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1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My President's message this month is just a few sayings:

- "The less you speak the more you are listened to"*
"We all must face problems but it is how you face them that counts"
"A smile is a small curve which makes many things straight"
"To taste the sweetness of life you must have the power to forget the past"
"Never lose hope, hope is a rope that swings you through life"
"Remember that you are very special, no one can play your role better than you"

2. HON. SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Please pass Section 7 Junior's Section of the Circular to your children. Members are more than welcome to contribute suitable articles for future issues of the Circular. You may send your articles to me by e-mail or by normal post.

As part of the cost-savings program, we strongly encourage members to opt for the electronic version of circulars or even retrieve them at your on leisure from the Website : <http://members.tripod.com/bsamajam/>

3. THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

POURNAMI POOJA -July 10, 2006-

The Pooja falls on July 10, 2006. All members and their families are cordially invited to participate in the Pooja. This month's pooja is sponsored by Smt. & Sri. D.R. Vaidheeswaran (381A).

SAMOOHA BHAJANAI - JULY 29, 2006 (Aadi)

The July Bhajans will be held on July 29, 2006 and is sponsored by members from the Subang/Shah Alam/Klang areas. All members and their families are cordially invited to

participate in the Bhajans.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

APPLICATION FORMS - MEMBERSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND -

These forms are available for download at <http://bsamajam.tripod.com/Forms.htm>.

EKA DINA (ONE DAY) AADI LAKSHARCHANA FOR SHRI LALITHAMBIKA

With the blessings of Shri Lalitha Maha Thripura Sundari, the Aadi Laksharchana for Goddess Ambikai is planned to be held in the Samajam on **Saturday 5th August 2006** as one day Laksharchana instead of 3 days.

10 rounds of Archana with 10 Archakars in each round, with two other Archakars performing Homam and Tharpanam while the Shri Lalitha Sahasra namavali is recited. The 10 Archana/Homam/Tharpanam rounds will run in two sessions:-

Morning Session at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11a.m. & 12 noon.

Afternoon Session at 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.

We thus achieve **100,000 Archanas, 10,000 Homam & Tharpanam rounds** by 8 p.m. or thereabout. This will be followed by *Thrishathi Kumkumam* for Ambigai. At the same time the *Dravya Homam* and *Poornahoothi* will be performed.

Before starting the Archana/Homam/Tharpanam sessions, there will be *Sri Vigneshwara Pooja, Deepa sthapanam, agni sthapanam* for Homam and *Poorvanga Pooja* starting at 7 a.m. This will be followed by *Archana/Homam/Tharpanam* sessions.

We plan to conclude the one day function by 9 p.m. This target can only be achieved by the support and co-operation of our members and their families, by attending the function from 7a.m. in the morning, joining in all the sessions as Archakara, sponsoring the events, making donations, helping in running the events etc. Members and their sons who have undergone Upanayanam are urged to join the Archana sessions.

All are welcome to join in the Archana/Homam/Tharpanam and are requested to be in Samajam well before 8 a.m. Do not forget to bring (veshti/thundu). With more participants to perform Archana, we may achieve the target earlier. Those interested to sit as Archakars please give your names to Mr V.A. Narayanan Tel: 03-78750834. All members are urged to make an effort to attend this function with their families.

Archana session for "Sumangali" ladies

It is planned to hold an Archana session for "Sumangali Ladies" while the main Archana session is in progress. 10 Sumangalis will form one round. The participation fee is **RM 15/- per lady**. Interested ladies may contact Mrs. Sundari Vijayaraghavan as the co-ordinator of this item. Tel:03-2283 5953.(Dress code: 18 muzham).

Helpers team

Ladies/girls/boys can form a team of helpers for supplying flowers for archanas etc.

Food arrangements

Tea/coffee/soft drinks/breakfast/Lunch/Evening tea/Dinner/(Prasadams) will be provided.

Musical items during breaks/Deeparadhana time

Since our community has a number of good singers/instrument players, devotional songs can be presented during breaks.

Rates for sponsoring items

1. *10 Archana rounds* (specify time): RM 200/- per round
Archana times: 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11a.m. 12 noon ,
3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.,7 p.m.
2. *Homam during Archana session*: RM 40 per round
(Time as above) (incl. Tharpanam)
3. *"Sumangali Ladies" Archana session* RM 15 per participant
4. *Thrisathi Kumkumarchana* RM 15 per couple
5. *Dravya Homam/Poornahoothi* RM 200

All payments/donations are to be made to the Hon Treasurer and receipts obtained. Donation in kind like flowers & ghee etc are also welcome. Contact person for info & booking **Mr. V.A. Narayanan 03-78750834**

**RATES FOR PRIEST'S SERVICES
- FRIENDLY REMINDER -**

Please note that the rate for the following function will be as follows:

1. Aavani Avittam RM15.00 per person

5. MEMBERS' COLUMN

CHANGE IN ADDRESS

M'ship No.	Name	Address and Contact No.
428	Mdm. Lakshmy Easwara Vadhyar	14, Jln. 6/5B, 40000 Shah Alam. Tel: (03) 551308579
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CORRECTION OF ADDRESS

M'ship No.	Name	Address and Contact No.
206	Mrs Santha Gomathy, S	5 Jalan SS 4-B/5, 47301 Petaling Jaya.

ITEMS FOR DONATION

Sri A.V. Hariharan has the following items to be donated:

- (i) A Navarathiri Kolu stand
- (ii) A wooden child's cot

Members interested may contact Sri A.V. Hariharan (tel: 6257 8351)

THE NIGHT OF THE NIGHTINGALE

A few likeminded members of the Samajam have got together to have a musical night to remember the late Bharataratna M.S.Subbulakshmi. This programme would be under the auspices of our Samajam. We would be parading our best local talents and the songs sung by M.S. would be rendered by them ranging from her Carnatic classics, bhajans, film songs etc. The function would be held on **Sunday 17th September** at the *Matic Auditorium, in Jalan Ampang from 6.30 p.m.* This function is by invitation and is also open to the friends of members. All proceeds would be given to the Samajam. Kindly contact the President, Vice President and the Secretary for further details.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Transport Available

- a. **Airport**:- To and From K. L. I. A.
 - b. **City**:- K.L. Tower; Petronas Twin Towers; Museum; Tugu; Parliament; King's Palace; Lake Gardens; and Shopping; etc.
 - c. **Outstation**:- Genting Highlands; Penang; Malacca; Cameron Highlands; Frasier's Hill; Langkawi; Pangkor; Singapore; Thailand Border etc.
- Contact: Ashok S. Padmanabhan. Tel. No.: 03-78040994 (HSE); Tel No.: 016-6595697 (H/P); E-Mail: ashkom@tm.net.my

2. Seminar: Cyber Laws in a New Media Environment. Petaling Jaya, July 24th. Contact Dr. Sankaran Ramanathan (+607 357 3595 (H)) for further details.

6. TEMPLE NEWS

VTMA management welcomes all members to take part in the activities of the Temple such as Chathurthi Homam (Abhishegam 6:30-8:30 am; Sahasranama Archanai 6:30-8:30pm) and prayers. Any member wishing to sponsor the events can contact V. Subramanian (Temple Hon. Secretary) or N. Sreenivasan (Temple Hon. Treasurer). Members are welcome to come to the temple to offer their prayers and get the blessings of Sumuga Vinayagar.

7. BAEF NEWS

As with the previous year, we would like to obtain feed-forward from members regarding our proposed activities. We would therefore be grateful if you could respond by e-mail to sankaran_ramanathan@hotmail.com (pl. note underscore between the two names) or any other Board member, as indicated below.

1. **Bali Study Tour, August 2006**, 3 nights, four days, cost is

RM1000 per person. Since we need at least 12 participants, interested members are asked to send the following details latest by 10th July: Name, membership number, no. of persons, e-mail contact. Confirmation needs to be done by July 13th by way of 50 per cent deposit (for air fare booking). Organiser is Dr. Sankaran. Non-members (Hindus/vegetarians) can also participate. There are many unique Hindu temples in Bali and vegetarian food is available (including Hare Krishna outlet). Youths (and even adults) interested in snorkeling, climbing to the top of a volcano and scuba diving can also be accommodated. Meanwhile, people with interest in art can shop to their heart's content for paintings and carvings of Hindu deities.

2. Second Motor Treasure Hunt to be held in September. Those who participated last year were of the unanimous opinion that they had a good and exciting hunt as well as good food and company. As we need a minimum of 8 cars, interested members are requested to pre-register via e-mail at one of the two addresses above, indicating vehicle number, membership number and total number of participants in the car. Closing date is 15th August. Coordinator for this event is Subramaniam Sivaswamy (Murali), BAEF Board Member.

3. Golf Tournament: Calling all golf enthusiasts to pre-register for this event that will be held at KGNS on Thursday 5th October, there will be a participation fee. Contact Venkiteswaran Sankar (BAEF Board member) for details.

4. Merit Awards 2006: We have started receiving applications, please keep them coming in, closing date is December 15th.

5. General Knowledge Quiz for Children: We plan to hold this on the last Saturday of the month, either in August or September. We invite children of members up to and including Form Three to pre-register by 31st July.

I appeal to all members to come forward and support the activities planned for this year. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. We welcome volunteers who can work with us to organize other competitions for indoor and outdoor games (particularly badminton, chess and scrabble).

Dr. Sankaran Ramanathan. Chairman, Education Fund Board

8. JUNIOR'S SECTION

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

A certain good woman one day said something impulsively that hurt her best friend of many years. She regretted it immediately and would have done anything to have taken the words back. But they were said in a moment of thoughtlessness and as she and her friend were very close she did not consider the effects of her words beforehand. What she said hurt the friend so much that this good woman was herself hurt for the pain she caused. In her effort to undo what she had done she went to an older wiser woman in the village. Explaining the situation asked for her advice. The older woman listened patiently in an effort to determine just how sincere the younger woman was and how far she was willing to go to correct the situation. She explained that sometimes in order put things back in order great efforts must be made. She then asked: "Just what would you be willing to do, to repair the harm done?" The answer was heartfelt. "Anything."

Listening to her the older woman sensed the younger woman's distress and knew she must help her. She also knew she could never alleviate her pain by living her life for her but she could

teach if the younger woman would first listen and then learn. She also knew that the outcome would depend solely on the character of the younger woman.

She said, "There are two things needed to do to make amends. The first of the two is extremely difficult. Tonight, take your best feather pillows, and open a small hole in each one. Then, before the sun rises, you must put a single feather on the doorstep of each house in town. When you are through, come back to me. If you've done the first thing completely, I'll tell you the second."

The young woman hurried home to prepare for her chore, even though the pillows were very dear to her, very expensive. All night long she laboured alone in the cold. She went from doorstep to doorstep taking care not to overlook a single house. Her fingers were frozen, the wind was so sharp it caused her eyes to water, but she ran on, through the darkened streets, thankful there was something she could do to put things back the way they once were. Finally as the sky was getting light she placed the last feather on the steps of the last house.

Just as the sun rose she returned to the older woman. She was exhausted but relieved that her efforts would be rewarded. "My pillows are empty. I have placed a feather on the doorstep of each home."

Now, said the wise woman, "Go back and refill your pillows. Then everything will be as it was before." The young woman was stunned. "You know that's impossible! The wind blew away each feather as fast as I placed them on the doorsteps!! You didn't say I had to get them back!!"

If this is the second requirement then things will never be the same. "That's true", said the older woman. "Never forget. Each of your words is like a feather in the wind. Once spoken, no amount of effort regardless how heartfelt or sincere can ever return them to your mouth. *Therefore choose your words well, and guard them carefully most of all in the presence of those you love.*"

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10. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

English	Tamil	Day	Event
July 2006	Aani		
1	17	Saturday	Shasti Vrutham
2	18	Sunday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
3	19	Monday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
5	21	Wednesday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
7	23	Friday	Ekadasi Vrutham
8	24	Saturday	Shani; Dwadasi Pradosam
10	26	Monday	Pournami Vyasa Pooja (7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.)
12	28	Wednesday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
13	29	Thursday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
14	30	Friday	Sankatahara Chaturthi (Abhishegam 6:30-8:30 am; Sahasranama Archanai 6:30-8:30pm); <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
16	32	Sunday	Dhakshinayana Punnya Kaalam; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
	Aadi		
17	1	Monday	Aadi Pandigai; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
20	4	Thursday	Karthigai Vrutham
21	5	Friday	Ekadasi
22	6	Saturday	Shani Pradhosham
24	8	Monday	Aadi Amavasai
27	11	Thursday	Aadi Pooram; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
29	13	Saturday	Naaga Chaturthi, Chaturthi Vrutham; Bhajanai (7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.)
30	14	Sunday	Garuda Panchami; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
31	15	Monday	Shasti Vrutham; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
August 2006	Aadi		
2	17	Wednesday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
3	18	Thursday	18 th day of Aadi (18 pirakku)
4	19	Friday	Varalakshmi Vrutham; <i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
5	20	Saturday	Ekadasi; Aadi laksharchanai (7.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.)
6	21	Sunday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
7	22	Monday	Pradosham
9	24	Wednesday	Rig & Yajur Veda upakarma – Aavani Avittam; Pournami Pooja (7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.)
10	25	Thursday	Gayathri Japam
11	26	Friday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
12	27	Saturday	Sankatahara Chaturthi (Abhishegam 6:30-8:30 am; Sahasranama Archanai 6:30-8:30pm)
13	28	Sunday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
14	29	Monday	<i>Subha Muhurtham</i>
16	31	Thursday	Aadi Karthigai (Gokulakshthami)

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