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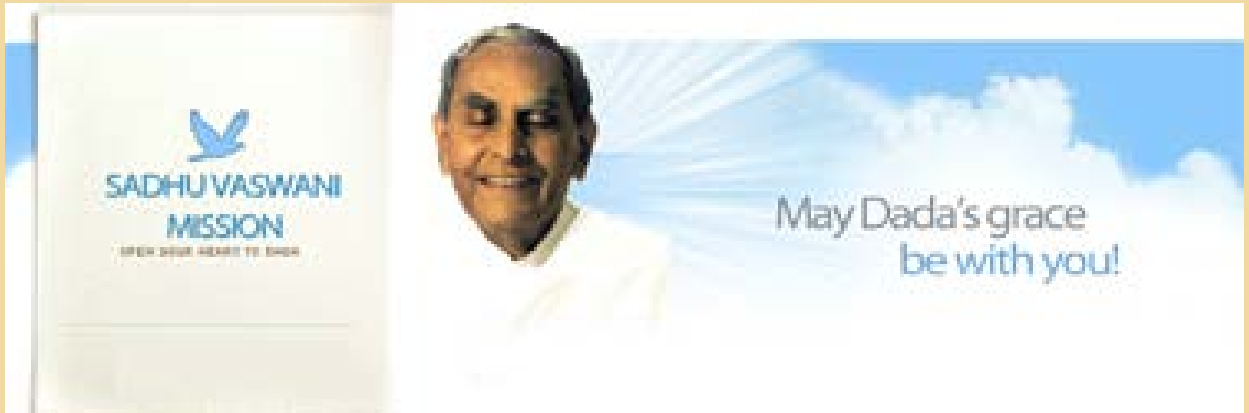
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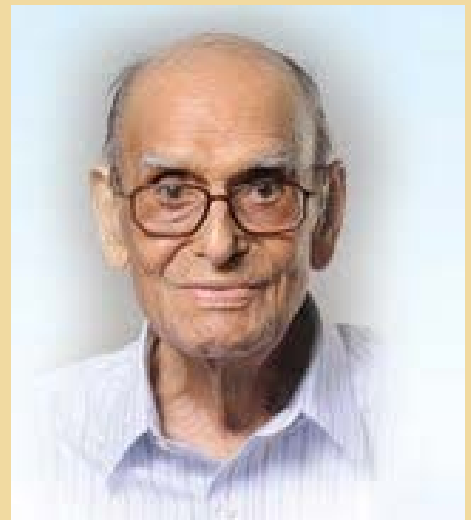


In Loving Memory of Doulatram Boolchand Nandwani

(14/12/1922- 18/8/2015)

Boolchand Group of Companies Chairman Doulatram Boolchand Nandwani, affectionately known as “Dada”, passed away peacefully in Curaçao at the age of 93.

Those who knew Dada may recall his devout commitment to the communities in which he served and his business acumen. Sadhu Vaswani Mission devotees may recall, during Sadhana camp or at satsang, Dada humbly and regularly served as a volunteer leader. He served with utmost devotion and wisdom, which inspire others to do the same. For example, before other volunteers emerged from their rooms for daily satsang, Dada quietly swept the floors during early morning in preparation for Sadhana Camp. A fellow devotee witnessed Dada’s graceful presence during one morning and was touched by his dedication and love. Regarding Dada’s business acumen, Dada expanded the Boolchand family business, which is one of the first Sindhi-owned enterprises in Curaçao, by opening branches in Venezuela, St. Maarten, Aruba, Bonaire, St. Thomas and St. Kitts, among other places.



Dada’s family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Casa Cuna Villa Maria and Huize Welgelegen "Habaai."

Sympathies to the family may be sent to condolences@boolchand.com.

Highlights of Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani's 97th Birthday Celebrations

The Atlanta community witnessed an outpouring of love and compassion from friends and devotees of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission during the weekend of July 31, 2015. In honor and celebration of Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani's 97th birthday, community leaders volunteered their time at Our House, a Childcare and Support Center for Homeless Families, and hosted several satsangs at the Sadhu Vaswani Center.

During the evening of Friday, July 31, the Center hosted dinner at Our House. The dinner included a variety of vegetarian pizzas catered from Mellow Mushroom (downtown Atlanta), sweet tea (a Southern favorite) and lemonade. Thanks to Kumar Mukhi and Roopa and Bhagu Ahuja for your contributions to this event.

In connection with Guru Purnima, the Center held Guru Vandhana Bhajans and Kirtan led by Neeta, David, and Bharat Sanders. The devotional singing was followed by a special meditation on Guru. This event was an outstanding way to start the auspicious weekend.

On Saturday, August 1, volunteers delivered various supplies, including toiletries and school supplies, to Our House in downtown Atlanta. Thank you to Roopa and Bhagu Ahuja, Tina Chhajwani, Neha Gehani, Shalini Goel, Preeti and Anjali Howlett, Swati Jain, Rachna Lalwani, Geeta Mehrotra, Hema Shahani, among others, for all your assistance in making this event a success!



Volunteers Bless



Near the end of July, a group of volunteers from the Sadhu Vaswani community, including myself, organized to donate to Our House/Genesis shelter in Atlanta, Georgia. Our House is a women's and children's shelter that provides childcare and housing to families in need and offers job opportunities to the mothers. Our House inspires hope to those women and children living in their facilities temporarily.

Dada Vaswani's 97th birthday was commemorated through this act. Members of the Sadhu Vaswani community expressed wanting to do volunteer work or to complete a selfless deed to benefit others. Volunteers brought donations into a conference room upon entering the shelter. Among the donations were school supplies (backpacks, colored pencils, etc.), toiletries, and other household items such as comforters.

Afterwards, the volunteers were given a tour of the facilities. We were able to view the housing, kitchen areas, and child daycare classrooms. There were plaques on each of the doors to the rooms that named the area such as 'Inspiration' or 'Hope'. This made the shelter feel like an overall safe and loving environment. I really wanted the very best for those families and I, along with what I perceived of the others in my group, felt that even if our part seemed small, we were truly contributing to supporting families to better their lives. It felt positive to give simple items to lessen their burden.

Submitted by: **Anjali Howlett**

**Rev. Dada J. P. Vaswani's
97th Birthday Celebrations**



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August 2, 2015



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Love is not an attribute of God: Love is God!

On Sunday, August 2, 2015, Dada J.P. Vaswani's 97th birthday was celebrated at the Sadhu Vaswani Center through Havan, Bhajans, Spiritual Discourse, Cake Cutting and Prasad. Thank you to all Volunteers and Supporters of Dada's Center & special thanks to Bahl Family, Keswani family, and Mr. Lakhmi Gera, our Langar Sponsors!

August 2nd- Community Satsang
at the Sadhu Vaswani Center



July 30th- Glory to Gurudev with
Garba dance with Senior Citizens

July 29th- Laughing Yoga and
Bhajan Antakshari with Senior
Citizens



Gurukul Graduates & Grows

SVC Atlanta began their Gurukul last September with a group of 10 children between the ages of 8 and 14. Classes were held bi-monthly. The children were introduced to Hindu Gods and popular festivals, simple yoga postures and conversational Hindi. Amongst the many art and craft projects the children participated in, they created their own aarti thaalis for Diwali and built paper boats with Jhulelal sails for the Cheti Chand celebrations in March 2015. These children successfully graduated in May 2015 at the Mother's Day Picnic, each presenting a bhajan, a shloka or a story about one of our many Gods.

This academic year, we began with the story of Krishna and the festival of Janmashtmi. We had 18 children, 6 of whom are between the ages of 5 and 8. Classes continue to be held bi-monthly and we now have 2 teachers. This allows us to teach the younger ones separately and challenge the older kids to expand their knowledge. Whether its learning how to make butter or debating if all religions are the one and the same, we the teachers learn along with these children. As always, our progress in the past year would never have been possible without the commitment of the parents who dedicatedly bring their children to class...not forgetting the children who attend! May the spirit of Gurukul continue to grow within our community!



For Who: Children of all ages are welcome.

When: October 11th & 25th, November 8th & 22nd, December 6th & 20th
Time: 12.30pm (1 hour duration).

Where: Sadhu Vaswani Center, Global Mall.

What: Hindu culture, Sindhi, Bhajans & prayers, arts & crafts and community service.



For additional information, please contact Anjali Nagrani at anjalinagrani@hotmail.com or 404-513-5115 or Geeta Mehrotra at geetaanjali2010@gmail.com or 770-381-8698.

Bhakti is Bliss

Some words from this beautiful hymn come to mind...

“Glory to God in the highest,
O come let us adore Him.”

This December [2015], let us fulfill this wish at the Sadhu Vaswani Sadhana Camp. Let us adore Him to our hearts' content along with our adorable Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani. What an ideal situation..... approaching the Divine in Heaven through the divine on earth.

The Camp will be held from December 26 to 29, 2015 at The Westin Hotel, Pune.

Along with the good fortune of close proximity with Rev. Dada and listening to his inspiring words, the melodious *bhajans* and *kirtan*, the *yoga* and meditation sessions will create an uplifting experience of peace and harmony, bliss and oneness.

Such opportunities don't come often and need to be made the most of. Each and every one of you, along with your near and dear ones, your associates and acquaintances should make the most of this wonderful opportunity to enrich and enhance your lives.

Registration needs to be completed and sent in as soon as possible. As usual seats are limited and the demand is overflowing. Hence, do not delay, but proceed with your booking as soon as possible.

See more information including link to registration form at:

<http://www.sadhuvaswani.org/wordpress/?m=201508#sthash.wCIUTpLG.dpuf>



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Community service round-up

During the past year, with your help, SVC Atlanta:

- funded the annual tuition fees for 174 children
- sponsored 120 eye surgeries
- donated \$1,600 towards blankets (for the homeless)
- volunteered at the Roswell Nursing Home, Lilburn Geriatric Center, and Our House
- provided space for 70 students participating in extra-curricular activities such as Gurukul, karate, and yoga
- welcomed several distinguished guests and pilgrims of love including Braj Dham Seva, Siddheshvari Devi Ji, and Dada Lachman Chellaram to our Center
- hosted more than 50 satsangs and hundreds of Aartis and special prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other life milestones

Helping the Sadhu Vaswani Center is easy.

Donation Amount*

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Dedicate my donation. Honor someone special or memorialize someone who has passed with your gift. Then send a special notification card electronically or by mail upon special request.

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Check – payable to Sadhu Vaswani Center – Atlanta. Fill this form and mail it along with the check(s) to Roma Punwani, Treasurer, 3932 Hooch Landing, Duluth, Georgia 30097.

Venmo – username: @svcatlanta. Alternatively, visit the following link:

<https://www.venmo.com/svcatlanta>

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 24 & 25, 2015	Global Mela at Global Mall
October 25, 2015	Special Satsang with Dada Chellaram
November 11, 2015	Diwali
November 25, 2015	Guru Nanak Jayanti, Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's, 135 th Birthday, & Meatless Day
January 1, 2016	Happy New You!
January 17, 2016	Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 50 th Mahayagna Day
February 7, 2016	Maha Shivratri
February 17-23, 2016	Thanksgiving Week
April 9, 2016	Cheti Chand (Sindhi New Year)
April 21, 2016	Akshaya Tritiya
April 22, 2016	Hanuman Jayanti
May 15, 2016	Sister Shanti's 46 th Mahayagna Day
July 19, 2016	Guru Purnima
August 2, 2016	Dada J.P. Vaswani's 98 th Birthday
August 2, 2016	Moment of Calm (at 2 P.M.)
August 18, 2016	Raksha Bandhan
August 25, 2016	Janmashtami
September 5, 2016	Ganesh Chaturthi

NOTE: The above listing is not meant to be all-inclusive. For up-to-date event information, please visit <http://www.sadhuvaswani.org/wordpress/>.

REMINDER: The Center is available for Satsang, to celebrate any special event, or you can sponsor Satsang. For more info, contact Asha Advani at 678-462-7456 or Geeta Mehrotra at 770-381-8698.

Newsletter Submissions: We would like to include personal perspectives from our SVC family and friends. Of particular interest are photos and anecdotal stories from satsangs and spiritual gatherings throughout the year. For inclusion of photographs or images in the next newsletter, please send them to sadhuvaswanicentre@gmail.com.

We warmly welcome all contributed articles and comments to the Newsletter as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages, even if it is just a short paragraph about a personal story or a single contributed photo. Please note that submissions are not for advertising, and any submissions deemed as product-placement will not be accepted.

Comments/Suggestions: Feel free to send them our way. We welcome your input and thank you for your participation. Dada Shyam!