

Aum Amriteshwaryai Namah

## **Welcome to the monthly newsletter of Amma's Madison Satsang**

Dedicated to Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, also called "Ammachi", "Amma", "Holy Mother" and "Amma".

Her mission in life is to awaken the Infinite Divine Power within everyone and lead humanity along the right path of selfless service and love for others.

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*Our actions in past lives  
have created what we call our fate.  
Though fate is certainly powerful,  
it can be overcome in part  
by good actions in the present.*

*-Amma-*

**Amma's 2010 Chicago  
Program  
June 30, July 1 and July 2**

**PROGRAM LOCATION:**

**The Westin Lombard  
Yorktown Center**

**70 Yorktown Center**

**Lombard, IL 60148**

**Telephone: 1-888-627-  
9031**



**PROGRAM SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, June 30:**

- Morning program: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm approx.
- There will be no evening program on June 30

**Thursday, July 1:**

- Morning program: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm approx.
- Evening program: 7:30 pm to 2:00 am approx.

**Friday, July 2:**

- Morning program 10 am to 2:00 pm approx

- Evening program [Devi Bhava]: 7:00 pm to 5:00am (next day) approx
- **Devi Bhava** - Please refer to FAQ's for a detailed explanation of Devi Bhava.

**\*\*FOR MORE PROGRAM DETAILS VISIT  
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## The Power to Change

(4 May '10)



On the occasion of International Earth day on the 22nd of April, AYUDH members decided to stand up and do something in the society. They set plans to bring about a change first in themselves and then in the society, the change that will make our planet a better place to live in.

Ayudh Delhi celebrated Earth day by putting up stalls at two of the major centres in Delhi, one at Saket Select City Mall, one of the biggest and posh malls in Delhi and the other at Rajiv Chowk Metro Station, the busiest metro station in Delhi.

The concept was that the people had to liven up the Earth – depicted by a dry tree on the verge of death with the leaves of their ideas, ideas of how they can make a change to the environment and our Earth. They gave the visitors leaf shaped paper – on which they could write how they could bring about a difference and then put it up on this leafless tree.



The response at both centres was impressive. In the Metro station stall, the tree filled up with leaves in about 20 minutes! They then had to put overlapping leaves up on the tree. People from all walks of life...rich and poor, old and young thronged the installation to pin up their ideas to the tree. Those who came first, then brought their friends and relatives. The children had a gala time participating in the quiz contest organised for them. People were seen looking at what other people had written, certainly in order to know more of what they can do, in addition to what they had thought of. People pledged to follow what they were writing.

The success of their effort was in the fact that they were able to instantly influence a change in the attitude of people towards our planet – although many spoke passionately about how bad they felt at the situation of the planet and how helpless they felt in dealing with it. However they also said that AYUDH stall had helped them realise that there are many people out there sharing their concern and if each one is to do their part well, we could still save the Earth. Their despair had turned into hope and that they would be more cautious of what they do in future.

The Earth day celebrations concluded reminding that there is still lots more to do that needs to be done.

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## Upcoming Local Amma Events

*(All events are at Madhu and Sajan's home unless otherwise specified.  
Directions are at the end of this calendar.)*

**May 16, 1 pm (Sunday)** - Chanting of Lalitha Sahasranama (1000 Names of the Goddess). You are welcome to join this practice whether or not you stay for the meeting that follows. You are also welcome to attend even if you are not familiar with the practice. It provides a wonderful atmosphere in which to meditate. We have a few spare chanting books in various languages (English, Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Kannada) if you want to join.

*"This worship will bring prosperity to the home and peace to the world. It will be an atonement for sins committed. One will gain strength, longevity and good health. Every nerve in our body will be vitalized by the Thousand Names of Sri Lalitha. The atmosphere will be purified. Mother is making a resolve that the effects of undesirable planetary conjunctions, evil forces and other negative energies will be counteracted by this worship." —Amma*

**May 16, 2 pm (Sunday)** - Monthly satsang meeting. Includes Amma's teachings, Amma's bhajans (devotional songs), arati (waving light before Amma's picture) and a vegetarian potluck. First timers are welcome to come and enjoy the meal without feeling obligated to bring anything.

**May 17, 6:30 pm (Sunday)** - Meal Seva at Grace Church. \*\*Volunteers should arrive by 6:30 pm.\*\*

*Custom note: Our more traditional Hindu members prefer the offerings to be egg free.*

For events in Milwaukee, contact [AmmaMilwaukee@gmail.com](mailto:AmmaMilwaukee@gmail.com)

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For events in downtown Chicago , contact [rebeccaanderman@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccaanderman@hotmail.com)

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Directions to Madhu and Sajan's home  
2 Willowbrook Ct. (608 848-5033)  
Verona Road to Hwy PD ( McKee Road )  
Right onto Hwy PD  
Left at first light onto Nesbitt Road  
Continue straight through the 4-way stop at Maple Grove Road , onto Cross Country  
Road  
First right — a very short block — onto Ambleside  
Corner of Willowbrook Court

Please park on Ambleside or in our hosts' driveway,  
so as to avoid over-parking the Willowbrook cul de sac.

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