

SUNDAR BALU (Let's make it happen!)

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As a former Board (2009) member at the Hindu Temple of Lake County and a long time supporter, volunteer and construction committee member, Sundar has been a part of the temple for several years, from the days of the trailer to the current structure. Though the team has achieved many milestones, there are yet much more to be achieved to help get the temple on sound footing in all aspects. Sundar believes in a committed effort to create transparency, operational rules of engagement (at the Board level) and a clearly defined operational plan that drives improved religious, cultural, spiritual, educational and community services, while maintaining a healthy financial balance sheet and enhanced support and community participation.

As a Board member, Sundar will do his best to help create an approachable "flat" organization focused on being inclusive with the volunteers and patrons, to gain input, empowered suggestions and support while eliminating hierarchy and bureaucracy to make the temple a place for all. Further, I expect to help the temple attend to the much needed maintenance and repairs which will be a key area of focus, along with a more user-friendly systems and processes to utilize our services, kitchen and auditorium facilities. You can certainly count on Sundar to help "Make it Happen!"

YOUNGESH DATT

Youngesh Datt is a scientist with work responsibilities of drug development. He and his wife, Pramila, have been active volunteers of the Hindu Mandir of Lake County since the time temple doors opened. On the very first visit to the temple, Mr. Anil Aggarwal, one of the main temple benefactors, asked for Datt family's support for the temple. Since that time, Youngesh and Pramila have not looked back and have been working for the temple functioning. They have been helping in the kitchen and in the general functioning. Last year, Youngesh was asked to help temple Board of Trustees as late Mr Hakumat Shroff, Treasurer, had to leave due to family matters. Youngesh has been doing well in maintaining temple accounts as the treasurer.

With diverse groups visiting HMLC, there are differences, and differences in approaches to solve problems. Hindu temple needs persons in the Governing Board who perform day-to-day function by working with a smile, without losing his/her temper, be considerate, and be positive. A Board of Trustee has to be devoting time to serve volunteer for functioning of the temple; many time volunteering for about 10 hours each week. Yougesh is easy to work with, he is cooperative, and tends to solve problems with a cool mind. Last but not the least; Yougesh will continue to volunteer in the temple.

SUGANDHI IYER



I am Sugandhi Iyer, resident of Grayslake for the past 14yrs. Apart from my professional life I have been deeply involved in social services throughout my life. I am a committed volunteer at the temple, a member of the Kitchen committee and I also teach Hindi language to kids attending the Sunday school. I was one of the key volunteers involved in organizing the temple's fundraising event. This event helped in increasing the visibility and awareness of the temple's fundraising efforts. This event provided a platform for increasing temple patronage and sponsorship.

As a member of the board, my goal is to realize the community's need for spiritual, religious and cultural gathering place of excellence. I will streamline the operational processes of the temple kitchen resulting in increased revenue generation. I will continue to participate in the temple's religious and educational program. I am committed to team work and will work collaboratively with all board members and others to achieve the temple's vision.

PRABHAKAR JOSHI

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Dr. Prabhakar G. Joshi volunteers at Hindu Mandir (HM) office to work Fridays and whenever needed; performs Aarti when needed; lectures during festivals; plays mridangam & tabla. So far, entertained 22 groups visiting HM. Likes to have more intellectual activity at HM along with rituals. Has MS degree in Vedic science. Helped establish Hindu related activities in Iowa, RI, SC, NC, & GA, since 1965; is a retired professor.

SANJAY MEHROTRA



Sanjay Mehrotra, Ph.D., is a Professor of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences (at McCormick School of Engineering) and Institute for Healthcare Studies (at Feinberg School of Medicine) at Northwestern University. He has been coordinating the temple school, which crossed the enrollment of 100 children in just one year. As a member of the board, he would like to work on the temple educational program, and help coordinate it with other temple activities. He would also help temple administration from insights generated from his 25 years of academic experience and spiritual growth.

NAVEEN MISHRA

I am a dedicated, self-motivated, energetic and resourceful business professional with extensive expertise in People & Project Management. My association with the temple started before the ground breaking ceremony and has continued to grow over the years. I have demonstrated my strong commitment to support the temple's mission through my involvement in organizing various religious, cultural and security activities/responsibilities over the years; and now through my active involvement in the religious committee. I am committed to provide the same level of support and energy to the board of trustees. There is no greater reward/satisfaction for me then knowing that I have an opportunity to make a difference.

RAVINDRAN SESHADRI

Ravindran Seshadri is a devotee of the temple and supplies and donates flowers on a regular basis to the temple. He is interested in serving on the religious committee and assisting with conducting functions in the temple.

MANISH SHARMA

Energetic, innovative, self-motivated business professional with management expertise and proven leadership skills. I fully support the mission of the temple and been a volunteer since the ground breaking ceremony. My association with the temple has been further strengthened with my recent involvement in the Sunday's School program. I can help the temple raise its profile through improved operational strategies; branding and messaging; customer service; public relations; and advocacy. I am committed to bring the diverse and balanced perspective to the board of trustees. My motivation is the children. To see them develop, grow, and achieve through their involvement in the temple activities is priceless and rewarding.