
Sarva Dharma Service Center Inc.

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Newsletter

Pranams at the lotus feet of our beloved Bhagawan, Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

August 2004

Divine Interview With SDSC Members

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba gave a 70 min personal interview to all the 28 members of SDSC on the last day of their trip to Parthi on August 7, 2004 in the afternoon. Svaami reviewed the architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical plans meticulously and advised us to be frugal in financial matters. Svaami also looked over the Bhoomi Pooja photographs that the group presented.

Bhagavan spoke with all the individuals in the group enquiring their names and professions, answered and advised several on their personal questions. Svaami materialized and gave to few members a gold chain with a locket, three rings and a small statue of Goddess Annapurna. Svaami made all happy to their hearts' content. He gave padanamaskar to some and vibhooti packets to all. All left Prasanthi Nilayam in bliss. Svaami asked the group to convey his love and blessing to all in NJ.

Earlier in the morning, Svaami was presented with a gift from all members of SDSC. It was a Swarovski crystal heart with red center, given as representation of our Hridaya Pushpa. Svaami took this into His hand looked at it and said "Chaala Bagundi" (looks very nice). At that time, He gave an appointment by saying "All of you come here by 3 o'clock". Sure enough, He started from Poorna Chandra at 2.50 and by that time we were all in His Room by 3PM. That

was the first time Svaami came for Darshan in the afternoon before 3.15 in the previous 10 days that the group was there. He showed to all of us that the Lord keeps His promise and is punctual. There is a lesson in that for all of us to learn.

While at Prasanthi, the group had the opportunity to serve as volunteers at the Chaitanya Jyothi museum, in the Western Canteen and participated financially towards rehabilitation of 22 huts that were destroyed that week in a nearby village.



"Those who deny God are denying themselves. All have Love in their hearts, in some form or the other, either towards children or the poor or they work for the good of others. That Love is God, the spark of the Divine in them. They have Ananda (Bliss) however small or temporary, and that is a spark of God. They have peace, detachment and sympathy. All these are the reflections of the Divine in the mirror of their minds." - Baba.

SDSC Building Progress

The township of Howell is working on our bond estimate after receiving from us all the required documentation. Our application for city water for drinking and building's sprinkler system has been reviewed by

the Township's consultant and recommended it to the Township for their approval.

CC Meeting & Bhajans

Shobhaben and Narendrabhai Khichi will host the CC meeting at their home on August 22, 2004. The meeting will start at 2 PM, Bhajan at 4:30 PM followed by Prasad am.

Contact Details:

1046 Silverton Road,
Toms River NJ 08753.
Ph: (732) 386- 7056.

Directions to CC Meeting & Bhajans

From Route 9 South

After Route 70 intersection, pass 2 traffic lights. Landmark at 1st traffic light is Stop & Shop supermarket, and at 2nd light is Exxon gas station. After about 1/2 Mile, immediately after the SUNOCO gas station, turn left on to Silverton Road. 2nd house on the left is SAI NIVAS, 1046 Silverton Road, Toms River, NJ 08753.

From West, Pennsylvania or Cherry Hill Area

Take Route 70 East and right turn on to Route 9 South. Then follow the directions for Route 9 South above.

From North or Parkway South

Take Exit 88. Pay the tolls and take Route 70 West and turn left on to Route 9 south. Then follow the directions for Route 9 South above.

Krishna – The Friend

KRISHNA, the attractive was mother, father, relative and friend to one and all. He was an avatar come down to save the good and annihilate the evil. But, for Arjuna, he was always a friend, more than a cousin. He was the closest to Krishna and because he was so pure at heart, Krishna decided to sing the “Song celestial” to him. When Arjuna saw the ‘Vishwaswaroopa’ of Krishna that was when he realized the divinity, the power and the strength of Krishna, the God. He always treated Krishna as his friend. In one of the chapters of Gita, Arjuna asks forgiveness saying, “In my ignorance I might have been disrespectful to you many times. I saw you only as a friend but you are the savior, the Messiah come to help us in our darkest hour. Oh Madhava, forgive me, if I have hurt you in the past, if I behaved disrespectfully towards you in the past.”

Because Krishna was his friend, Arjuna had developed pride and ego and it was put down by Krishna many a times. To let everyone know the efficacy of the guru – shishya parampara (teacher – disciple tradition), long, long ago Lord

Narayana appeared as guru (teacher) and Nara as shishya (disciple). Narayana had again taken birth as Krishna and Nara as Arjuna. Here also, Krishna became the teacher who preached Gita to Arjuna, his disciple. Narayana was the first guru.

In the Kurukshetra war, the Pandavas won only because the Lord was on their side. Not that the Pandavas and the other kings were expert fighters and charioteers, the opposite camp also had brave warriors like Bhishma, Drona, Kripacharya, Karna, Duryodhana etc. But the divine help of Krishna saved them on many occasions. The Pandavas were not greedy for the huge army Krishna offered – they preferred just one man – Krishna on their side. Duryodhana thought the huge army to be a better choice.

As a teacher, mother and father Krishna took care of the Pandavas at all time. But he was also the best friend Pandavas could ever have.

By B Shyamala Rao

SERVICE SCHEDULE AND DIRECTIONS

Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen:

18, Neilson St. New Brunswick, NJ 08901;

Ph: 732-545-9002 (Third Saturday of every month)

Schedule: Aug 21 and Sep 18, 2004

Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Directions to Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen, From Route 18 North (Exit 9 NJ TNPk.),

1. Pass Route 1 and go for about 1 mile, passing a traffic light
2. Make jug-handle left on Commercial Ave.
3. Make right at the next light onto George St.
4. Make next right onto Carman St.
5. Go to the end of the street and at the stop sign make a right onto Neilson Street.
6. The Kitchen is on the right at 18 Neilson St.

Sacred Heart Church in Trenton, Jointly with Sri Sathya

Sai Baba Center of East Brunswick:

343, South Broad St. Trenton, NJ 08650

(Second **Sunday** of each month)

Schedule: Aug 8 and Sep 12, 2004

Time: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm

Directions From Route 1 South or North:

1. From Rt 1 take the exit for Market Street.
2. At T-junction turn left into South Stockton St.
3. Make a right on to Market Street.
4. Go about three blocks on Market until it intersects South Broad. (Sun Bank on right hand corner and Luther Arms apartment complex on the opposite left hand corner)
5. Turn left onto South Broad. Just beyond apartments on the right you will see a church. There is a drive just before the first building (a convent).
6. Turn right into driveway & go down the slope to the Parking lot.
7. The Hall, known as Toomey Hall is under the church and the entrance is from either parking lot.

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LOVE ALL, SERVE ALL

JAI SAI RAM

HELP EVER, HURT NEVER

Be part of the ‘Expansion’ of Swami’s mission on earth. Please feel free to communicate on all issues related to Sarva Dharma Service Center, by any of the means convenient to you.