

American Hindu Association

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HINDU CONNECTIONS

July, 2007

Enlightening discourses by Siddhesvari Devi Ji
August 12th through 18th in Madison ~ organized
by American Hindu Association

Sunday, Aug 12, 4 pm to 6pm.
Shorewood Community Center
901 Swarthmore Court,
Madison, WI 53705

Aug 13 to 17, 7pm to 8:30pm
Dr. Swaminathan & Lalitha
Balachandran's Residence
8705 Nelson Crossing,
Verona 53593

Saturday, Aug 18, 11am to 12:30pm
Dr. Shiw & Rita Singh's Residence
329 Westridge Pkwy, Verona 53593



Siddheshvari Devi ji (Didi ji) of Radha Madhav Society takes us through a very exciting journey into the scriptures and reveals the gems of the Hindu philosophy through the Vedas, Puranas, Geeta and Ramayana along with other scriptures. Some of the topics Didi Ji will speak on are:

The Five Toys of the World ~ Amazing Grace of the God & Guru ~ How to Discipline the monkey Mind ~ How to Meditate

For more information please call:
Rita Singh 608-848-9046 Rathinam 608-206-0652
Dr. Balachandran 608-848-6780 Ragini 608-845-6608
L.R.Rao 608-827-0643

Siddheshvari Devi ji (Didi ji) has acquired the Divine knowledge of Vedas and Shastras directly from her Gurudev, Jagadguru Shri Kripalu Ji maharaj, For approximately 20 years Didi Ji has been sharing the ancient wisdom of scriptures and putting them in modern context so that they are applicable to the daily living .

Sri Krishna Jayanthi/Sri Krishna Janmashtami

American Hindu Association cordially invites you & your family for a Celebration of **Sri Krishna Janmashtami**
Puja and Abhishekam will be conducted by Priest Raghu Bhatt

Date: September 9, 2007*

Venue: Shorewood Community Center
901 Swarthmore Court
Madison, WI 53705

Program: 4:00 - 6:00 PM: Puja and Abhishekam of all 3" tall brass Sri Krishna idols (Madhubarkam, Milk, Yogurt, Ghee, Honey, Sugar, Panchamirth Abhishekams) by Priest.

Water Abhishekam of above idols by individuals/families: Sponsorship \$31. Each sponsor will get one of the Sri Krishna idols after abishegam for doing the archana. Necessary Archana materials will be provided by AHA. Sponsor may take their Sri Krishna idol home. Mantrapushpam - Bhajans / Songs

6:00 – 8:00 PM: Potluck Dinner - (Bring your own choice of vegetarian food to share with others)

For Abhishekam & Archana sponsorship, please contact the following persons before Sep. 1, 2007:

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| Rita : | 848-9046 | Rathinam: | 206-0652 |
| Balachandran: | 848-6780 | Rao: | 827-0643 |
| Amit: | 772-0858 | Kanthan: | 273-8341 |

For food information, please contact:

Ragini: 845-6608 Bahee: 234-8634

Devotees interested in helping with this function are encouraged to bring flowers pooja and fruits for distribution as Prasad. *Sri Krishna Jayanthi is actually on Tuesday the 4th of September 2007. As that is a weekday, and priest is not available that day, AHA is celebrating the event on September 9, 2007.

AHA 2007 Picnic - Saturday, July 28th, 2007.



This annual event was organized by American Hindu Association and other organizations. The event was a grand success with a sizable turnout of patrons which keeps getting bigger each year. The potluck

lunch was a gourmet's delight for all ages, while watermelon, roasted corn, and pizza was an instant hit with kids. Children and adults alike had a good time socializing and playing games like cricket, bingo, etc. The other organizations that participated in making this event a success were the AIA (Association of Indians in America), MATA (Madison Area Telugu Association), and WITS (Wisconsin Tamil Sangam). The occasion also came handy for volunteers of the National Marrow Donor Program in signing up donors of South East Asian decent.

Founder of the Combat Blindness Foundation (CBF), Dr. Suresh Chandra and his family also attended the function. Their appeal to the community members for

support to the First Annual 5K Sight Walk on September 8, 2007 and CBF in general was well received. For more information of this organization, please visit at: www.combatblindness.org or info@combatblindness.org. The community leaders representing the various groups involved in organizing the event felt encouraged by the turnout and unanimously appeal to the rest of the community to show support to such fun events through active participation and make it an even bigger success.

Lunch With GOD ~ M Venkatasubramanian

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman. She was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her some chips. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Again, she smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat There all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman, and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, " I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? She's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, "Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?" She replied! "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before her son responded, she added, " You know, he's much younger than I expected." Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of Which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

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