



# SRI SATHYA SAI GLOBAL COUNCIL

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## SRI SATHYA SAI GLOBAL COUNCIL, CALIFORNIA REGION

### Mini-Retreat in Northern California

**Saturday, May 13** – Day Mini-Retreat in Northern California

*Theme: Bend the body, Mend the senses and End the mind*

(One Talk in the morning and one in the afternoon, plus Devotional offerings)

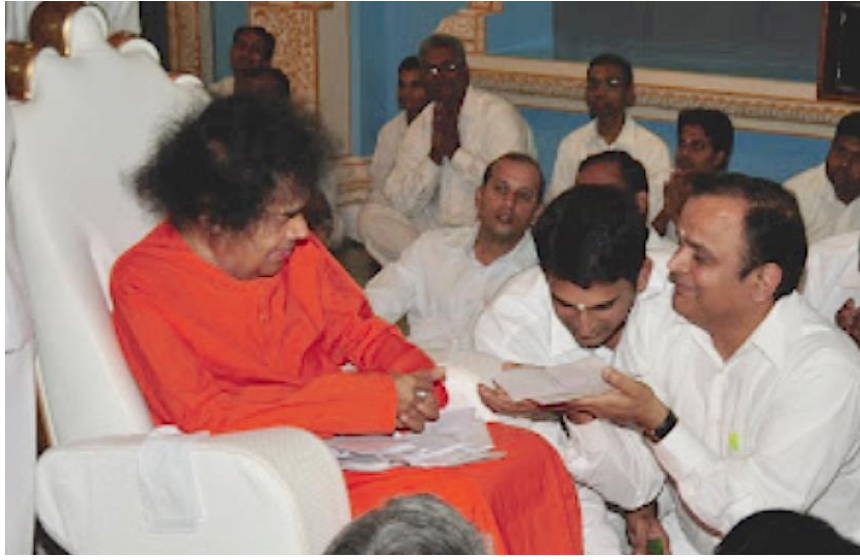
**Sunday, May 14** – 1.00-4.30 PM Q&A session, Guest Speaker and Service Activity.



**Sri Vedanarayanan** joined the Brindavan campus of Swami's college in 1976 and finished his bachelor's in science in 1981, MA in Philosophy from Bangalore University upon Swami's instruction and secured First rank, Gold Medal. He later pursued MA in Sanskrit at Mysore University and secured a Rank there too.

For the last 45 years, Sri Vedanarayanan has been participating and leading the early morning Vedic invocations in the Prashanthi Nilayam Ashram and has been leading Vedic chanting in Sai Kulwant Hall during Darshan time since Swami initiated this practice. He has received the "National Award for Best Teachers" from the then President of India, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam in 2004 and has been a recipient of letters of appreciation from the Ministry of Human Resources and Development for his wonderful performance. "More than any of these awards, I feel the greatest reward for me is the opportunity to chant Vedic hymns in front of the very Origin of the Vedas - The Veda Purusha - Our Beloved Swami Himself!" says Sri Vedanarayanan.

## Dr. Balu Karanam - USA President - SSS Global Council



**Balasubramanyam (Balu) Karanam** was born in a small village in the Sri Sathya Sai District (Andhra Pradesh) in the family of Sai devotees. He joined the Puttaparthi village primary school for 4th grade, studied in Smt. Eswamma High school, graduated and post graduated in chemistry from Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Prasanthi Nilayam (1978-1992). He joined Johns Hopkins School of Medicine to pursue his research studies in Cancer Biology. Balu was SSE teacher for group III. He served as the President of Sri Sathya Sai center at Greater Baltimore, Maryland, Regional Devotional Coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Region, Group leader of Sathya Sai Group of Montgomery, Alabama, Regional president Region 3. Currently serving beloved Swami as National President of SSSGC-USA.

## Whistle Wizard Siva Prasad



Whistle Music is a rare and specialized art in the melodious world of music and **Mr. Siva Prasad** has mastered it to perfection, finding himself a prestigious place in the galaxy of enchanting

musicians. A gifted prodigy of 'Carnatic and Hindustani Music on Whistle', Whistle Wizard Mr. Siva Prasad, the 9th child of Late Sri K. S. V. Subba Rao and Smt. Rajya Lakshmi, was born on 26th April, 1955 in Bapatla, a coastal town of Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh, India. Hailing from a family of Scholars in Arts & Sciences, he received no formal initiation into the world of music, nor any special instruction other than his own intense interest and enthusiasm for performing music through whistling. He had the rare opportunity of attaining guidance from the legendary Carnatic Vocalist Dr. M. Balamurali Krishna. With Bhagwan's Grace, Sri Sivaprasad was conferred an Honorary Doctorate from Gitam University, Visakhapatnam in July 2022 as a recognition for his Art of Whistle Music.

Brother Siva Prasad has offered his music in the Divine presence in Puttaparthi on Multiple occasions, to the tune of popular Bhajans. He has toured all over the world and performed in more than 25 countries. Siva Prasad will enthrall us with his music and share the message of our divine Lord, Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

Please join us for these wonderful speakers at this extraordinary mini-retreat.

**Location:**

**Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church  
1578 Kirker Pass Rd, Clayton, CA 94517**

## **The Sri Sathya Sai Global Council – Your Prasanthi Connection**

If you would like to stay connected to Prasanthi, you may receive this message and other messages from Swami's official organization newsletter. You may also feel free to join the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council, Swami's official organization for Sai Devotees. Joining the Global Council does not mean that you need to leave your current place of worship. Each of us has a heart to heart connection with Divinity that is always strengthened by our connection to Prasanthi Nilayam and all of its affiliates and institutions that continue His legacy.

To learn more about the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council:

<https://www.srisathyasaiglobalcouncil.org/about-us>

To JOIN the Sri Sathya Sai Global Council, you may sign up here:

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