
Sarva Dharma Service Center Inc.

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Newsletter

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

January 2005

Happy New Year

We wish you all a happy prosperous New Year.

We offer our humble prayers to our Lord to bestow lots of Happiness, Prosperity, Excellent Health and God's Blessings & Grace on you, your family and friends.



Sathya Sai as a SSSIHL chancellor declares the Convocation open at Sai Kulwant Hall, Prasanthi Nilayam on Nov 22nd, 2004.

Quake & Tsunami:

SDSC family sends the survivors of the disaster, our deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers for total rehabilitation and offer any and all help we can render to our affected brothers and sisters.

Building Progress

The Bond estimate is expected in the first week of January from the Township.

After this, there will be township action for the final approval, which needs about six weeks. This will allow us to start the actual construction work. In the meantime, we are in the process of finding a construction management company.

Service Opportunities

With prayers to Svaami for alleviation of suffering in the Earth quake and Tsunami affected portion of the world, SDSC has sent a cash aid of \$ 5000 to the Sri Sathya Sai Trust of Sri Lanka. The money was sent by wire transfer immediately after the news broke.

Many organizations are collecting and planning to send other items of life like clothes, medicines, pots and pans, baby food, powder, plastic baby bottles, nipples etc.

Please note this is not solicitation of funds. Those who are interested, please contact or send funds to any of the following organizations:

(1) Sathya Sai Society of America – Earthquake Relief Fund
PO Box 660908, Arcadia,
California 91066-0908.

Thought for the Day
Whatever talents a person may possess, they must be dedicated to the service of humanity, indeed of all beings. Therein lays life's fulfillment. All men are kin, moulded out of the same five elements, with the same divine essence residing in everyone. Service to your fellowmen will help your divinity to blossom, for service to man is service to God. God resides in the heart of every man and every living being, in every stone and stump. Let every act be a flower to be offered at the feet of God, free from the creeping worms of envy and egoism and full of the fragrance of love and sacrifice. ...Baba

(2) NJ Buddhist Vihara – Disaster Relief, 4299 Route 27, Princeton, NJ 08540. Tel #: 609-951-8550.

(3) Sri Lanka Medical Assoc. Edison, NJ 732-494-7567.

(4) Indian Cultural Assoc. Old Bridge, 61 Corona Court NJ 08857 Tel #: 732-727-6968

(5) BAPS Care International
195 Main Street, Suite # 304,
Metuchen, NJ 08840. Tel #: 732-744-1744 or 1-888-CARE-881.

(6) Indian American Civic Forum, 2 Highpoint Drive, West Windsor, NJ 08550. Tel#: 609 275 0423.

(7) Share And Care Foundation
676 Winters Avenue, Paramus
NJ 07652. Tel #: 201-262-7599.

(8) Indonesia - St Francis Cabrini Church – Indonesian Relief Fund,
208 Bound Brook Avenue,
Piscataway, NJ 08854 Tel #: 732-885-5313 Email: parish@cabrini.org

(9) Doctors Without Borders
PO Box 2247, New York, NY
10116-2247. Tel #: 1-88-392-0392.
www.doctorswithoutborders.org

CC Meeting

CC meeting and monthly bhajans will be held at the home of Padma and Mahesh Vellanki on Sunday, January 9th, 2005. All are welcome.

**5 Labrador Drive,
Kendall Park, NJ 08824.
Tel #: 732-297-2836.**

Email:

Mahesh_Vellanki@yahoo.com

The sathasang schedule is as:
2:00 PM SDSC CC meeting 4:30 PM Sai Bhajans
6:00 PM Aarthi/Vibhuti
6:30 PM Prasadam.

Directions:

From the intersection of Rt 18, Rt 1, NJ Tpk (Exit 9):

1. Take Rt 1 south.
2. Drive south for about 10 minutes.
3. Pass Deans Lane.
4. Make right onto Beekman Rd (aka Northumberland way)
5. Make first left onto Jared Blvd.
6. Make left onto Labrador Dr.
7. The 3rd house on the left, #5 Labrador Dr.

From Princeton and South NJ:

1. Take Rt 1 North.
2. Pass Major Road/Sand Hill Road. You will find South Brunswick Water tower.
3. At the next light make a jug handle left onto Beekman Rd.
4. Make first left onto Jared Blvd.
5. Make left onto Labrador Dr.
6. The 3rd house on the left, #5 Labrador Dr.

God Is Always Watching

One day Jesus was speaking to large gathering of people. He told them that they have to be always good. One has to remember that one cannot be good for sometime or for some people. Someone from above is constantly watching you. You may think that you were smoking on some lonely part of the city where nobody knew you or you stole something when nobody was watching you. But you cannot escape from your own conscience, which is a witness to all your deeds.

A farmer's son had learnt about how God watches all your actions – the teacher had just told them story to explain it. When he came home his father asked him to help him in the field. That was the time when most of the people were having their afternoon nap. The father told him to cut some grass for the cattle from the neighbor's field. After sometime, the father found the son looking for grass in their own field which was not much. When he asked his son why he was not cutting the grass from the neighbor's field, he replied, "Sir, I cannot do it. I know all are resting inside their homes and nobody is watching my act but God is looking down upon me. I cannot hide my acts from Him". The father was stunned but he was happy that the son had taught him a lesson.

There was a rich man who had many servants; each one was allotted a particular piece of work to do. One of them was to keep watch and wait till the master came home.

One day, the master had to attend a wedding party. The rich man was away for long time because he met many of his friends at the party and all of them talked and enjoyed the grand feast. In the meantime, the servants finished all their work and waited for the master. They did not take their food but waited for the master to return home.

When the master returned he was happy to see all the servants waiting for him. He asked them, "Have you had your supper?" The servants said, "No sir, how can we have supper without serving you first? We are waiting to serve you your supper first". The master was very sorry that they had to remain hungry for so long because of him. He changed his grand clothes for home wear, made the servants sit in a row. He set the plates in front of them, went into kitchen and brought the food and served them with his own hands. They were very happy and knew that the master was pleased because they did their allotted work faithfully and hence he **was** rewarding them.

We are all endowed with talents and responsibilities. We are to use them to do our work well and help others. If we neglect our work and do not make use of the talents, we may be punished. So we have to be always ready to answer God for all the deeds that we do.

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: January 15, 2005

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: April 10, 2005

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.