Arya Samaj Greater Houston January 2016

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समानी व आकृतिः समाना हृदयानि वः । समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥ ४

Samānīva ākūtih samānā hṛdayāni vah. Samānamastu vo mano yathā vah susahāsatih || Rg-veda.10.191.4

Let all your resolve be common. Let all your hearts be common. Let your minds be common. Hence, let all your works be got done well.



Namaste <<First Name>> <<Last Name>> ji,

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year! We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you who donated generously for Food Bank Drive and the Chennai Clothing drive. We are continuing clothes collection to ship another 20 ft. container soon. Please see details below.

Soul in the body: Lamp in a Hall

- Acharya Dr. Harish Chandra, Ved-Ratna

YajurVeda 40.15 states that we are a composite of matter and spirit:

वायुरनिलममृतमथेदम् भस्मान्तं शरीरम्

Our tiny soul is the inherent force (of consciousness), nonmaterial, and immortal, enveloped by the body made of matter that will end (die) becoming ash.

Think of the soul in the body as a lamp in a large hall. Entering into a hall in dark night, you switch on the lamp – a small lamp in a corner of the hall. Its filament glows, making the entire hall lit up. That's the way our body looks when we are awake. Our body is quite unconscious when we sleep as if the lamp has been switched off. Upon death, the body is permanently in sleep as if the lamp has been physically removed from its holder. It is the soul that makes the difference between life and death. A soul-less body is dead body.

Chennai Clothing Drive

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all the people whodonated generously for this effort. Meenakshi Temple sent one container of clean clothes to Rotary International, Chennai, India.

Please bring any sheets and clothes for all ages that you can share. Used clothes are welcome, please make sure that **clothes are washed, clean and usable**. Please fold and put them in separate bags and mark as follows:

- 1. Men's Western (shirts-vests/ Trousers/ Shorts)
- 2. Men's Indian (Kurta Pajama, Indian dresses)
- 3. Women's Indian (dresses, Saris/ Salwar suits)
- 4. Women's western (dresses, shirts, pants, skirts)
- 5. Boys
- 6. Girls
- 7. Children's

Donations Cash or Check (Payable to Arya Samaj Greater Houston, in memo

Regular Activities:

Tuesday: 6.00pm - 8.00pm: Sanskrit and Gita classes Wednesday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm:

Patanjali Meditation

Thursday: 6.00pm - 8.00pm:

Beginner Sanskrit and Yoga Darshan classes

Saturday:

8:00-9:30am - Yoga Classes 9.45 am - 10:45 am : Patanjali Meditation

Sunday:

8:00-9:30 am - Yoga Classes 9:45 am-12 noon - DAV Sanskriti School 10:00am-12noon - Satsang Listen to Acharya ji's Sunday *Pravachan*

To become yajman please contact Payal Talwar or Acharaya Surya Nanda ji. For more information about Sunday satsang and yajmans please Click here.

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Arya Samaj Library

The library is reaching out to members to return books that have been checked out over the last few years. If you have any books from Arya Samaj, please bring them back to the library. For more information, please contact Rajeev Khanna or email aryasamai@qmail.com.

Chennai Clothing). Stations are for your convenience to stack the clothes in right station. Clothes can be dropped off M-F 7am - 11am and Sat/Sun 8am - 4pm. Please do not send any accessories, undergarments, woolens or warm clothes. Anything not acceptable by the receiving side has to be discarded before packing.



Readathon

Every year on Children's Day we launch Readathon, a program where DAVSS Students strive to raise funds for Jeevan Prabhat Pondicherry. By encouraging our kids to participate, we not only sharpen their reading skills, but also teach them to help out at a younger age. All the funds raised go towards upbringing of the children affected by the 2004 Tsunami in India. Every Sunday please encourage your kids to check out books from the Arya Samaj library, so that they can learn about their culture and raise funds for the children of Jeevan Prabhat.

For more information on Jeevan Prabhat please go to: http://www.jeevanprabhat.org/
If you have any questions contact: Bharati Patil: 713 269 4859 or Ekta Patel: 401 263 9861

Arya Yuva Mandal (AYM):

Arya Yuva Mandal (AYM) youths met on December 18th, wherein the Convener Shri Sanjay Ahuja ji explained about Entrepreneurship with an elaborate presentation and discussion on benefits and risks of the Entrepreneurship. Several AYM youths interrupted their winter vacation to help the Arya Samaj's (ASGH) great cause and spent several hours on December 24th and January 3rd sorting and packing the thousands of clothes donated by the Community Members for victims of the Chennai Storms. The packing and labelling was completed on January 3rd and the clothing's are now on their way to India. They are ready for more, as Arya Samaj fills a container.



DAV Sanskriti School

DAV Sanskriti School celebrated the first day of new year by distributing balloons and chocolates to all the students, which brought smile on everyone's faces. Good start!!



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