

# THT Youth Club Newsletter



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### Budget Goals For 2020

- Goal: \$300
- Max: \$600
- Min: \$250

We would like to acknowledge that we received a generous donation towards the THT Youthclub from our donors, Mrs. & Mr. Chandra. This helped us exceed our initial goal for the youth club this year!

Thank You Jane and Suresh Chandra for your generous donation!

## Welcome!

*Greetings Folks!*

*We are proud to present our fifth official Newsletter! This month, we have some new ideas that we are excited to share with you all. Look forward to our article about Diwali on page 3. We also conducted our temple landscaping project in the past week. On behalf of the Newsletter Committee, we extend our gratitude to everyone who takes the time to read our newsletters, and we would love to have your feedback!*

*Regards,  
THT Youth Club Newsletter Team*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*THT Youth Club is a group of passionate individuals who want to impact the youth of our society. We know that our strength lies not only in the words we stand by, but most importantly through the actions of our initiatives. Our goal is to help the succeeding generations thrive in their future leadership roles and understand the importance of giving back to the community.*

**Story of the Month:**  
**The Proud Rose**

*Author : Unknown*

*Contributed by : Adhvika*

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus.

Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was too swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color.

Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.



**Moral of the Story:**

***Never judge anyone by the way they look.***

**Inspirational Quotes of the Month**

***“He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.”***  
***- Aristotle***

***“People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision.”***  
***- John Maxwell***

***“The human voice can never reach the distance that is covered by the still, small voice of conscience.”***  
***- Mahatma Gandhi***

## Diwali Article

*Contributed by : Shruthi*

*Diwali. We celebrate this festival every year by dressing up, making delicious food, & doing fireworks, but how many of us know the history behind it?*

Diwali is derived from the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which means “rows of lighted lamps”; ‘Diwali’ roughly translates to ‘The Festival of Lights’. This festival is celebrated throughout India; it is celebrated for five days in North India, and for one day in South India. Diwali has been celebrated for over 2,500 years. The festival is not only featured in Hinduism, but Jainism, Sikhism, and Newar Buddhism as well.



In Hinduism, Diwali celebrates the day Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura. It is also celebrated as the day Rama defeated the demon king Ravana. It is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the Hindu month, Kartika; this year, it falls on November 14th, 2020. Diwali is celebrated to honor the triumph of good over evil. In tradition, we celebrate Diwali by lighting clay lamps, dressing in our best clothes, lighting fireworks, and having a puja for the Goddess Lakshmi (wealth & prosperity). Our temple celebrates Diwali every year, and it is a great opportunity to come together with your friends & family and have a good time!

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## Inspirational Quotes of the Month

*“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.”*  
- Ronald Reagan.

*If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten, either write things worth reading, or do things worth the writing.”*  
- Benjamin Franklin



## **Temple Landscaping Project Update**

*Contributed by : Advay*

Over the past 2 weekends, a group of volunteers came to help clean up our temple. The first weekend was spent organizing & cleaning the inside of the temple, and the second week was spent cleaning & beautifying the temple grounds. There is still more work to be done and as a result we will add more sessions, meaning we need more volunteers. We extend a big thanks to all of our volunteers.

Here is some feedback from one of our volunteers!

“I personally feel that the cleanup was a pretty fun experience. Being at the temple was a major part of my childhood. It felt good to clean it and restore its glory. I really enjoyed the teamwork aspect as I was working with close friends and the time honestly flew by. I was able to work on my communication and organization skills and it was really good to get out in this time with Covid and just do something good for the community. The only part I felt was not that great about the cleanup was that there were not many volunteers on the days I was there.”



Please fill out a quick survey with your feedback here:  
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**Thank You for Your Time!**  
**Make sure you read the next issue!**

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