



Bhāratīya Temple And Cultural Center

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Quarterly Newsletter from BTCC

2006 Summer Edition



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Dear BTCC Members, Benefactors, Trustees, and Executive Committee members,

Congratulations to all of you for supporting BTCC and bringing it to life! The first six months have proven beyond doubt the concept of BTCC. Every event has been a big success:

From Lakshmi puja, to New Year Bash, to Karunya's lively concert, to classical performance by Ashwini Bhide, to breathtaking Odissi presentation, to Insurance seminars, Picnics, Weddings, Graduation parties, pujas, Satya Narayan Kathas, Republic Day celebrations, comedy show Yoga Camp and many more!

We are blessed to have such a beautiful Temple and Cultural Center. **After 20 years the dream has finally come true!** **Going forward we** have three important needs to make our center blossom and flourish:

1. Generate a continuous stream of funds to reduce debt.
2. Continue improving facilities and value offered to BTCC members.
3. Encourage more members to become actively involved.

To accomplish the above, the Executive team has agreed to proceed with five new projects: **Sound system, Stage curtains, Children's playground, Yagna Shala and Krishna Gardens.** We can only proceed with the projects once \$51K is collected for each project

Over 50% of these funds will go to reduce debt.

Your utmost support is needed to help the project champions complete their targets. We are hoping to have the first two projects done by our first Anniversary in September of this year.

1. Donate generously to your favorite project (all names will be recognized)
2. Call at least 10 community members and urge them to make a pledge.
3. No contribution is too small, every \$ will be put to worthy use!
We need to be debt free!!

Thanks and God Bless All!

Ajay Gupta

President

Religious Committee News:

Greetings and cheers to all BTCC patrons!

The BTCC Priest committee is excited to provide you with an update about Priest selection.

Some of you are aware of BTCC priest committee actively pursuing an appropriate priest for our temple, since March, 2006. So far, we have been able to identify several qualified candidates and have held some preliminary interviews. We are in varying stages of the selection process with each of the candidates. Currently we have short listed 3 candidates with varying degrees of experience and background. AT this time, we are hopeful that we will have a permanent priest in place by January of 2007. Please be assured we will have a priest during our anniversary celebrations during Labor day weekend. If you have any questions or comments please contact the EC by phone or by email. Thanks for your continued patronage and may the lord bless you all with happiness and prosperity.

BTCC Priest Committee

Note: Please contact Religious committee, if you want to be part of the religious activities.

Religious calendar

- Every Tuesday at 6PM

Vishnu Sahasranamam (Group recital of one thousand names of Lord Vishnu)

- 2nd Saturday of every month at 9AM

Suprabhatham (waking up of Gods with auspicious chants and stotrams)

For 2006

September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

- 3rd Sunday of the month at 3PM

Bhajans (Monthly Bhajan Group)

For 2006

September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

These events are open to all and there is no charge. All of these activities are conducted by interested volunteer groups in a spiritual, congenial atmosphere. They make every effort to start promptly on time and most events last approximately 60 – 90 minutes.

Temple Timings

**Daily: 6.30PM to 8:00PM
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00AM to Noon.**

Dear BTCC Patrons:

As part of our ongoing infrastructure development, we have the following projects that are taking shape for the 2006-07 fiscal year. We need your active participation by donating generously towards one or more projects of your liking. All donors will be recognized. A significant portion of the proceeds will be used to retire our debt.

Thank you,

BTCC Executive Committee

BTCC 2006 -07 Projects

Project name	Sound system	Stage Curtains	Yagna Shala	Krishna Gardens	Play ground
Project Champion	Jatin Shah	Rajan Joshi	Bhavesh Patel	Raydu Pollisetti	Pramod Sharma
Project Cost*	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$51,000
Donors	Jatin Shah	N. Languani			Ajay & Preeti Gupta
Amount	\$2,001	\$5,000			\$2,001
Donors	Jyotin Chandarana	Rajan Joshi			Mahendran & Lakshmi N
Amount	\$7,001	\$5,000			\$2,001
Donors	Avinash Sathaye	Raj & Vasu			Chand & Kushi Ramaiah
Amount	\$1,000	\$1,500			\$2450
Donors	Navnit Patel				Sunil & Kalpana Kumar
Amount	\$501				\$501
Donors	Subbarao Bondada				
Amount	\$121				
Donors	Bhupendra Parekh				
Amount	\$501				
Donors					
Amount					
Total Pledged	\$11,125	\$11,500	\$0	\$0	\$6953
Needed for Project	\$39,875	\$39,500	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$44,047

* A significant portion of the project cost will go towards debt retirement.

Anniversary Pūjā Schedule September 2, 2006 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Event	Place	Time & Duration	In-charge
प्रार्थना prārthanā कलशयात्रा kalaśayātrā	Entrance	9:00AM–9:15AM (15 minutes)	Natubhai Subbarao
पुण्याहवाचन puṇyāhavācana गणेशपूजन gaṇeśapūjana बिंबशुद्धि bimbaśuddhi	Temple (Participants: Major Sponsors)	9:15AM–10:00AM (45 minutes)	Avinash Sanatbhai
रामतारकहोम rāmatāraakahoma विष्णुसहस्रनाम viṣṇusahasranāma महापूर्णाहुति mahāpūrṇāhuti	Tent (Participants: Major & Regular Sponsors)	10:00AM-11:00AM * (60 minutes)	Gayatri Avinash Raj
षोडशनामपूजा ṣoḍaśanāmapūjā	Temple (Participants: Patrons)	11:00AM–11:30AM (30 minutes)	Sanatbhai Shashidhar
मन्त्रपुष्प mantrapuṣpa आरती āratī	Temple (Participants: All Members)	11:30AM-Noon (30 minutes)	Sanatbhai Shashidhar
महाप्रसाद mahāprasāda	Tent	Noon – 1:00PM	Shashidhar Saraswathi

Major Sponsors: \$1001.00 and Regular Sponsors: \$251.00

* Digamber Pooja & Aari will be performed in the Temple from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

September 2nd Evening Program Schedule:

Dances of India

Saturday, September 2, 2006

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Please refer to the Insert for more information.

Gaṇeśa Pūjā September 3, 2006 Starts at 9:30 AM 12:00 Noon

गणेश पूजा अभिषेक	gaṇeśa pūjā abhiṣeka	Main Hall	9:30AM-10:30AM (60 minutes)	Avinash Amita
Recitations		Main Hall	10:30AM-10:45AM (15 minutes)	Shashidhar
आरती	āratī	Main Hall	10:45AM-11:15AM (30 minutes)	Amita
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony		Prayer Rooms in Temple	11:15AM-11:30AM (15 minutes)	Rajan
प्रसाद	mahāprasāda	In Tent	11:30AM onwards	Amita

All Pūjās will be performed under the direction of Sri Sundaresan Gurukkal, Priest.

For further information, please contact Amita Gangal (277-2820) or Natubhai Patel (223-4597) or Subbarao Bondada (223-5494).

SOUVENIR UPDATE:

The advertising opportunity is open for all – businesses and individuals. Please use this extended opportunity to advertise in the special edition of BTCC souvenir. The deadline to receive the ads is on August 18th, 2006. Use the tear out form below and send in your ads and payments.

Advertisement size (pick one)

- Back outer cover – (Color only) - \$ 1,500
- Back cover inner (Black only) - \$ 1,000 **SOLD**
- Front cover inner (Black only) - \$ 1,250
- Full page black - \$ 500
- Half page black \$ 250
- One-Third page Black - \$ 125 (It is hard to size the 1/3 page ads. So the minimum guaranteed size is 1/4th page).
- All ads should be either sent in soft-copy via email OR a clean ready-to-scan copy via mail.
- Mail your payments to: BTCC, PO Box 23965, Lexington, KY 40523-3965.

BTCC community recognition News:

- The BTCC executive committee recognizes the invaluable support provided by Shri Raj Pandya and his family. The Pandya family has performed musical concerts and offered the Bhajan CD, Archana for the benefit of BTCC.
- Hearty congratulations to Dr. Jayakrishna Ambati for receiving a national award for his research in the field of age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

Treasurer's Report

Dear BTCC Patrons,

In our Spring newsletter I presented the financial statements for the period 1997 through December 31, 2005. This report will cover January 1 through August 9, 2006. All questions regarding this report or for any detailed financial report, please write to The Treasurer, BTCC, PO Box 23965, Lexington, KY 40523-3965. You can also send an email to mnaidu@educare.org.

Bharatiya Temple & Cultural Center, Profit & Loss Statement, January 1 – August 9, 2006

		<u>Jan 1 – Aug 9, 2006</u>
Income – Contributed Support		
4010 Indiv/business contribution		109,214.82
Earned Revenues		
5330 Gross rents revenue		10,051.00
5450 Advertising revenues		1,500.00
5470 Cook Book Sales		1,340.94
5490 Misc. revenues		661.00
Special Events		
Donations, fundraisers (Republic Day, etc)		4535.00
Total Income		127,302.76
Expense - Personnel		
7515 Travel		150.00
7530, 7540 Professional fees (Artists' fee)		5,660.00
7550 Temporary help (contracted labor)		600.00
Non-personnel expenses		
8110 Supplies		2,871.32
8130 Telephone		450.06
8140 Postage, shipping, delivery		784.06
8160 Equip rental & Maintenance		1,193.35
8165 Other Maintenance Exp		1,915.00
8170 Printing & Copying		4,003.65
8111 Fundraising dinners		3,050.00
8220 Utilities		5,881.35
Misc. Expenses		
8510 Interest expenses (on loans)		11,338.73
8520 Insurance		647.59
8585 Charitable Giving & Grants		2,500.00
Business/Corp expenses		
8650 Taxes – other		157.92
8670 Organizational expenses		15.00
8680 Bank Service Fee		127.28
Total Expense		41,345.31
Net Ordinary Income		85,957.45
(Total income – expenses)		

(Expenses do not include constructions bills and other long term assets since they are classified as fixed assets. Please review the next statement.)

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd.)

Balance Sheet as of August 9, 2006

		<u>Aug 9, 2006</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings Chase Bank		27,451.28
Maintenance Account		3,165.03
Deposits		400.00
Total Current Assets		<u>31,016.31</u>
Fixed Assets		
Furniture, Fixtures & Equip		26,405.16
Building		1,487,928.79
Long Term assets – Deities		32,360.98
Total Fixed Assets		<u>1,546,694.93 ‡</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		1,577,711.24 =====
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		14,411.00
Loans & Notes Payable		244,001.00 *
Line of Credit Payable		83,718.92 †
Total Liabilities		<u>342,130.92</u>
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity		2,925.03
Unrestrict (Retained Earnings)		1,146,697.84
Net Income		85,957.45
Total Equity		<u>1,235,580.32</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		1,577,711.24 =====

‡ We have increased our fixed assets by \$ 61,864

* We have reduced our Private loans from \$ 260,000 in Dec 2005 to \$ 244,000 in Aug 2006.

† We have reduced our Credit Line Payable from \$ 97,330 in Dec 2005 to \$ 83,718 in Aug 2006.

Other facts:

CASH NEEDED TO PAY OUTSTANDING BILLS & LOANS as on August 9, 2006: \$ 342,130.92
(Please refer to the balance sheet)

We have received some pledges from our patrons for our new and upcoming projects. A significant portion of those donations will be used to retire our debts. So kindly donate generously. All your donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Mahendran Naidu
Treasurer, BTCC

A CALL FOR BTCC LIBRARY COLLECTION DONATION

We have started collecting books, CD, DVD, and Cassettes for the BTCC library. Once we have enough collection, we will start library circulation.

THREE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

If you would like to contribute to the collection there are three ways you can do that.

1. If you already have the book, CD, DVD or Cassette (either audio or video cassette) that you would like to donate you can drop that off in the book drop box inside the BTCC library room.
2. If you have larger collection which does not fit the drop box, you can give it directly to Navnit Patel (cell 859-396-7975) or any committee member.
3. If you would like to donate money to purchase books, CD, DVD or cassette you can give the money (with any particular book suggestion you may have) either to Navnit Patel or any committee member.

You are also welcome to donate any other items we need for the library such as:

- Reading table and chairs.
- Magazine & Newspaper Racks
- Sitting sofa or lounge chair.
- Windows XP capable Computer & Printer
- Wall pictures, wall pieces.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR:

We will be screening all the materials for appropriate-ness in the collection. Our primary focus should be -

- What do we want our next generation to know
- What would our next generation like to know
- What will help our next generation in their life

SOME EXAMPLES OF COLLECTION CONTENTS

- Hindu scriptures & explanatory books - Veda, Upanishads, Gita, Ramayana
- Religious and cultural story books - For example Amar Chitra Katha
- Indian culture, life, people, food
- Yoga & Meditation
- Prayers, Bhajans, Poetry
- Indian History & Art
- Indian classical dance
- Indian Music
- Indian Languages Learning
- Indian Literature (Selective)
- Comparative Religious Books - Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism
- Lecture / Katha / Scripture Series video or audio sets

Thank You!

Navnit Patel
(859) 396-7975

Fund Raising Events

Objective: To decrease the loan amount for BTCC (Maintenance Fund for BTCC)

Committee Members: Rajan Joshi, Ashok Gangal, Mahesh Naik, Arun Kadambi, Arun Patel, Subbararo Bondada, Ghanshyam Patel, Mahesh Gosalia & Ela S.Patel

➤ **GOAL:** To raise at least \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year.

➤ **Dollar a day Club: 100 FAMILY MEMBERS NEEDED (Total \$ 36,500):**

Require donation: Either a check for \$365.00 or a \$30.00 direct deposit payment a month.

Benefits: A) Supporting temple

B) There will be a monthly Puja conducted by Priest according to the festival of the month. You get opportunity to sit in a puja **once** a year. You get to choose the month you would like to sit.

C) You also get a Temple Calendar and also Panchang as appreciation token.

Arun Patel, Subbararo Bondada and Ela Patel will head this.

➤ **Yearly Membership: 100 family members needed. (Total \$ 12,000):**

Required donation: A check for \$120.00 a year.

Benefits: A) Supporting Temple

B) You get a Temple Calendar, as appreciation token.

Natubhai Patel and Saraswathi Singh will head this.

➤ **Life membership of \$2,000 donation in same year or 2 consecutive years to be also headed by Natubhai Patel and Saraswathi Singh. (Membership forms at the end of news letter)**

➤ **Meijer, Kroger and GFS programs. (expected income \$ 5,000/year):**

Mahesh Naik will head this and we will try and reinforce it in our News letter, Flyers and Emails. As per his suggestions he will work on the idea of the Coupon book.

➤ **Movie a Month (Expected income \$ 6,000):**

We will try and show Indian Classical movies at the Temple. Details will be worked out by committee (Ashok Gangal, Ghanshyam Patel, Veena Bansal and Mahesh Gosalia). Food such as Pizza, popcorns and drinks will be also sold during the movies.

➤ **Monthly Medical Meeting ⊕ Expected income \$ 12,000):**

Rajan Joshi is working on organizing medical meeting at the Temple sponsored by Drug companies. Drug companies will pay \$1000.00 per speaker and all the moneys will go to Temple. Rajan Joshi and Arun Kadambi are in charge of planning.

➤ **Flu Vaccine:**

Arun Kadambi and Rajan Joshi will work on getting some Flu vaccines Vials and they will be given by our Community Physicians at the temple.

➤ **Piggy Bank: (Expected income \$ 5,000):**

Rajan Joshi is working on getting some Cow Banks made for the families to put their cash change as educating children to save for BTCC.

➤ **Temple Replica (Expected income \$ 2,000):**

Rajan Joshi is working on getting some wooden replica of our Temple, which will be placed in our Indian stores and Restaurants.

➤ **Youth Committee:**

Suggestions, they should try and do a car wash at the Temple site during our programs.

➤ **Tee Shirt and Raffles:**

Ghanshyam Patel, Varsha Naik, Mita Patel and Raj Chakravarthy will come up with new ideas during our large temple gatherings.

Auction sales during large functions where appropriate (Expected income \$ 5,000),
Pictures, artifacts and other donated items.

Donate Old used cell phones:

For raising some additional funds for the BTCC we will be collecting old used cell phones. Please bring your old cell phones to the BTCC and deposit in the box specially set-up for it. Also do not forget to use the Kroger and Meijer's gift cards for raising funds for the BTCC. If you need any additional information please contact Mahesh Naik at 859-268-9155.

Cultural Committee News: Upcoming events

An Indian classical music concert by Ms. Sawani Shinde

At the BTCC auditorium on Sunday Sept. 17th, 2006.

Time: 3 to 6 PM. Donation \$25.00 (reserved) and \$15.00.

Sawani is very young, talented vocalist from Pune & one can very well have an idea of her very bright future, after listening to her vocal recital. She also needs no formal introduction to North American audience, as she has traveled & performed in this continent about 5 /6 yrs back. She will perform Classical / Semi classical as well as light vocal music. She will perform bhajans based on classical ragas.

- **A well known Bharat Natyam dancer Ms. Priyadarshini Govind will present a concert at the temple on Sunday October 15, 2006. Time: 3 to 6 P.M. Details on the program to be announced.**

BTCC Senior citizens club, Lexington. KY

Please fill the form and mail to BTCC address.

Full name: Birth date:

Spouse's name: Birth date:

Children's name: Birth date:

Permanent address:

Address in India:.....

Occupation, Present or Past:

Hobbies and Interests:

Active Driving license: Yes No

Allergies:

Medical insurance information:

Phone no: Emergency contact:

BTCC Senior citizen club members, Lexington. KY

Present BTCC Senior citizen club members

1.Naranbhai and Sharadaben Patel	9.Kanubhai and Sharadaben Patel
2.Ramanlal and Vasuben Joshi	10.Chimanlal Shah
3.Ratilal and Madhuben Patel	11.Kanubhai and Kailashben Patel
4.Sarojben Joshi	12. Kanaka Sunderraj
5.Bipinbhai and Ansuyaben Shah	13.Vallabhbhai Chandarana
6.Shantibhai and Savitaben Patel	14.Chokshi's mother
7.Ishvarbhai Patel	15.Ashok Patel's mother
8.Bansilal and Nayanaben Damania	16.Minaben Patel's mother

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MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM

I pledge to donate:

- \$20,001 or greater towards Diamond Life Membership**
- \$10,001 to \$20,000 towards Golden Life Membership**
- \$5,001 to \$10,000 towards Pioneer Life Membership**
- \$2,001 to \$5,000 towards Patron Life Membership**
- \$120 towards the Annual Membership**
- Other Amount \$.....**

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to BTCC and mail it at the above address.