



TORONTO HARE KRISHNA NEWS

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GITA JAYANTI CELEBRATED IN DRAMATIC FASHION!

It was a nice, intimate group of devotees that gathered to celebrate the day which is marked as the anniversary when Lord Krsna spoke the Bhagavad Gita over 5,000 years ago.

The tradition at ISKCON Toronto is to read the entire Gita (all 700 verses) as a group and that is how the festivities began. At 5:00pm sharp, the assembled group of devotees began to read the Sanksrit verses and completed the whole Gita after about two hours. The mood was certainly blissful, with ambient lighting and everyone sitting together reading the ancient scripture in unison.

After the reading, everyone stretched their legs and then sat down to enjoy a

special treat. HH Bhaktimarga Swami had surprised everyone the day before, at the Sunday Feast, with an impromptu mini-drama depicting the first and second chapters of the Bhagavad Gita. On this evening, he presented the second part of the mini-drama: chapters three to eleven!

Once again featuring the combination of two of our stalwart actors, Rishi and Shashi prabhush, the dramatic voice of Bhaktimarga Swami and some brilliant background music, the mini-drama had the assembled crowd thrilled!

It was a smaller crowd that made it out to the temple on this cool Monday evening, but the intimate group shared a special evening with the Bhagavad Gita and got a chance to experience it in dramatic fashion!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 7th
Ekadasi

break fast next day between
7:51 am & 9:18 am

Jan 21st
Ekadasi

break fast next day between
7:43 am & 10:54 am

DAILY SERVICES

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| Mangala Arati | 4:30 am |
| Shringar Arati | 7:00 am |
| Rajbhoga Arati | 12:00 noon |
| Dhoop Arati | 4:00 pm |
| Sunder Arati | 6:00 pm |
| Shayan Arati | 8:00 pm |

For religious ceremonies to celebrate or commemorate any special family occasion, please feel free to contact the Hare Krishna Temple at (416) 922-5415 for use of the facilities. Full catering for each event is also available.

REMEMBER, SUNDAY FEASTS NOW LIVE!

Just as a little reminder, you can now enjoy ISKCON Toronto's famous Sunday Feasts through our new live webcast! We will be webcasting our Sunday Feasts live every Sunday. The webcasts will start every Sunday between 6:00pm or 6:30pm and end around 8:30pm (all times eastern). Please note that during our Free Vegetarian Feast (7:20pm to 8:00pm) the audio will be off and will resume at 8:00 pm. Watch at toronto.iskcon.ca.

FOOD FOR LIFE

On December 14th, the *Krishna Club* at York University facilitated another food for life distribution to the downtown homeless shelters. Volunteers were responsible for prepping, cooking and packing 100 bio-

degradable take-out containers, loading and transporting *prasadam* downtown and personally handing it out to homeless on the street. While some of the volunteers distributed food containers, other devotees helped by performing *harinama-sankirtana* and distributing the *Hare Krishna maha mantra*.

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SEPTEMBER 2008 INCOME STATEMENT

Income

Donations

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| General Donations | \$8,961.74 |
| Sunday Feast Sponsors | \$3,996.00 |
| Life Memberships | \$66.00 |
| Donation Box | \$4,709.97 |
| Donation - CANWALK | \$25.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Donations | \$4,335.25 |
| Other Income - Contributions | \$13,503.00 |

Total Donations \$35,596.96

Earned Revenues

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Book Distribution | \$3,503.10 |
| Prasadam Distribution | \$5,042.00 |
| Rent Donations | \$706.00 |
| Govinda's Dining | \$569.08 |
| Govinda's Boutique | \$2,786.56 |

Total Earned Revenues \$12,766.74

Special Events

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| Ceremonies | \$2,140.00 |
| Festivals Donations | \$5,727.00 |
| Ratha-Yatra | \$1,038.00 |

Total Special Events \$8,905.00

Total Income \$57,268.70

Expenses

Cost of Purchase

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| Paraphernalia Costs | \$159.66 |
| Shipping and Freight | \$578.00 |
| Duty and Brokerage | \$77.85 |

Total Cost of Purchase \$815.51

Festival and Special Projects

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| Special Project | \$11,864.00 |
| Festival Expenses | \$292.68 |
| Ratha-Yatra Expenses | \$2,414.81 |

Total Festival and Special Projects \$14,571.49

Temple Maintenance

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| Groceries | \$2,888.98 |
| Kitchen Supplies and Utensils | \$209.54 |
| Maintenance and Supplies | \$110.08 |
| Temple Renovations | \$1,650.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$10,257.40 |

Total Temple Maintenance \$15,116.00

Devotee Maintenance

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| Salaries and Wages | \$500.00 |
| Devotee Maintenance | \$271.28 |
| Doctors, Hospital and Medicine | \$730.91 |
| Life Insurance | \$231.59 |
| Rent | \$950.00 |
| Allowances | \$1,500.00 |
| Education, Meetings, Seminars | \$1,973.00 |

Total Devotee Maintenance \$6,156.78

Utilities \$6,128.09

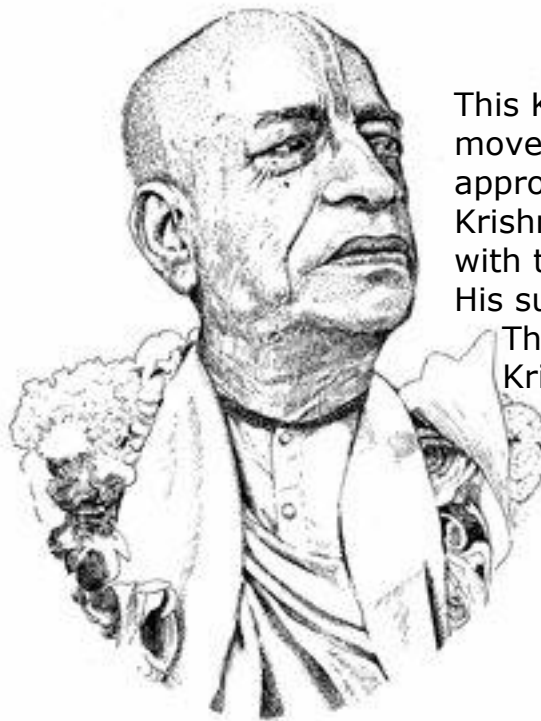
Auto Expenses \$1,257.84

Miscellaneous \$1,975.01

Travel Expenses \$196.60

Total Expenses \$46,217.32

Net Income \$11,051.38



This Krishna consciousness movement is for approaching Radha-Krishna, to be associated with the Supreme Lord in His sublime pleasure dance.

That is the aim of Krishna consciousness.

Los Angeles,
December 21, 1968

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BHAKTI VRIKSHA CLASS OPEN TO ALL

Every Sunday afternoon at 4pm, Rupanuga Prabhu facilitates an hour-long Bhakti Vriksha class, in which students discuss Krishna Conscious topics, ranging from the science of the soul to the pastimes of the Lord. It is a class that is ideal for anyone who is looking to learn a little more about the philosophy, and gain some nice devotee association in the process. If you are interested in joining the class, please contact Rupanuga Prabhu at (416) 524-4493 - all are most welcome!

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GLOSSARY

Ekadasi

A bimonthly occasion where strict fasting is observed: abstinence from all grains, beans, cereals and certain vegetables and spices.

Hare Krishna Maha Mantra

A mantra meditation practiced in the Bhakti Yoga tradition proving to relieve anxiety and other stresses.

Harinama-sankirtana

Congregation chanting; spreading the names of Krishna

Krishna Club

York University outreach program

Prasadam

Food that has been offered to God (Krishna); mercy

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