

IMPORTANT DATES

30 August
Gita Week starts

5 September
Krishna Janasthami

16 September
Ganesha Chaturthi

24 September
Swami Murugesu
Mahasamadhi

28 September
Pournami



Raja and Sujana helping in the kitchen.



16 Aug community feeding



Guru performing abhishekam before Gayathri Maha Yajna



CONDOLENCES

Uncle Basil, who has conducted our Shivarathri pooja every year for the past 15 years sadly passed away on the 25th of August. Our condolences to his family from Gurudev and all at the Peedam. He will be missed.

SMILE, IT'S FREE



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GURU NEWS

Lighting up your life



GAYATHRI MA BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED FOR OUR GAYATHRI MAHA YAJNA

The iconic Chappies gum wrapper

DONOVAN NAIR

If you remember Chappies bubble gum with a kind of fondness that brings a sparkle to your eye, then you are 'old school'. Nothing to be ashamed of but everything to be proud of as the iconic Chappies bubble gum wrapper was the children of the glorious yesteryears' own 'Google'.

Competition was keen among children as they rushed to buy the 1c bubble gum, not only to keep their mouths occupied with sweet tasting bubble gum, but to 'lap up' the "Did You Know" general knowledge questions and answers. Many would go to great lengths to 'show off' their new found knowledge, but it was all fun.

A few examples of the 'Did You Know?' general knowledge found inside Chappies wrappers:

- Did you know that an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?
- Did you know that a bear has 42 teeth?
- Did you know that the 3 most common languages in the world are: Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English.
- Did you know that the smallest bones in the human body are in the ear?

The questions and answers were endless and the joy of acquiring knowledge was priceless.

Today hangs a cigarette from the mouths of so called modern youth, the chewing of bubble gum is an irritation in the classroom and in public spaces. Progressive schools have banned the sale of bubble gum in their tuck shops and outlawed the chewing of bubble gum at their schools.

Our 'techno kids' cannot climb trees, catch frogs or butterflies, swim, go on nature hikes, fish, play out door sport, at times 'howl at the moon' and enjoy a healthy fun filled life style. Sadly many parents are to blame for not exposing their children to the joys of reading and enjoying out door activities.

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For laughs ...

I went to an Inter-Religion Integration Seminar. The Bishop came, laid his hands on my hand and said, "By the will of Jesus Christ, you will walk today!" I smiled and told him I was not paralysed. The Swamiji came, laid his hands on my hand and said, "By the will of Paramathma, you will walk today! I was less amused when I told him there was nothing wrong with me. The Mullah came, took my hands and said, "Insha Allah, you will walk today!" I snapped at him, "There's nothing wrong with me" The Buddhist Monk came, held my hands and said, "By the will of The Great Buddha, you will walk today!" I rudely told him there was nothing wrong with me. After the Seminar, I stepped outside and found my car had been stolen. I believe in all Religions now, equally.

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Guru Bhakti and karma yoga

SWAMI SHANKARANANDA

Masters and spiritually experienced ones have established and concluded that a Guru is absolutely necessary for any kind of spiritual progress.

Swami Sivananda put it beautifully, “A disciple without devotion to his Guru is like a flower without fragrance, a well without water, a cow without milk or a body without atma”. So, to be called a disciple with Guru Bhakti, the following is necessary.

You must be totally self-surrendered to your Guru with real aspiration, absolute faith in thought words and actions.

Repeat his name, having complete obedience in his commands, doing his work without expecting the fruits of the actions, and meditating on his feet.

This is yoga in itself. This is necessary to have union with God.

When a hospital ward is turned in to a bragging place

DONOVAN NAIR

If you are at a loss of what I am referring to, read on as I reveal all.

Gurudev was hospitalised last week for an ailment that only he and the specialist doctor can pronounce with some authority. Lying on a bed that seemed too small for him Gurudev took his mind of his condition and got to chatting with his fellow patients who were set on showing off the achievements of their children.

Upon hearing that one of them worked at FNB’s ‘effluent’ department, Guru was his usual quick and witty self enquiring if that’s where they separated the human waste and the water that carried the contents. One of the so called ‘wise’ men did not know what a ‘haemorrhoid’ was, of course our Guru gave the man a graphic explanation which I cannot mention in this publication.

When it came to Guru’s turn to talk about the achievements of his children he down played it by casually mentioning that his eldest, Seelan was an IT engineer, the second born was a graduate working at a bank, followed by a daughter employed at Emirates Airlines and his last born, is a doctor who is in the process of completing a MBA degree. Guru's companions became silent. The silence among the patients was broken when one of them said with pride that his son received the “Dooks” Award at school. Maybe he meant the Dux Award given for academic excellence.



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