

Announcements dated August 28, 2008

Every now and then we want to acknowledge the people whose volunteer efforts keep the Los Gatos Center running harmoniously and efficiently. First we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jo Borucki, Karen Stidd, Ramesh Krishnamagaru, Sridhar Jujjavarapu, Satish Salian, and Suzie Bahmanyar for their years of devoted service to Master and to all of us.

We also want to let you know about changes taking place in the leadership of some of our volunteer committees. Ramesh Krishnamagaru will lead the new Hospitality Committee, a group whose purpose is to welcome newcomers and encourage fellowship. Ashok Swamy will replace Ramesh as chairperson and scheduler for the Usher-Greeter committee. Jo Borucki served our Center as Treasurer for over eight years and has agreed to be a member of the newly formed Hospitality Committee. Karen Stidd, who served as longtime Usher scheduler, will also become part of the Hospitality Committee. Tracy Popish has graciously agreed to be the new Bookroom Chairperson while Vikrant Tawade will be our new Website Chair, and Jaya Holla will be our new Volunteer Coordinator.

All Sunday school teachers, assistants, and families (past and present) are invited to a Los Gatos Center Sunday School Pool Party and Potluck. It will be held at the Bhatnagar Residence in Saratoga, on Sunday, August 31st, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. A flyer with details and RSVP information is posted downstairs and will be distributed to Sunday school students.

Richmond Temple's Young Adults Group warmly invites you to "A Taste of India." This special event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th, from 5 PM to 9:30 PM. The evening will include a meditation with kirtan led by the Young Adults Group, a delicious catered Indian dinner, and a slideshow and talk by Bro. Achalananda, who will take us for a visit to Badrinath and the Himalayan foothills, the purported abode of Mahavatar Babaji. Tickets can be purchased for the event for a suggested donation of \$12. For tickets, please see the flier posted in the foyer or on the bulletin board downstairs.

The Los Gatos Center's annual fall retreat will be held in Los Altos on the weekend of September 19th – 21st. Registration forms for this retreat are available in the foyer on the information rack. Scholarship application forms for financial assistance are available on the greeter's table in the foyer. The deadline for turning in scholarship applications is this Sunday, August 31st. Volunteer help is needed during this retreat. Please sign up downstairs if you can help.

On the Thursday prior to the retreat, September 18th, the visiting monks will lead our Thursday evening inspirational service from 7:30 to 8:45 PM. Following the service, all are invited to join the monks for light refreshments and fellowship downstairs.

Starting in October, the Tuesday evening meditation service will take place from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. This meditation service begins with the practice of the Energization Exercises. The times for the Thursday evening service will remain the same.

The book room, which is located downstairs at the Los Gatos Center, is open at noon on Sundays. New items that were showcased at the 2008 SRF Convocation in Los Angeles are now available for sale in the book room.