

July Newsletter 2017

Perth Meditation Group of Self Realization Fellowship



Mahavatar Babaji Commemoration Tuesday July 25th; 7-9pm

“Babaji has promised to guard and guide all sincere Kriya Yogis in their path toward the goal. Hundreds of thousands, not dozens merely, of Kriya Yogis are needed to bring into manifestation the world of peace and plenty that awaits men when they have made the proper effort to re-establish their status as sons of the Divine Father.”

From Autobiography of a Yogi

Sunday July 2, 8-11am: Long Meditation. On the first Sunday of each month, we meditate for three hours. If this feels too challenging, then join us at 9 or 10am during the chanting periods, which are on the hour.

Sunday July 9, 8-11am: Guru Purnima Day is celebrated in India on this day. (Guru from **gu**, “darkness” and **ru**, “that which dispels”). This might be a good day to try a longer meditation, from 8 until 10.50am. Or join us from 10 till 11am for our Readings Service. The topic will be **“Attunement with a True Guru”**. (Vol 3/1)

Tuesday July 11, 5:45pm: On the second Tuesday of each month we tidy up our chapel before the evening service. All help very much appreciated.

Tuesday July 25, 7-9pm: Mahavatar Babaji Commemoration. Please bring a flower offering and a donation in an envelope. In the **Autobiography of a Yogi**, Lahiri Mahasaya said: *“Whenever anyone utters with reverence the name of Babaji, that devotee attracts an instant spiritual blessing.”*

Saturday July 29, 9-noon: BIG BUSY BEE, followed by shared lunch. We hold these twice a year, and get a lot done. If you can't make the whole thing, pop in and set the table for lunch! Always a happy and productive day. Great food too.

Monday July 31: Shoalwater Retreat Deadline: \$255 for this fully catered, oceanside spring weekend retreat, Oct 6-8th. Nicola Ohly-Smith – 0400 410 800 ohly-smith@live.com.au

August Book Order: Twice a year, we order books from SRF Mother Centre in Los Angeles. We encourage all devotees to make a concerted effort in **July** to check SRF books out of local libraries, as this keeps them in circulation. Your diligence in recording which SRF titles are still in your local library helps us assess the need for future donations. If you are willing to do this, please email srfperth@gmail.com with your name, the name of your library and which SRF books are still available for loan. As our quality of life has so improved after applying Yogananda's precepts, let us make every effort to help our fellow man also access His liberating philosophies. The books we generally donate to libraries include *Autobiography of a Yogi*, *The Yoga of Jesus*, and the DVD *Awake*.

NEWSFLASH! We are happy to inform you that one of the Self Realization Fellowship monastics, Brahmachari Jason, will be passing through Perth on a personal trip in November and plans to visit the Perth Group on the evening of Tuesday November 14th. Details will be announced in the not too distant future. Please let us know in advance if you wish to join us, so that we may plan accordingly. Please email srfperth@gmail.com with “Count me In!” and your name in the subject line. We hope to see you there. Jai Guru!

The President of SRF, Sri Mrinalini Mata, in a letter to YSS Ranchi on the occasion of **Guru Purnima**, quoted Gurudeva Paramahansa Yogananda as saying, *“God has sent you to me, and I shall never fail you.”* She also assures us that *“Inherent in His promise is an unconditional love that transcends all boundaries of space and time and will watch over you until you reach God-consciousness.”*