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“Dedicate your life for Krishna. Even if there are some faults, dedicated life is noble life. Maybe, due to our past habits, we may commit some faulty action, but that dedicated life is sublime.”

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Little Vaishnavas give Holy Name to Brighton Gardens Senior Center

By Sangeeta Bhat Mataji

The mercy of devotees is causeless. It can come in any form or time. By the mercy of Srila Prabhupad, our Sunday School kids conduct Harinam Sankirtan programs almost every three months at the nearest Senior Centers. This has been our third visit to an old age home where our little Vaishnavas give Holy Name and distribute prasadam to the seniors who are in the sunset of their life.

With the blessings of my Spiritual Master H.H. Srila Romapada Swami, I started coordinating this program. With the support of all the devotees, this program was a successful one. It was purifying both for kids as well as for the seniors who were there hearing the Lord's Holy Name.

On April 17, 2009 at 5.30 PM, the enthusiastic Little Vaishnavas entered Brighton Gardens Senior center eager to give the Holy Name to the seniors. Some of the kids who were present there are Hrithik, Nanda Suno,



Neil, Sunetra and this lovely lady were all smiles during their visit.

Sunethra, Raghav, Vidhur, Vrnda Girdhar, Vrnda Kullar, Hamsika, Manjari and little Radhika. There were some kind devotees also present with us to support this. As we were entering I realized that we did not have kartals to sing the Kirtan. I got a little tensed about this. Then all the other devotees who were with me pushed me saying that we can clap instead.

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sweet mrdanga and the other little ones sweet voices spread through the air. We did not miss the kartal because we substituted it with clapping our hands. However, the kartals came in later. The kirtan went on for about 20-25 minutes. The seniors really enjoyed all this. They were even clapping their hands for the kirtan with a smile on their face. After this, the kids distributed cards that had Radha KunjaBihari pictures on it. RadhaKunjaBihari Ki Jai ! Radha KunjaBihari is very merciful. Everybody received it very nicely. These cards were made by the enthusiastic kids themselves to give Krishna to oth-

ers. Then, the kids distributed muffins and cookies prasadam to all the seniors. The seniors were very happy to receive this kind of Love from kids. They had a smile on their face. Not even one person rejected the prasadam. Everyone got a chance to honor Lord Krishna's prasadam. The kids were very happy to serve prasadam to others. The seniors were very thankful and said "God Bless you" to the kids. When I asked some of the kids "what is the best part that you liked in this program?" they said "serving prasadam". The whole program lasted for about 45 minutes. We also gave some of Srila Prabhupada's books to their library.

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Community Vaishnavi's come together for 'Mataji's Camp'

By Sri Radha Devi Dasi

For the first time ever, Devasadan Mandir had a two day Mataji's camp. About thirty matajis attended this wonderful camp, where everyone created dramas, played Krishna Consciousness games, recited meaningful slokas, and learned melodious bhajans. My experience at this camp was very inspiring, I learned bhajans that touched my heart, and I received the great association of the matajis. In the discussion of Grihastha life, we discussed how to be a sweet, cooperative, humble, and obedient wife by helping your husband and children lead



a pleasant Krishna Consciousness life. One of my favorite activities was creating jewelry for the deities; all the matajis put their sincere efforts in making Tulsi skirts, silk garlands, and embroidery. The Sakshi Gopal Drama done by all the matajis was played very professionally, it taught everyone that whatever you desire in Krishna's service with pure devotion and love, Krishna will fulfill it. Shyammanjari Mataji's and Monica Mataji's endless efforts show in the great success of the camp, and I hope that just like this year, next year we have a Mataji's camp.

A letter from the Temple President.

Dear Devotees and well wishers,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

We are heading for exciting times this summer! Our annual Ratha Yatra festival is on Saturday, June 20. This year the parade will be held in the city of Novi. In accordance with tradition, a few days before Ratha Yatra will be the Snana Yatra festival, bathing of the Deities of Lord Jagannath, Baladev & Subhadra. Snana Yatra will be celebrated right

in our ISKCON Temple in Detroit on Sunday, June 14 starting at 4:15 PM. This is the only day of the year when everyone, regardless of background or qualification, is given an opportunity to bathe the actual Deities, Their Lordships Lord Jagannath, Baladev & Subhadra who come out of the altar into the Temple room for this special bathing ceremony. Everybody is welcome, so please make use of this rare opportunity to render intimate personal service to the Lord.

In order to make the Ratha Yatra festival a success, we

need plenty of help. If you'd like to sponsor any part of the festival or help with volunteer activities, please get in touch with us at contact@detroitiskcon.org or call us at 313-331-6740 / 313-824-6000. By engaging in service to the Lord & His devotees, we can awaken the dormant love for Krsna that is present in all of our hearts and find true inner peace & happiness. Together let us make this festival one to remember for years to come!

~ Bharath Prabhu

Remembering our Devotees: Jayananda Prabhu

By : Sai Das

Jayananda's real name was John Kohr. He was born in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated in 1962 with a degree with Industrail Engineering.

Jayananda Pr was employed as a cab driver in San Fransisco when he first met Prabhupad. He was the person to give Prabhupad \$5000 to publish the Bagavad Gita. Jayananda Pr was a great disciple of Prabhupad.

Jayananda Pr was gentle and patient and was a pure devotee of the lord. He was loved by so many common people. He was sick but was determined to build a



Jayananda Prabhu with Srila Prabhupada

Ratha-Yatra cart for the first LA Ratha-Yatra. After he served prasadam to everyone he would stay up late in the night cleaning everything up. He helped find an I.S.K.C.O N center in San Fransisco in 1967 and later became president off the temple.

Jayananda Pr was the first saint from America. He achieved his saint hood status in an eastern tradition, or the ancient religion off bhakti. He practiced a religion that was unknown to the american people.

Jayananda Pr's disappearance day was on Saturday May 17, 2008.

Community: Devotee Profile of the Month

By: Gaurangi Devi Dasi Age 13

As you all may know, Bharath Prabhu is our temple president. This month he is the devotee of the month.

When did you become a devotee? I started coming to the Detroit Temple in 2002 but started following seriously in early 2005, so I'd say about that time.

What the best thing about being a devotee? Being in the ecstatic association of devotees who have sought shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord.

What inspires you the most about being a devotee? The opportunity to render selfless service. Service itself can be performed to an individual, society, a country or it's people. But truly altruistic service



Bharath Prabhu, Kavita Mataji, and their son, Shyam offering abhisek.

with no personal motives is only possible when the object of our service is the all-attractive personality of God-head, Sri Krsna or His devotees.

How's being the president?

Unlike anything I've ever done before! Very challenging & difficult to fulfill but extremely rewarding and satisfying. One may or may not possess the qualifications necessary to perform a service but true humility means to work under the instructions of great Vaisnavas regardless of qualification. In that sense, I feel humbled in my attempt to render such a difficult service.

Favorite moment after being a hare-krishna? My first personal

meeting with my Spiritual Master, H.H. Radhanath Swami Maharaja in the association of my dear Godbrother, H.G. Gokulchandra Das.

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said "serving prasadam". The whole program lasted for about 45 minutes. We also gave some of Srila Prabhupada's books to their library.

The co-ordinator of the old age home was very pleased with the performance of kids that she asked us to come back and do this again. Sri Harinam Sankirtan Ki Jai ! Because of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy, these living entities in their sunset of life were able to hear the Lord's Holy Name. Glory to the Sri Krishna Sankirtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years together and thus extinguishes the blazing fire of conditioned life, of repeated birth and death (Sri Sri Sikshashtaka by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu).

I am grateful to my Spiritual Master H.H.Srila Romapada Swami in supporting me and blessing me to organize this program. Without his mercy, I would not have any strength to do this. I am also thankful to all the devotees for their support in cooking prasadam and for their enthusiastic ideas in engaging our Vaishnava kids in spreading the Holy Name. Last but not the least, I am thankful to my Prabhu for guiding me in Krsna Consciousness.



Devasadan Mandir Picture Gallery!



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