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# Sarva Dharma Service Center Inc.

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Newsletter

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

September 2004

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## SDSC Building Progress

The township has approved our application for town water supply to the building for fire fighting and drinking. We will still have the well water for other purposes. Entec is preparing some modifications of plans to be submitted for performance bond estimate. Mechanical, electrical and structural engineers are working towards completion to be available for bidding.

## Service Activities

The following service opportunities are available in Howell Township:

1. Canned goods for food pantry
2. Health awareness lectures for senior citizens – Flu shots & joint replacements
3. Baby Wellness programs
4. Physician speakers for items 2 and 3 above
5. Presentation at schools: Members working in academia/pharmaceutical institutions can make presentations at area schools to help students.

For more information and participation, please contact P.Swaminathan at [saismaran@hotmail.com](mailto:saismaran@hotmail.com)

## CC meeting & Bhajan

Ritu and Rakesh Chitkara will host the CC meeting at their home on Sep 26th, 2004. The meeting will start at 2 PM, Bhajan at 4:30 PM followed by prasadam.



*The message of the life of Lord Sri Krishna is the supremacy of the Love Principle. This message is all that the world needs. Krishna is the embodiment of love. This love can be understood only through love. It is strong, brilliant and unbreakable like a diamond. It is extremely precious. If you want to secure such divine love, your love for God must be equally strong. For, you can cut diamond only with diamond. Love begets love. Hatred can only beget hatred. Therefore, if you want to foster love, you have to get rid of hatred, jealousy and anger.*

...Baba

### Contact Details:

3 Black Walnut Street,  
Marlboro NJ.  
Ph: (732) 308 - 0785.

### Directions:

From Route 18: Take exit for Route 79 north Matawan. At light (Texaco gas station on left and Crown Palace restaurant on right) make a right at School Road East. Go for about 2 miles, at stop sign cross Dutch Lane Road and make first right on Black Walnut Way (Forest Estates).

From Route 79 North: Go on 79 north past signs for route 18. At light (Texaco on left) make a right on School Road

East. Further follow the directions of route 18.

From Route 79 South: Cross route 520 and go for 1.5 miles on route 79. At light make left at School Road East. Further follow the directions from route 18.

From Garden State Parkway South: Take exit 123 for route 9 south and Freehold (after the Sayerville toll plaza). Go for about ten miles on route 9 south and take the exit for route 18 south. Further follow the directions from route 18.

From Route 9 North and South: Take exit for route 537 east going towards Colts Neck. Go past exit for route 18 north. Take next left at School Road East. Go for 1.5 miles. Make left on Black Walnut Way (Forest Estates).

## News from Interview to SDSC group

Svaami recited a poem in Telugu twice to impress upon the group the importance of not being angry. Svaami said that anger would destroy one from inside and make one a fool in front of others. It further destroys others and the entire community. A second take home message was about unity. Svaami recited another Telugu poem on unity. With unity one can achieve anything while without it, any number of people can't do even simple things. Almost all of us can certainly be benefited by these two pieces of advice.

## PILGRIMAGE TO PARTHI

After extensive planning since February 2004, a group of Sarva Dharma Service Center members reached Prasanthi Nilayam on July 27, 2004 to present the progress report of the building project, to seek Bhagawan's blessings and guidance on the project and to spend the time blissfully in His proximity. Few days after arrival, the group was blessed with an opportunity to serve in the Western Canteen and at the Chaitanya Jyothi Museum. It was a daily routine to wake up in the morning at 3 AM. While men assembled by 4.30 AM to walk to darshan lines, women would go to the kitchen for seva by 4 AM. At around 7:15 AM Bhagawan would sit on the golf cart and start giving darshan as the Veda chanting begins. As the cart moves gently amongst the devotees He would instruct the students walking on either side of the cart to pick up letters from specific individuals by saying "Theesuko" (take it) looking into the devotees' eyes. Bhagawan showered lot of grace on our group and picked up letters from us many times during our stay. Right after morning darshan men would go to Chaitanya Jyothi Museum for seva. Every night the group used to meet at 8 PM for satsangh. During these meetings members shared their experiences of the day and planned for next day activities. Also, during two such nights, we had wonderful Q&A sessions with Prof. Anil Kumar and Dr. Pavan. The days passed quickly and the prayers were getting stronger for Svaami to bless us with an interview. It was August 7th, the last day of our trip and some members were scheduled to leave soon after morning darshan. As the morning sun rose, our beloved Lord started giving His divine darshan. He passed our group with no looks and gave three interviews to other devotees! Chances appeared slim for a morning interview. All of us were sitting still, praying, our eyes locked on the veranda and for some of us tears started flowing.

Lo! All of a sudden Svaami opens the door and calls our president. Our president joyously goes over to Svaami and asks for His permission to call everyone. Svaami blesses him and said that he would see all of us in the afternoon at 3 PM.

### **!!! An appointment with the Avatar!!!**

After morning darshan everyone's heart was filled with a lot of joy and a bit of anxiety. Some of us scrambled to make travel re-arrangements in order to not miss the divine appointment. The taxis started arriving in the afternoon to load the luggage. Everyone was ready by 2:00 PM with the best attire. Men and women congregated as groups and sat in the Sai Kulwant hall by 2:30 PM. As the clock started ticking, everything around us was happening as a routine with the expectation that Svaami would start His darshan after 3 PM. At 2:50 PM, Svaami suddenly came out of His residence, sat on the golf cart and started giving darshan! Students, teachers, seva dal and Veda chanting group, all were caught by surprise. We, on the other hand, weren't surprised; instead we were directly experienced how God keeps His appointment. Bhagawan skipped darshan on the men's side and the cart rolled onto the veranda at 2:56 PM. Soon after our president gave us a signal to come, we all calmly walked in a single line into the veranda and sat there. It was 2:59 PM when Svaami opened the interview room door from inside and called us in. He did it all with so much perfection and attention to time that we were all humbled by His way of "Leading By Example". The next one hour and twenty minutes was heavenly.

For a transcript of the interview, please visit the website, [www.sai-service.org](http://www.sai-service.org) and click on the Divine Miracles.

... A Member of Sarva Dharma Service Center

## 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:** Sep 18 and Oct 16, 2004

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### **Directions to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen,**

#### **From Route 18 North (Exit 9 NJ Tpk.),**

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:** Sep 12 and Oct 10, 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.