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TREE PLANTING ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



commenced in June 1910. An area of 12 hectares was planted, significantly contributing to the goal to plant more than 300,000 native plants in the Cotter by Canberra's centenary in 2013.

The tree planting was followed by a picnic in the Cotter Park. The atmosphere was filled with Sai love as devotees played cricket and enjoyed a scrumptious meal.

A man who has no love in him is as barren as a cloud with no moisture, a tree with no fruits or a cow yielding no milk; he is ever far from God and can never earn His Grace.

-SAI BABA

A number of Sai Devotees turned out in force on 5th June 2010 to take part in the tree planting activity to mark the world environment day.

They joined with more than two hundred and fifty volunteers from all over Canberra and planted over 4,000 native trees at the Centenary of Canberra and Greening Australia

Community Planting Day in the Lower Cotter with views to Mount Coree, where the new capital's border survey



Easwaramba day celebration was a spiritually uplifting event where devotees contemplated on the significance of Mother Easwaramba.

This unity event was held on Sunday, 9th May 2010 and started at 9.30 am.

The SSE children scripted and performed enlightening play on mothers. The play highlighted the importance of a mother and showed various inspirational characteristics a mother portrays.



Sri Sathya Sai Organisation of Australia & PNG, also attended the celebration and gave a talk to mark the occasion.

The program concluded with a spiritually elevating devotional Bhajan singing session. Mr.

SSE children from Tuggeranong Sai centre read 2 short readings from Swami's discourse and they also sang a song.

Venkat Venkataraman, ACT Regional Chairperson, delivered a vote of thanks.

Mr. Neville Fredricks, the Central Co-ordinator of

The celebration was well attended by more than 150 devotees.

SAI LADIES WING ACTIVITIES IN CANBERRA

The Sai Ladies of Canberra meet every Sunday between 2.00 to 3.00 pm. A number of ladies from North and South of Canberra stitch baby clothes and deliver to the Puttaparthi Hospital through the Eswaramma Trust every November. Last year alone they have stitched more than 250 baby clothes and were taken to Puttaparthi. This year the ladies are planning to stitch more than 300 baby clothes.



They have regular study circles based on the chapters from the book "Helpline on Baba". The Sai Ladies also conduct regular discussions based on Love at home journal which is circulated by the National Ladies Wing Coordinator.

These regular meetings provide an opportunity for all the ladies to have fruitful discussions on spirituality through selfless service.



Mr. Arthur and Mrs. Poppy Hillcoat visited Canberra in May. They have conducted workshops on 1st and 2nd May.

During these workshops Mr Arthur and Mrs. Poppy shared their miraculous experiences with Sai Baba.

Mr. Arthur delivered a remarkable speech about “Self-enquiry” which was the trigger that transformed him towards God realisation. Swami’s presence was felt by all participants as he gave breathtaking accounts on Swami’s guidance, in various experiences in his life.

Mrs. Arthur also actively participated in the spiritually elevating discussions with participants. These workshops were well attended with over seventy five devotees from all over Canberra.

Cooked Food Delivery to Ainslie Village Residents

Ainslie Village provides hostel accommodation and support to homeless men and women over the age of 18, particularly those with a mental health condition.

The members of the Sathya Sai Organisation of ACT provide cooked food for the residents on first Sunday of every month. This food includes rice, vegetarian dishes and fruits. The residents of Ainslie Village thoroughly enjoy this food which is delivered by the Sai devotees of Canberra.

If you like to participate in this service activity, please contact your Sai Centre Service Coordinator.

Father Charles Ogada’s Talk on “Who am I?”



Father Charles Ogada, is a Catholic Priest of the Order of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers. He has been invited to celebrate Mass at Prashanthi and has addressed devotees in the Sai Kulwant Hall. Father Charles has written many articles in Radio Sai about Islam, Hinduism, Christianity and the unifying principle in all. Father Ogada experienced periods of enlightenment in his late teens and at the mere sound of Swami’s name he felt the power of His name and went to Swami.

Father Charles visited Canberra on Monday, 28th June to share his experiences and insights at the Tamil Senior Citizen Hall, Isaacs. He delivered a brief talk on the topic “Who am I?” based on Sai Baba’s teachings. The speech was engaging, entertaining, motivational and balanced with good substance of spirituality.

Several Sai devotees from Canberra eagerly attended to listen to Father Charles talk despite it was a cold weekday evening.

The ninth Sai World Conference with Baba's blessings will be held in Prasanthi Nilayam during November, 2010. This World Conference takes place during the commemorative celebrations marking the 85th year of the Avatar's advent. This conference will be preceded by Zone Pre-World Conferences, to be convened in all nine international zones.

The Theme of the Zone Pre-World Conferences and the World Conference is *SAI IDEAL*.

The Zone 3 Pre-World Conference is scheduled for 11th & 12th September 2010 at The King's School, Pennant Hills Road, North Parramatta, NSW. It is a non-residential conference.

The purpose of the Pre-World Conference is to learn through discussion *the Sai Ideal*, to learn more about Swami's teachings and intensify our spiritual practices. This will enable us to go within, find ourselves and lead lives that exemplify selfless love. It will also help us to prepare ourselves for the ninth Sai World Conference.

Dr Michael Goldstein, Chair Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation and Prasanthi Council, Dr Narendranath Reddy, Member of Sri Sathya Sai World Foundation and chair of the Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Committee

and either Mr Leonardo Gutter or Dr William Harvey, member Prasanthi Council are expected to address the participants.

The Pre-World Sai Conference, will include 2 study circles, one on *Sai Ideal Human Life* and the other on *Sai Ideal Spiritual Organisation*. These study circles will be carried out in the context of what Swami has said about *God is, I am I, and Love All, Serve All*.

The registration form and the soft copies of the study circle material have been circulated to all devotees. As a prelude, all devotees are expected to read the material.

Detailed study under various topics in the material provided will be discussed at regular centre/group study circles.

Further details regarding registration for the conference and study circle timings, please contact the Spiritual Coordinator of your Sai centre.

“ If you place complete faith in the Lord at all times, you will receive His Grace. Grace takes away the pain of Karma. The Lord can save man completely from Karma.....”

- BHAGAVAN SRI SATHYA SAI BABA -

UPCOMING EVENTS

25th July 2010 - Guru Purnima Day celebration at North Canberra Sai Centre, 10 Watson Street, Turner at 9.30 am.

30th July 2010 - Blood Donation at Australian Red Cross, Woden at 12.00 to 2.00 pm.

Study Circle

Tuggeranong Sai Centre - First Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm

North Canberra Sai Centre - Every non-pay week Thursday at 7.30 pm

South Canberra Centre - Alternate Fridays at 7.30 pm (9/7, 23/7, 6/8, 20/8, 27/8 & 3/9)

Ainslie Cooked food collection - First Sunday of every month

Soup Kitchen - Every Friday evening