



NEWSLETTER

SEWA International - North Jersey

Track Updates

Soup Kitchen

As every month, in July also our team delivered food items to the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown.



Volunteers are encouraged to schedule their Soup Kitchen services

Sponsor a Child

All Karyakarthis have to ensure that SEWA is listed as one of their Non Profit Organizations. Every Karyakartha is going to sponsor atleast one child.

Family Services

We have been assigned with 1 emergency case. Our Family services team has been handling it very well and keeping NationalTeam Update.

LEADNJ 2017 Kickoff

Montville – July 16 2017

We had the inauguration and orientation function of LEAD NJ 2017 program on July 19th. Total 29 students were enrolled (out of 33 applications). Each LEAD Participant is required to put 100 hours. We have planned creativity projects and amazing activities for these future Leaders. Program concludes on August 27th.

Function went great. Invited Rotary club president as the chief guest. Also invited some of our local senior karyakarthis to bless the participants.

Below is the link to the photo album.

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Feedback:

Thank you for letting me participate

*Hope you guys are more successful ... **Srinivas Maddali, Chief Guest.***

LEAD NJ County Sheriff Office Visit:

Morris Plains – July 21 2017

LEAD Participants Visited Morris County Sheriff office.

Objective was to learn how County Sheriff Office works to protect our community. And how can LEADs and the Local community help them in achieving that.

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LEAD NJ Project allocation and Service:

Montville - July 21 2017

We did four things that afternoon:

- 1) Video conference with Sewa National Director for Volunteer development, Kriti Dogra.
- 2) Project allocations and explanation
- 3) Service, painting Sewa Chairs
- 4) Ice-breaker meeting.



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LEAD NJ Healthy Minds and Body Walkathon:

July 22 2017

Children had an inspirational walkathon. LEADers met three doctors who achieved their goals against all the odds. Supported By Derek Jeter's (Yankees Ex Baseball Captain) turn2 foundation and 3 Doctors Foundation by Dr. Samson Davis.

The event took place at the Richie Hall University. Three Doctors gave LEADers



Regan Athletic Center in Seton an inspiring speech to the



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Feedback:

*Thank you for introducing Sewa to our foundation. The children are amazing. Their eyes shine bright with tremendous promise for a great future, Look forward to staying connected. ... **Samson Davis, Three Doctors Foundation***

LEAD NJ Tourne Park Service:

July 22 2017

This Service helped LEADers develop sense of service, team work, family bonding, project review, play together and have fun. This was a family event, designed to involve both parents and children in the service.

Feedback:

I want to thank everyone involved in Saturday's Trail Reclamation Project at Tourne Park in Morris County, NJ Your group certainly went above and beyond our expectations of a volunteer group! The weather looked like it could have been rainy which can put a damper on group participation but SEWA assured us you would be there rain or shine. Everyone arrived on time with smiles and excited to work. SEWA reclaimed the overgrown and heavily used white trail in a matter of hours. The group then proceeded to reclaim numerous other trails in that area. After a heavy rain these overgrown trails become difficult to navigate because the thick brush hangs across and lays on the footpath. Your volunteer efforts in one day generated over 200 hours of trail maintenance. That is equivalent to a full crew's full week of work!

This project could not have been done by my crew in such a short time and has allowed us to address other park areas. It is an amazing and often underestimated thing when family and friends band together for one common positive purpose. These actions inspire all generations involved to appreciate, strengthen, and cultivate an atmosphere of community spirit and teamwork. Supervisor Mike Ferraris shared that in his 29 years with the Morris County Park Commission that SEWA International has been the best volunteer group and had the most successful volunteer project he has ever been involved with. As you may know our parks are comprised of more than 19,000 acres which is a huge area throughout Morris County. SEWA International is always welcome at our park system and remember there is no shortage of work should you decide to schedule another volunteer project. Saturday's work has made a necessary and immediate impact to Tourne Park! Attached are pictures from the day. Enjoy!

*On behalf of Myself, Mike Ferraris, Maintenance Staff, and the entire Morris County Park Commission **we would like to say THANK YOU SEWA INTERNATIONAL FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL GENEROSITY!***

*Kevin Tode
Park Maintenance Manager
Morris County Park Commission*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Events planned in Aug:

(Part of LEAD Events)

8/4: PSEG **Nuclear plant** Education Trip

8/5: Route 46 Parsippany Cleanup and Out-Reach

8/6: **Blood Drive**

8/11: High School **LEAD Projects** Review

8/12: **Community Out-Reach**

8/13: **Santan Mandir Community fair** Outreach and Service

8/18 till 8/20: **Camp Jagannath Dham, Service and Camping**

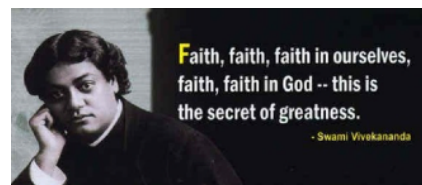
8/27: Lead NJ program **Closing** and award ceremony

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This month's quotation:



Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah