



# Maha Ganapati Temple of Arizona



Annual General Body Meeting  
April 15, 2017



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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! )*



# Annual General Body Meeting - 2017

## Agenda

- Board of Directors 2016-2017
- Religious Updates
- Finance Updates
- Construction Updates
- Community Updates (e.g., Annadanam)
- Board of Directors 2017-2018



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## Board of Directors for 2016-2017

President	Ramesh Natarajan
Vice President	Ajay Yenugula
Treasurer	Praveen Alamuri
Secretary	Ravi Vannela
Jt-Treasurer	Meyyappan
Jt-Secretary	Srini Krishnamoorthy
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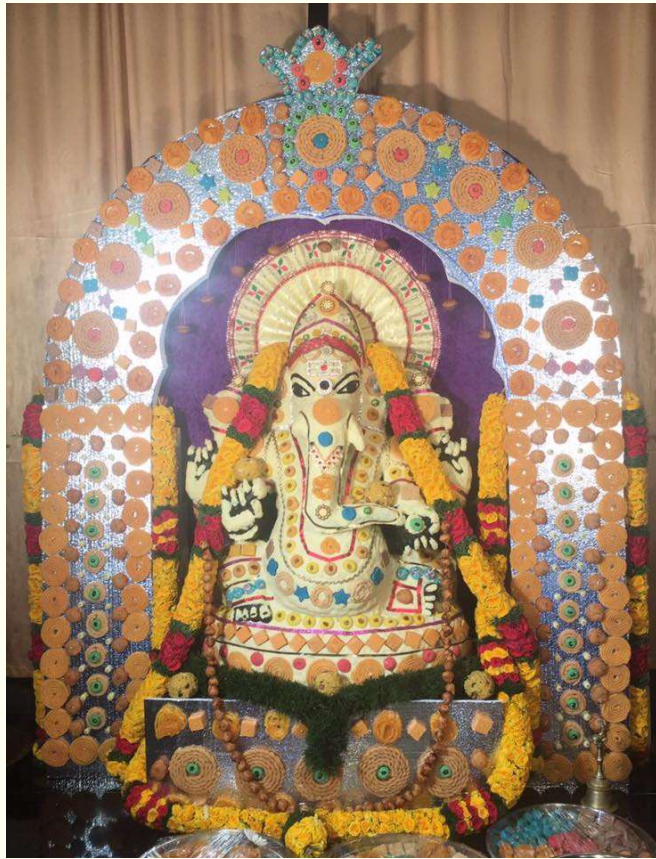




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## Religious Updates

Thanks to overwhelming support from the devotees the temple is having special celebrations throughout the year with three to four special events in a month.



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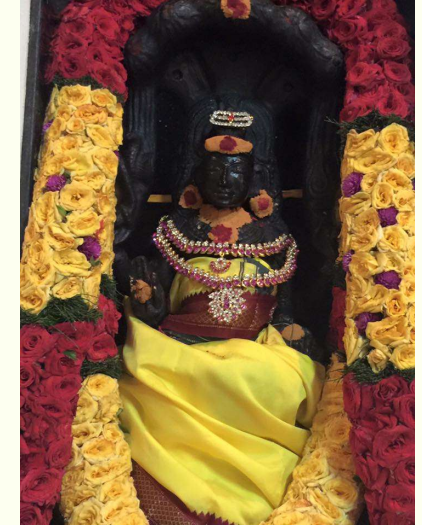
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## Religious Updates

- Prana Prathista Maha Kumbhabhishekam around Shiva and Balaji Shrines.
- First Dakshinamurthy, Durga and Narasimha shrines in the Valley.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maha Rudram was conducted in a grand manner with close to 150 Rithviks participating from all over the country.







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## Religious *Updates*



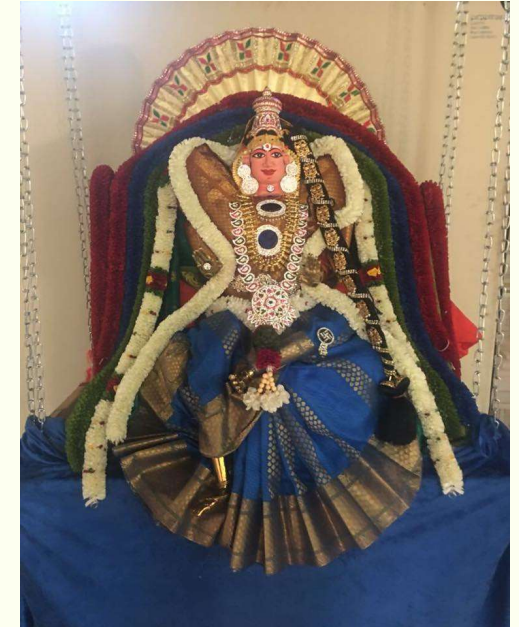
- Mayura Vahanam for Muruga
- More than 500 plus devotees participated in special Thai Poosam celebrations for Lord Muruga.
- Twetnty five plus devotees had observed deeksha and participated in the traditional Ayyappa piligrimage. Special Bhajans were performed by devotees.



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## Religious Updates

Navarathri celebrated with Chandi Homam special alankarams for Devi along with traditional display of dolls.







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## Religious Updates - A unique celebration



Yearly Brahmotsavam during  
Ganesha Chaturthi.  
Close to 7,500 devotees participated  
in the 10 day event.

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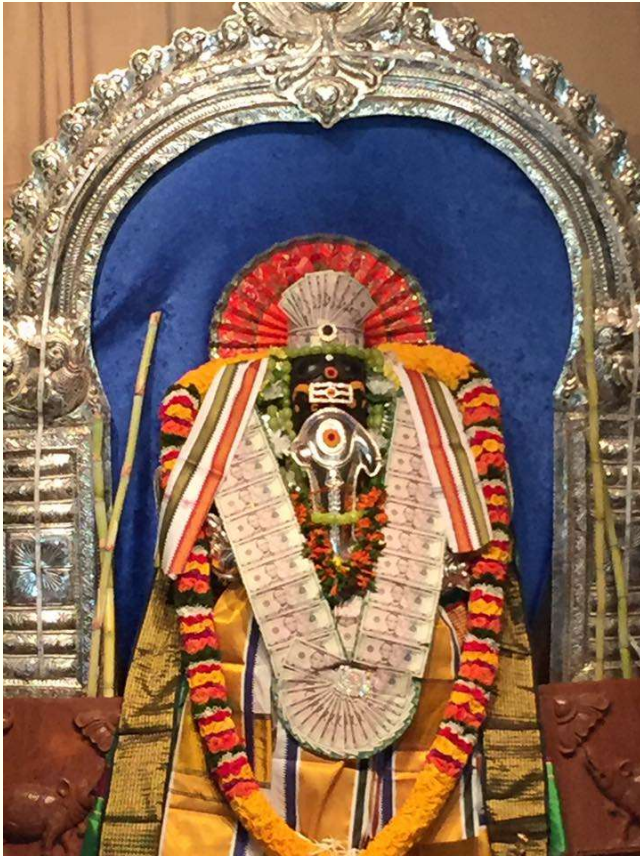
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## Religious Updates - A unique celebration



Diwali Celebrations with special alankarams, fire works and sweets for all devotees.

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## Religious Updates - A unique celebration



AZ Thirumala Tirupathi Udayaasthamana Seva. 5,000 plus devotees participated

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## Religious Updates

### Sankatahara Chaturthi



*Performing  
Abhishekam to Lord  
Maha Ganapati on  
Sankatahara  
Chaturthi removes  
all obstacles faced by  
the devotee.*

Weekday Abhishekam: 6:30 PM  
Weekend Abhishekam: 4:00 PM

### Pradosham

*Performing Sivā Puja during Pradosham,  
removes one's Karmic impurities and  
blesses the devotee with Moksha.  
Abhishekam is performed to Lord Siva*

Weekday Pradosha puja: 6:30 PM  
Weekend Pradosha puja: 4:00 PM



Special Pujas throughout the year for  
Maha Ganapati on Sankatahara Chaturthi  
Shiva on Pradosham throughout the year.



## Financial Overview – Year 2016

<b>Revenue</b>	
Services and Donations	\$ 653, 000
Construction Funds	\$ 170, 940
Annadhanam Donations	\$ 109, 375
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 933, 120</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Operating Expenditure	\$ 545, 000
Capital Expenditure	
Construction Phase V	\$ 213, 496
Idols, Art Work & Accessories	\$ 24, 000
Overall infrastructure improvements	\$ 33, 000
Mortgage Principal Payment	\$ 80, 000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$895, 000</b>



# Key Accomplishments of Finance Team in 2016

- Introduced an annual BUDGET process to judiciously plan Operational and Capital expenditure
- **Refinanced mortgage with Bank of America for significantly low interest rate – net savings of ~\$4000 / month**
- Made \$200, 000 in down payment to Bank of America at refinancing – reducing the principal from \$663, 000 to \$463, 000
- **Repaid devotee loan taken during WF mortgage financing in 2011**





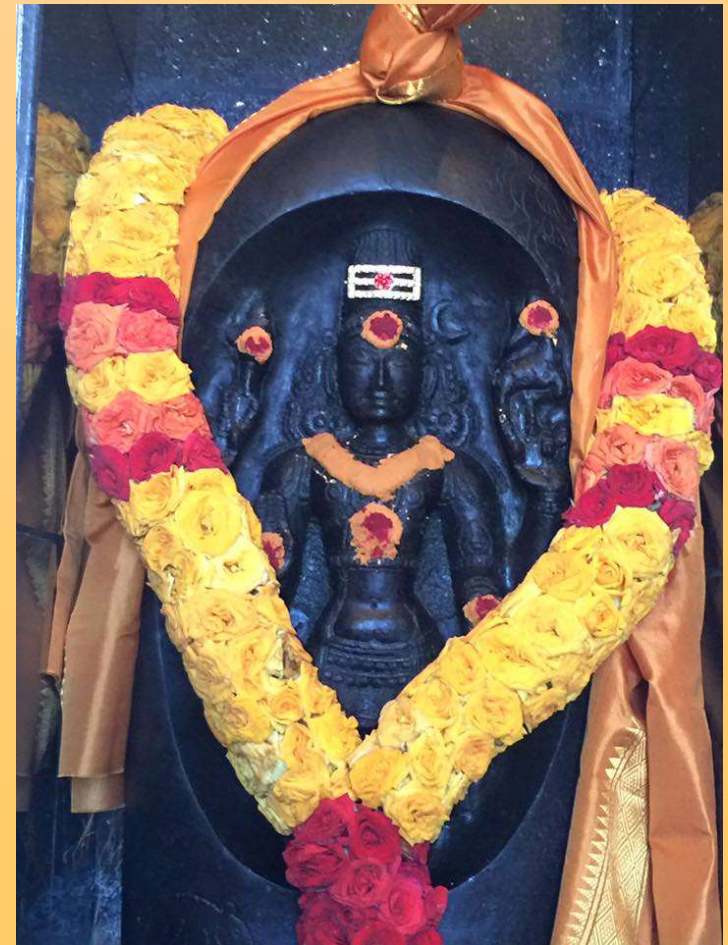
## Financial Standing as of April -2017

Account	Available Balance
Temple Operating Funds	\$ 30, 660
Construction Funds	\$ 13, 598
Construction Funds (Savings for 2018)	\$ 86, 335
Mahakumbhabhishekam 2018 Savings	\$ 21, 500
Reserve Funds	\$ 139,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$291, 093</b>



# Construction Projects - 2016

- 10 Koshta Shrines constructed around
  - Siva and Balaji Sannidhis





# Maha Raja Gopuram

## Construction Timeline - 2016 to Apr 2018

### Schedule for completing Plastering work on 6 Levels



Timeframe	Status
Aug 10 – Sep 5, 2016	Completed
Sep 6 – Oct 15, 2016	Completed
Oct 16 – Nov 25, 2016	Completed
Nov 26 – Feb 3, 2017	Completed
Feb 15 – April 25, 2017	On Track
April 26 – May 5, 2017 May 16 to Aug 1 2017	Not Started





## Other Construction Projects Planned 2017 - 2018

### Work

**Ganapati Koshta construction - Completed**

**Front Porch Pillar work  
16 Ganapatis and misc. art work**

**Interior brick work and plastering of 3 gopurams**

**Temple interior wall re-Painting**



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## Annadhanam Committee Updates

- **Started on Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 - Growth in Devotee Attendance**

Year	Prasadam Plates Served	Additional details
2015	27,000	
2016	33,500	25% Increase to 2015
2017	10,750	Q1 2017 Served count

- **Capital Improvements for 2016 –**

- ☐ **Dakshin Hall shaded extension for 1600 sq foot to accomadate 150 plus devotees.**
- ☐ **Added 200 chairs**



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## Annadhanam Committee Updates

- **Go Green Initiative - Disposable cups with water dispensers . Disposable cups are recycled.**
- **Self Service Annadhanam Kiosk**
- **Display Temple events in TVs in Annalakshmi hall and Dakshin hall.**





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## Annadhanam Committee Updates

- Volunteers cook and serve an average of 300 Prasadam plates every weekend.
- Special events have seen over 5000 plates of food served.
- New Volunteer are soaring in Annadhanam group.





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## Food Committee Updates - Annadhanam

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

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

- Participated in Discover India 2016 For Community Awareness about MGTOA.





# Annadhanam Committee Members



**Srini Subramanian**



**Mouli Subramanian**



**Mahesh Subramanian**



**Srinivasa Guptha –  
Board**



**Ganesh Krishnamurthy**



**Sala Elango**



**Gayathri Kirithivas**



**Venu Subramanian**



**Premkumar Karnan**



**Manikandan**



**Karu Thenappan  
– EAC**

**Harini Chinnari**



**Keerthi Reddy Gude**



**Sivaseelan Manivasagam**







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## Annadhanam Committee Updates

### Incoming Annadhanam Committee Member

Jayaprakash Rathinavelu



## Thank you for your Service!

### Outgoing Annadhanam Committee Member

Rajesh Murugesan





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## Divinity Cup Championship

- A major successful cricket tournament in the valley; creating next generation volunteers
- A total of 24 teams competed to win a prestigious cup





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Sankalptaru



Donate your tree TODAY!





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## Outgoing Board Member (s)

Meyyappan	Jt Treasurer
Srini Krishnamoorthy	Jt Secretary



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## volunteers



New Software for Volunteers sign ups and  
management deployed in Jan 2017

### SIGN UP GENIUS

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*Thank you for you continued  
support in realizing the dream!*

*Jai Ganesha!*