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Year End Appeal

Dear Sri Lakshmi Temple Devotee,

Namaste.

On behalf of NEHTI, I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2014.

On behalf of the Sri Lakshmi Temple and the trustees, we would like to thank you for your contributions and support. We appreciate your donations and hope that you will continue to extend your generous support during this holiday season. Through your contributions, you are helping to sustain our place of worship for the Hindu community and building an enduring legacy for our youth and future generations.

We would like to thank the priests, staff, tireless and passionate volunteers and the Temple Operations Committee in making this year's festivals, pujas and events a grand success. We celebrated various events like Ganesh Chathurthi, Purattasi Saturdays, Navaratri, Diwali and various functions throughout the year. All of these events were enjoyed by an overwhelming group of devotees. This year our temple community graciously welcomed and supported our new priest Sri Sivaraman and religious cook Sri Sairam who proved to be a great addition to our existing team. We are happy to experience an increased interest from our devotees in volunteering with various tasks.

You may have noticed that the focus for this year so far is to spruce up the existing infrastructure. This includes various maintenance activities and much needed repairs and renovations. This includes expensive maintenance performed on our buildings including the main maha-mantapam. You will see some repair work done on the main roof, heating systems and painting the interior. We seek your help and cooperation in accomplishing these tasks.

You may have utilized the newly reclaimed space for parking during major functions. This was due to the clearing of our landscape/ledges near our parking lot to make room for the expansion. Our expansion activities came to a sudden halt as we were exiting the design phase with the contractor declaring bankruptcy and we are re-grouping while dealing with various procedural issues and road-blocks. The good news is that we secured utility easements from our neighbors for our public sewer connection to replace our septic system. We are praying to Sri Lakshmi that this expansion will be restarted in the near future as planned.

Please support your temple generously so that we can serve your family's religious needs with enhanced facilities and services.

Please click here to donate now.

May the blessings of Sri Maha Lakshmi be always with you and your family!

Sincerely,

Ranjini Ramaswamy President, Sri Lakshmi Temple

Trustee, NEHTI Board

Chokku Manian

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Treasurer, Sri Lakshmi Temple

Trustee, NEHTI Board

