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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-2008 AND JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

An invitation to all Bhaktajans and the members of Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of So. California Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of Southern California, Chapter of Shree Ramkabir Bhakta Samaj of USA cordially invites you to its annual general meeting and Janmashtami celebrations.

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2008

Special Program:

Place: Bhakta Cultural Center, 12311 Firestone Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

3::00 PM to 5:00PM Time: General Meeting: Dinner: 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Please note that kitchen will be closed at 6:45PM 7:00PM to 8:15PM By 30 or more Participants

Bhajan: 8:30PM and Onwards Bhajans & Aarti

This event have been graciously sponsored by Mr. Chandravadanbhai and Mrs. Pushpaben Bhakta of (Sarai) Temple City, CA and family. On behalf of our Samaj,

President and trustee mandal appreciates the donors for their support.

Everyone kindly requested to bring Aarti and Prasad.

વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને જન્માષ્ટમી–૨૦૦૮

સૌને સપ્રેમ રામકળીર, શ્રી રામકળીર <u>ભકત</u> સમાજ <u>ઓક સધર્ન</u> કેલીકોર્નીઓની વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા અને <mark>જન્માષ્ટમીના પર્વની ઉજવણી માટે</mark> હ્રાર્દિક <mark>આમંત્ર</mark>ણ આપીએ છીએ. તારીખ ઓગષ્ટ, ૨૪, ૨૦૦૮ રવિવારના રોજ <mark>આપ જરરથી આપણા ભકત કલ્ય</mark>રલ સેં<mark>ટરે સમ</mark>ચસર <mark>પદ્મારશો</mark> એવી વિનંતી છે. વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાનો સમય <mark>સાંજે</mark> ૩:૦૦ વાગ્યાથી પઃ<mark>૦૦ વા</mark>ગ્યા દર<mark>મ્યાન છે</mark>. ત્યારબાદ આપણે ભોજન સાંજે પઃ૦૦ થી *ઙ*:૩૦ દરમ્યાન સાથે <mark>લઈશુ. અત્રે જણાવવાનુ કે કાર્યક્ર</mark>મની સ<mark>મયસર શરૂઆ</mark>ત કરવા માટે રસોડું સાંજે *કઃ*૪૫ વાગ્યે બંધ કરવામા <mark>આવશે. બાળકોની</mark> સાંસ્કૃતિ<mark>ક પ્રવ</mark>ૃત્તિ સાંજે *૭*:૦૦ થી ૮:૧૫ દરમ્યાન થશે જેમા ૩૦ થી વધુ કલાકારોએ *ભાગ* <mark>લીધો છે. ભગવાન</mark> શ્રી કપ્<mark>શના જન્</mark>મદિનન<mark>ી આપણે સૌ સાથે ૮ઃ૩૦ થી મો</mark>ડી રાત સધી ભજન–આરતીથી ઉજવણી <mark>કરીશુ. આ વાર્ષિક ધાર્મિક પ્રસંગ</mark> શ્રી ચં<mark>ઢવદનભા</mark>ઈ ચીમનભાઈ ભકત <mark>તથા</mark> અ.સૌ. પૃષ્પાબેન ચંઢવદનભાઈ ભકત <u>(સરઈ) તથા પરિવારના સૌજન્ય અને સફકારથી શકય બનેલ છે. સમાજ વતી અમે સૌ ઢસ્ટીમંડળના સભ્યો</u> <mark>દાતા</mark>રોનો ફાર્<u>ટિક આ</u>ભાર માનીએ છીએ. **સૌને આરતી–પ્રસાદ લાવવા નમ્ન વિનંતી છે**.

Annual General Meeting Agenda

વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભાના કાર્યક્રમની રૂપરેખા

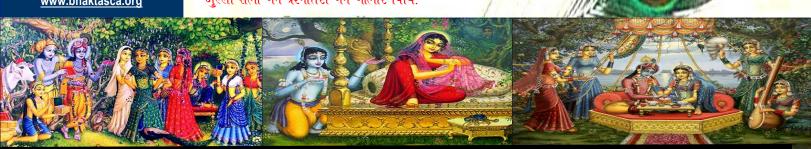
Welcome and opening prayer - સ્વાગત – સભાની શરૂઆત પાર્થના

Approval of minutes of the last year meeting ગત વર્ષની સભાની નોંધ અને મંજુરી

President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's & Sakhee Mandal Reports

પ્રમુખશ્રી, મંત્રીશ્રી, ખજાનચી અને સખી મંડળનો અફેવાલ Election of New Trustees - નવા ઢસ્ટીઓની નિમણુક

Open Forum (Q & A) and Vote of thanks ખુલ્લ<mark>ી સભા</mark> અને પ્રશ્નોત્તરી અને આભાર વિધિ.

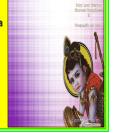




A long time ago in ancient India, there lived King Ugrasen. He had two children by the name of Prince Kansa and princess Devaki. Prince was evil by nature. When he grew up, he imprisoned his own father Ugrasen and became the king himself. Soon his sister got married to King Vasudeva. However after the wedding, Kansa heard the divine warning from the sky, "O King! Your sister's eighth son will grow up to kill you. "After hearing all this Kansa was afraid. Immediately he imprisoned his own sister Devaki and her husband and kept them under watch.

Whenever Devaki gave birth to a child in the prison, Kansa arrived there personally and killed the child. When Devaki became pregnant for the eight time, King Vasudeva's friend's (King Nanda's) wife was also pregnant. The eight child, Lord Krishna was born to Devaki at midnight in the prison. As soon as the child was born, Lord Vishnu appeared in divine form and the whole prison was filled with a glittering light. At the same time when Lord Krishna was born in the prison, the divine energy of Lord Vishnu was born in Gokul, as a baby girl to queen Yashoda. A heavenly message came to Vasudev as soon as Lord Krishna was born, "Take this child across the Yamuna River to Gokul and exchange him with Yashoda's daughter. You will return to the prison before anyone comes to know about the birth of this child."

Vasudev immediately followed the advice. As he was carrying the child in his arms, he found that the prison doors opened automatically and guards were put to sleep by god. After reaching safely to the palace of King Nanda and queen Yashodha and putting baby Krishna safely in place of Yashodha's baby girl, he returned to the prison with the baby girl. As soon as Vasudeva came back to the prison and laid the baby girl next to Devaki's side, the guards ran to inform Kansa about the birth of eight child. Kansa rushed to kill the child. As he about to kill the baby girl, she flew up and said, "O evil king! You will gain nothing by killing me. The one who will destroy you is elsewhere."



Moral of the story is whenever evil in the world like Kansa' wicked rule becomes unbearable; God himself comes to save us in form of incarnation like Lord Krishna. Against God, not even mightiest evil can do anything.

Our Coming Up events:

September 30, 2008—Navratri Celebrations October 2, 2008—Gandhi Jayanti October 14, 2008—Sharad Purnima

Details and the venue for the Diwali celebrations will be announced shortly. We have planned Sports activities, Senior event, Picnic, Ladies events and much more will be celebrated. Please visit www.bhaktasca.org
Our Cultural Program will be held on April 11, 2009 at La Mirada Theater. Please get involved early and take a active part in this massive event of joy! For questions and participation, please contact Mrs. Minakshiben Harivadanbhai Bhakta. Please renew your membership today and support our constructive activities serving the Bhakta community worldwide. Thank you and Ramkabir.

Please remember that our membership year runs from Janmashtami to Janmashtami. The treasurer will be ready to receive your membership dues for the coming year after the conclusion of the general meeting.

આપ સૌને કરીથી જણાવવાનું કે આપણું કારોબારી અને સભ્ય ફી વર્ષ જન્માષ્ટમીથી શરુ થતું હ્રોય છે અને જન્માષ્ટમીએ અંત આવતો હ્રોય છે. નવા વર્ષની ફી આપ સૌ જન્માષ્ટમીના જ દિવસે આપશો તેવી આગ્રહ ભરી વિનંતી છે. વાર્ષિક સાધારણ સભા બાદ આપણા ખજાનચી આપશ્રીની સભ્ય ફી એકત્ર કરવા ઉપસ્થિત હ્રશે. કરીથી જણાવવાનું કે સૌ આરતી-પ્રસાદ (ઈચ્છાનુસાર) લાવવા વિનંતી.