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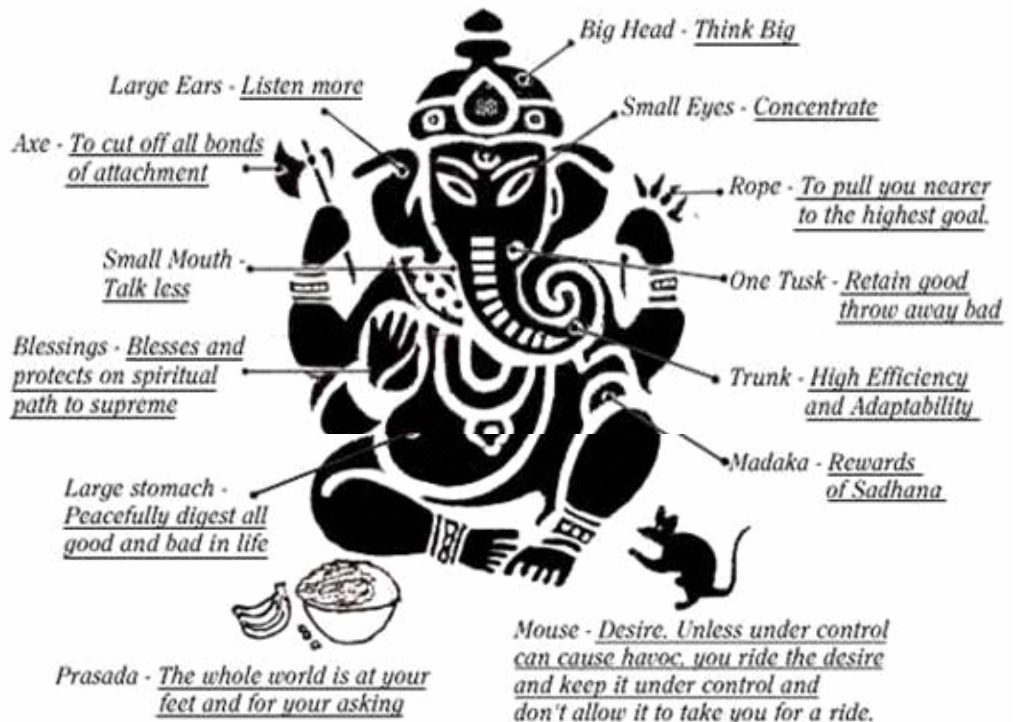
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Ganesha Symbolism



FUND RAISING 2004

RIACC was involved in a lot of fund raising, mainly in July and August. Correct that statement. RIACC's Ladies members were actively involved in raising money not the men.

Given below is the amount so far raised by RIACC:

Item	Amount raised
Independence day "dosa fund raiser" on August 15, 2004	\$ 665
Sale of miscellaneous items – vegetables, gongura pickle, Chakri, Idli pudi.	\$ 126
Garage sale on June 12, 2004	\$ 51
Carnatic music concert on August 22, 2004 arranged by Guha Krishnaswamy at the Hall of Worship	\$ 500
Big Brothers Big Sisters Raffle winner donation	\$3,000
T O T A L	\$4,242

All the women participated in these worthy causes. The Executive Committee of RIACC wishes to thank each and every member who helped in these events. Remember, the secret of success is team spirit.

Programs - [October 2004 to December 2004]

OCTOBER

- 10th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY Vishnu Sahastranama
- 13th: 6:30 PM WED. Sunderkand Path - Mrs. Rama Gupta
- 16th: 6:30 PM SATURDAY DEEP DARSHANA Season Doll Exhibition
- 17th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY - SPECIAL LALITA SAHASTRANAMA / POTLUCK
- 20th: 6:30 PM WED. - SPECIAL Ras Garba at Temple
- 22nd: 6:30 AM FRIDAY - DURGA PUJA , DASERA CELEBRATION, Priest Will perform Puja
- 29th: 6:30 PM FRIDAY - SHARAD POORNIMA ,
SATYANARAYANA KATHA Sponsored by APNA BAZAR.
- 31st: 5:00 PM SUNDAY KARVA CHAOUTH

NOVEMBER

- 10th: 6:30 PM WED. Sunderkand Path - Mrs. Rama Gupta, Dhanteras
- 12th: 6:30 PM FRIDAY - SPECIAL DIWALI - LAXMI PUJAN BY Mr. HARI PURANIK
- 13th: 9:00 AM SAT. Suprabhatam - Dr. Aruna Panini
- 14th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY - SPECIAL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - BHAJAN / PUJA
ANNAKOOT / MAHAPRASAD, ORGANIZER - Mrs. PRAGNA MEHTA
- 21st: 11:00 AM SUNDAY - TULSI VIVAHA
- 28th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY Vishnu Sahastranama

DECEMBER

- 8th: 6:30 PM WED. Sunderkand Path - Mrs. Rama Gupta
- 12th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY Vishnu Sahastranama
- 19th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY Gita Gyan - Potluck
- 26th: 11:00 AM SUNDAY POORNIMA / POTLUCK

TEMPLE REGULAR HOURS: EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM AARTI 7:30 PM
 EVERY SATURDAY 9:00 AM SUPRABHATAM
 EVERY SUNDAY 11:00 AM AARTI 12:30 PM
 EVERY 1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BHAJANS

Know your Community

Dr. Sekhar S. Pindiprolu.

Who was a great all round cricketer and used to bowl to Ranji Trophy players as an 18-year old bowler? Who has two bachelors degrees, two Masters degrees and a PhD degree? Who goes out of his way to help RIACC with any task? Who doesn't have a "No" in his vocabulary when it comes to Hall of Worship activities? This outstanding RIACC member is none other than Dr. Piniprolu Sekhar, Assistant Professor at ETSU in the School of Education. Sekhar as most people call him got a bachelor's degree in zoology, botany and chemistry from Nagarjuna University in Andhra Pradesh. He followed it up with another bachelors in Neurobiology, psychiatry and Special Education from the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped in Osmania University. After that he got his first Masters in Education from Kurukshetra University in Haryana and his second M Phil from Jamia Milia Islamia in Delhi. He then came to USA and did his PhD in Education from the University of Utah in Logan.

We give a hearty RIACC welcome to Sekhar and being selfish would like him to become a Trustee and stay in Johnson City till he is eligible for Medicare. But that would perhaps be too much to ask. We hope he stays in these gently hills of East Tennessee as long as he wishes to. And incidentally, Sekhar is very handsome, charming and witty and to the best of our knowledge hasn't yet found a life partner.

INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION - (ICMA) Tri Cities, Tennessee

The Classical Music of India comes to us from the *Vedas* (ancient Hindu Scriptures). Over thousands of years Indian Classical Music has developed a very complex interaction between different peoples and cultures. These systems of *Sangeet* have been transmitted orally from one generation to next. This Guru-Disciple method has maintained residual fragrance of the Indian Classical Music beyond wealth and status.

The present system of Indian Classical Music is based upon *Rag* and *Tal*. *Rag* is the melodic form while *Tal* is rhythmic. The interpretation of *Rag* and *Tal* is not the same all over India. There is "North Indian" and "South Indian" tradition. There are many musical instruments peculiar to India. The most famous are: "*Sitar*", "*Tabla*", "*Mridangam*" and "*Veena*".

We, in the Tri Cities, Tennessee area have no easy access to live concert of Classical Indian Music. For the last several years Dr. Krish Guha, Johnson City, has been arranging and paying from his own pocket for these vocal and instrumental concerts here in Johnson City, Tn.. Those who have attended have responded positively to these concerts.

I would like to propose two live concerts per year in the Tri Cities, TN area. Dr. Guha and several others have agreed to help. A \$100.00 per year per family will **guarantee entire family admission to at least two concerts a year free of charge.**

Your commitment to yearly membership would help us to plan this activity in this area. No money is needed right now. **Your support is important to us.**

Please sign your name and contact details (Email/Tel.# etc) on the attached sheet so that we can depend on you for your generous support.

Thank You

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INDIA DAY

Did you know August 20 was "India Day" in Bristol, TN /VA?

Bristol Lion's club, recognized Indian organizations in the Tri-city area. On Aug 20 the Mayor of Bristol, Mr. *David K. Shumaker*, presented distinguish service award to ICC, RIACC and TIWA. RIACC was represented by Dr. Ashok Mehta, Dr. Jayant Mehta and Mr. Hari Puranik. For 29 years of outstanding services to the Lion's club, Lion Mr. Ramesh Desai was also presented with a plaque. Our thanks to Ramesh Desai for bringing Indian community in the lime light.

Bristol Herold, a local news paper, carried the news on it's front page with big headline. Mr. Desai is a life member of RIACC. "Hats off to Rameshbhai !"

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Priest for RIACC Hall of Worship

Dear Friends,

Members present at the General Body Meeting held on September 12, 2004 expressed strong interest in hiring a priest for the RIACC Hall of Worship (HOW). To support a priest for a full year, we need to raise money. We request your support!

How much money do we need to support a priest for a full year?

Based on our ongoing donations and expenses, we estimate that we need to raise **\$15,000 in new pledges.**

Why do we need a priest?

Here are some of the reasons stated by members attending the General Body Meeting.

1. Many people in the area of Indian origin travel to Knoxville, Nashville, and Atlanta or invite priests from other cities for special religious ceremonies. This is expensive and inconvenient.
2. Improve attendance at and interest in the HOW, which will probably translate into greater donations that would fund other projects such as the Dining Hall Extension. It will also save us the money HOW spends when we invite priests from out-of-town for special events.

Hiring a priest will reduce the burden on volunteers who work hard today to keep the Hall of Worship running.

Can I offer suggestions?

Of course! We welcome your suggestions. Manoj Srinath, President, HOW Executive Committee, will lead this special project. Please send your suggestions to Manoj. We will do our best to make a decision that incorporates your suggestions and is in the best interests of the community.

How can I help?

You have generously supported the Hall of Worship in the past. Thank you! We request you to support the Hall of Worship in this important step.

Thanks to Mrs. And Dr. G. S. Kumar for giving us a great start by donating \$3000.

Level of Contribution (one year pledge):

___ \$1000; ___ \$750; ___ \$500; ___ \$250; Other ___ (please write in amount)

Contribution Method:

___ I will contribute the entire amount now

___ I will contribute the entire amount in two payments

___ I will make monthly payments

Other: _____

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Warmest Regards,

RIACC HOW Executive Committee

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