



Maha Ganapati Temple of Arizona



Annual General Body Meeting
April 16, 2016



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***OM Ekadantaya Vidmahe Vakkratundaya
Dheemahi Tanno Danti Prachodayat***

*(We devote our thoughts to the One Tusked Lord We
meditate upon Him who has a Curved trunk May the
tusked one guide us on the right path)*

***Om Sahana Bhavatu, Sahanao Bhunaktu
Sahaveeryam Karvaa vahai
Tejaswee Naava Dheeta Mastu Ma Vidvishaa
Vahai Om Shanti Shanti Shantih***

*(I pray that You help me teach. You help me learn!
May our study be brilliant and may we not
misunderstand! Om Peace, Peace, Peace!)*



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Agenda

- Board of Directors 2015-2016
- Religious Updates
- Finance Updates
- Construction Updates
- Community Updates (e.g., Annadanam)
- Board of Directors 2016-2017



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Board of Directors for 2015-2016

President	Ramesh Natarajan
Vice President	Elango Ramanathan
Treasurer	Praveen Alamuri
Secretary	Srini Krishnamoorthy
Jt-Treasurer	Meyyappan
Jt-Secretary	Ravi Vannela
Member Director	Srinivasa Guptha
Member Director	Ajay Yenugula
Member Director	Anupama Gurjar



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Religious Updates

- Prana Prathista Maha Kumbhabhishekam for Ram Parivar and Bhaktha Anjaneya
- Samoohika Sita Rama Kalyana Vaibhavam with over 300 families participating





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Religious Updates



- More than 500 plus devotees participated in special Thai Poosam celebrations for Lord Muruga.
- Twetnty five plus devotees had observed deeksha and participated in the traditional Ayyappa piligrimage. Special Bhajans were performed by
- Completed 350+ outside services



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Religious Updates



- Sahasra Lingaarchana was performed for the first time in the valley with devotees making 1116 plus making Shiva Lingas for the special puja.



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For Skandasashti Aarupadai Veedu- celebrations was celebrated with rithviks from Veda Circle from Greater Los Angeles area participating in the function.



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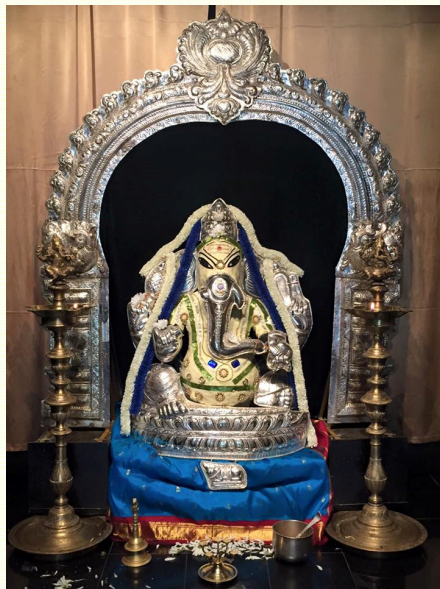


108 families participated in the Sathyanarayana Puja as part of Karthigai Celebrations and lit the sacred thulasi Kota lamps.



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Religious Updates - A Landmark Milestone



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Bhoomi Puja and the first brick was laid by Gaja Raja (Elephant) for the **FIRST MAHA RAJA GOOURAM IN THE VALLEY** on Feb 14th, 2016

5,000 plus devotees participated in the event by carrying kalasas with sacred water and performed abhishekam for Ganesha

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Financial Overview – Year 2015

Income	
Services and Donations	\$593, 027
Construction Funds	\$123, 424
Annadhanam Donations	\$98, 859
Total Income	\$815, 310
Expenses	
Operating Expenditure	\$441, 679
Capital Expenditure	
Construction Phase V	\$83, 171
Idols, Art Work & Accessories	\$36, 286
Kitchen (extension,equipment, & upgrades)	\$38, 842
Mortgage Principal Payment	\$31, 848
Trailer upgrades, storage, & security	\$ 8, 000
Total Expenses	\$639,826



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Financial Standing as of Apr-10-2016

Account	Available Balance
Temple Operating Funds	\$27,134
Construction Funds	\$85,036
Mortgage Lenders Accounts Payable	\$24,271
Mortgage 2016 Re Finance Savings	\$215,005
Reserve Funds	\$110,171
Total	\$461,617



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Food Committee Updates

2015- A Year to Remember

- Growth in devotee attendance
- Capital Improvements for 2015
- Annadhanam
- Volunteer base



Food Committee 2015- Devotee Attendance

Volunteers cook and serve an average of 150 plates each weekend day.

Special events have seen over 2500 plates of food served.





Food Committee

2015- Capital Improvements

- Apr. 2015: Dakshin Hall covered area (seats 200 people)
- Aug, 2015: Kitchen Insulation
- Addition of commercial refrigerators.
- Dec. 2015: Dakshin Hall extension. (Seats 100)

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Food Committee Annadhanam

*gajathuragasahasram gokulam
kotidhaanamkanakarajitha paathram medhinee
saagaranthamubhayakula visudham
kotikanyaapradhaanamnahi nahi bahudhaanam
annadhaanassamaanam*

Annadhaanam is greater than donating many horses, elephants, gold ornaments, vessals, land, kanyadhanam etc.

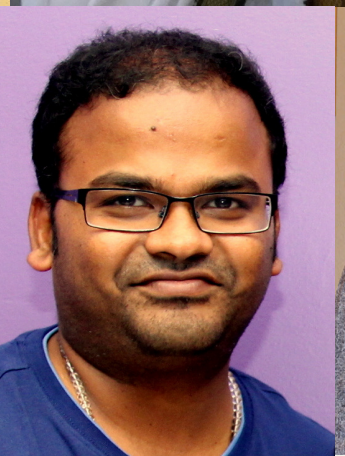
- Separate Donation category was added for Annadhanam.
- Donations more than doubled compared to 2014.
- Devotees contribute monetarily or in kind.





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Volunteers



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Thank you for your Service!

Incoming Committee Members

Harini Chinnari



Keerthi Reddy Gude



Sivaseelan Manivasagam



Outgoing Committee Members, Santosh Bala & Shankar





Construction 2015-16 - Highlights

- Overwhelming devotee support over the last year to accomplish several projects, in terms of monetary and time contributions.
 - Completion of the **Bhaktha Hanuman shrine and Rama Parivar shrine** in May 2015.
 - **Bhumi Puja on Feb 14th 2016** to mark the beginning of Raja Gopuram construction.
 - Construction of **10 koshta (niches) shrines** around Siva and Balaji shrines.
 - Pranaprathishtapana shall commence May 6th to May 8th, 2016
- Additional shilpis were hired to accomplish the year-long construction.
- Community programs such as Devi, I-walk & Divinity Cricket for Maha Raja Gopuram raised awareness on construction.



Construction Projects Pipeline

Year	Projects completed/Work-in-Progress	# of shilpis
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rama Parviar and Hanuman Shrines• North Gopuram (80%)• Koshta Vighras – 10• Raja gopuram drawings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Gopuram (20%)• South Gopuram• Maha Raja Gopuram• Portico Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $3 + 5 = 8$
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maha Raja Gopuram• Front Entry Indian Art Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• $3 + 5 = 8$

The total project cost of all the 3 Raja Gopurams is estimated to be over \$500K.

**WE SINCERELY THANK YOUR PAST SUPPORT &
LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF
MAHA RAJA GOPURAM!!**



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iWalk and Divinity Cricket in support of **Maha Rajagopuram**



- iWalk was a First time but successful community event. Adults, children and families participated in 5K balloon walk as proud temple builders.
- Divinity cricket cup generated tremendous enthusiasm for cricket in the valley among the young and old.



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Opportunities for Community Involvement

Involve by contributing your Time

- We are on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mahaganapati. Please like us on Facebook, to receive the up-to-date information on temple events right at your finger tips.
- The temple is a volunteer driven organization. Please come forward and volunteer your time. We need volunteers like you. You can sign up to be a volunteer either on our website or email us at info@ganapati.org
 - Volunteer at the Kitchen
 - Volunteer to create flyers/posters, other ads
 - Volunteer at the front desk and be our spokesperson
 - Volunteer in the daily operations of the temple



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Opportunities for Community Involvement

Involve through Monetary Contributions & Be a proud Temple Builder !

- Please visit the Temple front office or the website for enrollment assistance in either of these programs. Your contributions are eligible for tax deduction.
- **Stewardship Group (STG)**
 - A continuing scheme that will recognize donors above and beyond certain monetary contributions over a period of time. The name of the donor's family is permanently engraved on a monumental wall.
- **Pillars of Support**
 - The Monthly Donor program with an goal of fully funding the ongoing Temple operational expenses to sustain and grow its presence in the community.
 - The monthly donations can as little as \$31 a month.



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What's coming up?

- **Maha Rudra Murti Prana Prathishtapana Kumbhabishekam**
- May 6th, 7th & 8th, 2016

For Lord Daksinamurthy & Goddess Durga shrine along with Sri Ganapathi, Srilingodhbavar, Sri Brahma, Sri Narasimha, Sri Varahar, & Sri Para Vasudevar the shrine is on May 8th to May 10th . Please join us in this grand celebration.

- **Mahima 2016**, our annual musical fundraiser - May 22nd 2016.

Event Proceeds go towards the temple construction fund.

- *In 2017 (around this time)*, Maha Raja Gopuram construction will be completed and the community will be preparing to celebrate Arizona's first Maha Raja Gopuram for Maha Ganpati in May 2017



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Outgoing Board Member (s)

Elango Ramanathan	Vice President
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*Thank you for you continued
support in realizing the dream!*

Jai Ganesha!