Jain Society E-Newsletter October 2004

Friends,

We had very busy couple of months.. I could not write to you sooner.

In September, we celebrated Paryushan (including swapna ceremony) with lot of enthusiasm. A record attendance at Samvatsari Pratikraman was noted. It was nice to see young adults (20 something) back at the temple. Welcome back! Lot of youth members had very nice Tapasya. Congratulations to All. Das Lakshan parva was also celebrated with joy.

In October, we were the host to 165 members of Jain Sangh of Northern New Jersey. For chaitya pariparti and yatra to our temple, they arrived in 3 buses. Many members performed chandan pooja and rest joined in bhakti sangeet. After lunch at Jain Center, they continued their yatra.

Lectures by Dineshbhai and Ujawalaben were attended by many. Also Samuh Ayambil were performed for Aso month oli.

Here are the details of UPCOMING EVENTS:

On Saturday, November 13 – The New Year's day (bestu varsh), we will have Mangalik recitation at Jain center STARTING AT 10:30 A.M. As many of you have indicated it is hard to follow recitation of Nav Smaran. Your request is noted..

WE WILL HAVE BRIEF EXPLANATION AND SUMMARY OF NAV SMARAN SUTRAS IN ENGLISH (BEFORE RECITATION OF EACH SUTRA).

Please arrive on time. Families with young children, please use rooms upstairs. For overflow seating arrangement, we will also have live audio hook-up in the living room/kitchen area.

As many of you noticed during paryushan, overflow parking on the street (Briggs Channey Road) is not permitted. Your car may get towed. Although none of us like it, the only alternate is to park in the grass behind Jain Center. Please DO NOT BLOCK entrance to grass parking.

On New Year's day, several families have jointly sponsored heavy snacks. Please stay for swamivatsalya snacks.

Another event will be Samuh Ayambil on ThanksGiving day (Thursday, November 25th). If you wish to perform ayambil on that day, please register your names with Jyostna Goda at (703) 471-9297.

And as a final note...

Sunday School classes have begun as of September 26th. If you have still not registered your children, please call me and bring them to the next class. It is never too late..

Jai Jinendra.

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