
4. **Prasada - Lunch**  
12:00 Noon to 1:00
5. **Classical Bhajan Program**  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM by well known vocal singer  
Shri Shantanu Bhattacharyya

Please come and participate in this yearly event of celebrating our Pranpratisthas, and enjoy a great music program.

**Generous archana and donation is suggested for this celebration.**

### **Need volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays**

From 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (2hr shift) (senior citizens, please volunteer)

- 1) To attend the phone and to greet and help visitors at the temple in the lobby
- 2) Help at the library

### **SERVICE TO MANKIND IS SERVICE TO GOD!!!**

Volunteers to visit Dr. Kannappan at the assisted living home

P.S. Parents of youngsters, for helping Dr.Kannappan walk with walker, wheelchair, a good sum of money is available for disbursement.

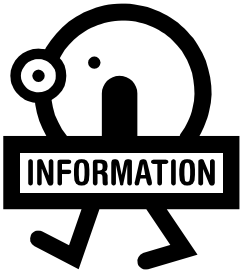
Please contact Loki Naga @ 332-4944, [lokinaga@hotmail.com](mailto:lokinaga@hotmail.com)

### **OTHER ADDITIONS FOR DEVOTEES TO PARTICIPATE**

#### **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Vishnu Sahasranam chanting 10:30 AM –11:00 AM

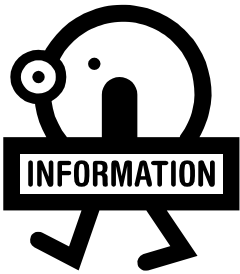
#### **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**



"The shortest  
distance  
between two  
points is under  
construction"

-Noelie Alito





Bhajan singing - 11.30am - 12 pm  
Carnatic music by volunteers - 12:00 Noon – 12:30 PM  
Potluck lunch

Please sign up with Loki Naga

### **SHISHU VIHAR CLASSES**

The Classes are going on sundays @ 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
The youngsters 4-6yr olds learn about Ganesha , Festivals we celebrate, doing Pooja, Singing bhajans, Shlokas in a fun way.

Any volunteers for the fall class?? Contact Loki Naga

### **Anyone interested to study about Hinduism following “DANCING WITH SHIVA” book by late Satguru Shivaya Subrammuniswami??**

The contemporary catechism is an illustrated sourcebook to know the divine, honor all creation and see God everywhere, in everyone.

Contact Loki Naga @ 332-4944 or [lokinaga@hotmail.com](mailto:lokinaga@hotmail.com)

### **ANUBHAVVA MANTAP**

Support clubs for the following are being considered. Please join and share notes with each other.

Young mothers with infants  
Heart club  
Diabetes club

For further information, please call Loki Naga  
332-4944 ([lokinaga@hotmail.com](mailto:lokinaga@hotmail.com)). Also looking for group leaders and suggestions.

**UNITY IN COMMUNITY** held their monthly program at our temple on April 18,2004. About 20 participants from different ethnic groups gathered and shared their poems in small groups. Snacks and Indian Chai were served. Rev. Beth Bogue was the coordinator.

### **A Special Note from your Board of Trustees**

*If you are new in town, we welcome you to this town. Please give any of the Temple trustees a call and we would be happy to make your transition into this town smoother. Many of the trustees are long time residents of this area. We can be helpful in almost any thing that you might need. So do not hesitate, please give us a call.*

Our Temple offers various services and will need your support. Here are the contacts for each event sponsored, supported and coordinated by the Temple.

“A bird doesn't  
sing because it  
has an answer,  
it sings  
because it has  
a song”

- Maya  
Angelou





**To sponsor Sunday Puja (first Sunday):**

Ramma Gossain 349-2886

**To sponsor Havan (third Sunday):**

Jai & Raj Jaglan 337-8085

**Youth Class (second and fourth Sunday):**

Rajiv Das 347-9843

**Jain Puja (fourth Sunday)**

Sharmila Jain 347-4168

**Bal Vihar Classes**

Amrita Karve 347-1892

**Priest Services booking**

Sudhakar Kulkarni 485-1060

**Temple Rental**

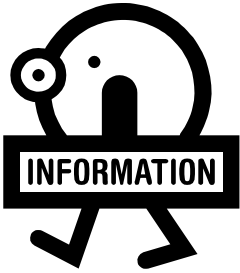
Sudhakar Kulkarni 485-1060

**To sponsor Soup Kitchen (second Saturday)**

Minesh Mody 347-4244

**To sponsor Satyanarayan Puja**

Shashi K. Joshi 349-6225



**Mark your calendars for these future events**

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1. Swami Bodhanda's 5 day lectures on " Seven Spiritual Laws," August 9 through 13, 2004, each day 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM followed by arati and prasada.

For more details call Sudhakar Kulkarni - 485-1060

2. Shri Meenakshi Devi Ji's lectures on Bhagavatam or Ramayana, August 19 through 20. Details of the program will be sent soon as soon they are finalized.

Please contact Arun Kumar for further details.

The regular Temple activities such as Janmashtami celebration and Ganesh Festival will be in the month of September.

**A man was praying to God.**

*He said, "God!?"*

*God responded, "Yes?"*

*And the man said, "Can I ask a question?"*

Effective  
action is  
always unjust

- Jean Anouilh

*"Go right ahead," God said.*

*"God, what is a million years to you?"*

*God said, "a million years to me is only a second."*

*"Hmmm," the man wondered. Then he asked, "God, what is a million dollars worth to you?"*

*God said, "a million dollars to me is as a penny."*

*So the man said, "God. Can I have a penny?"*

*And God smilingly said, "Sure!!.....just a second."*

Many times we  
get what we ask  
for

"Think twice  
before asking"

**Please complete this form and return it with your payment before June 30, 2004 to become a voting member. Please note that there is a pre-requisite of \$250 minimum donation to become a voting member.**

Name: (Last and first name) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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for further  
information at**

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**Dues:** Circle one      Family \$150      Individual \$75

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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