



SEWA-DC NEWSLETTER

Sewa International—DC Chapter: Together We Serve Better



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March 2024

Discussing AI's Impact and Entrepreneurship



More than 80 attendees including 45 plus program students joined us for LEAD's second monthly meeting of the year. The DTL Teams had their first presentations of the year. Team 1 focused on food insecurity, Team 2 on mental health awareness, and Team 3 on inadequate access to quality education in underprivileged communities.

The YFS (Youth For Sewa) Board and Intern selections for 2024 were announced. At the next meeting, the YFS Board will introduce themselves and present a plan for 2024 volunteering events.

Our esteemed guests Dr. Anil Gupta, Michael D. Dingman Chair in Strategy and Entrepreneurship at Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, and Mrs. Rajani Koppurapu, founder of the Avant Academy shared their thoughts about AI's impact on the world. They also shared their entrepreneurship experience. Dr. Gupta informed us about how jobs are being affected by the advancements in AI and also discussed emerging economies such as India and China.

Mrs. Koppurapu gave us an inspirational speech about her daughter's journey, and how she founded the GirlsComputingLeague. She also provided insights into starting non-profits, emphasizing on the importance of honing in on an area of our passion and building on our strengths.

Volunteer Spotlight



Om began his volunteering journey with Sewa International's Washington DC Chapter as a middle schooler in 2018. His involvement started with participating in Highway cleanups and the annual Diwali food drive. During High School, Om was part of the LEAD program and worked on a project to address the Digital Divide in the DMV area. Om serves as an active member of Fairfax High School. He's a part of the Debate team and served as the Outfield captain of the JV baseball team. He has played a pivotal role in his school's FBLA program by raising awareness and hosting fun activities to increase participation. Om is set to graduate from High School in Summer of 2024. We wish him well in his future endeavors!



The YFS (Youth For Sewa) Board and Intern selections for 2024 were announced during the February LEADs meeting.



Sewa DC LEADs signed up for the monthly volunteering opportunity and made sandwiches to be delivered for the Reston Shelter.

Upcoming EVENTS

March 9: 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Sandwich Making for Reston Shelter
4556 Morningdale Dr.,
Chantilly, VA

March 10: 10 AM - 12 PM

Sewa DC Chapter
Youth In-Person Meeting
7900 West Park Dr., Tysons, VA

March 16: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Sewa DC 9/11 Park Clean-up and Plantation
Eakin Community Park
8601 Tobin Rd., Annandale, VA

Get Involved

Volunteer

Sewa DC Chapter invites enthusiastic individuals to come forward and join us in volunteering for **community services, food donation (our Annapurna program), Tree plantation drives, and Adopt-a-Highway programs.**

LEAD Program

The LEAD program is tailored to inspire and empower high school students, fostering essential leadership skills and a profound sense of social responsibility. Our mission is to nurture socially conscious leaders who not only excel academically but also actively contribute to creating a better world. We always need mentors for this program.

Donate

Please click on the **DONATE NOW** link to make your donation.

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LEAD In-Person Monthly Meeting

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Vipin Swarup
Distinguished Engineer for Cyber Resiliency at the MITRE Corporation




Date/Time: March 10th, 10 AM - 12 Noon.
Venue: 7900 Westpark Dr, Tysons, VA 22102.
RSVP Link: <https://bit.ly/SewaDCMarchMonthly>

Sewa Day of Service
Unity Resilience Service



Register Now



SEWA DC
#911 PARK CLEANUP AND PLANTATION
MARCH 16TH
9:30 AM-11:30AM

Eakin Community Park
8601 Tobin Rd., Annandale, VA 22003

ABOUT EVENT
Sewa International - DC Chapter and the Loudoun County Park Authority cordially invite community volunteers of all ages to a park cleanup and planting event at Eakin Community Park.
Please Register for the event using the QR code. Each volunteer needs to sign up separately. For any queries, please feel free to send email: sewadc@sewausa.org
Event Link: <https://www.sewadayofservice.org/>

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Helping the community—Sewa Family Services

A student in Cleveland, OH was hospitalized due to severe stomach infection and sadly passed away within days due to organ failure. With support from his friends & local Sewa volunteers, the student's remains were shipped to Bharat. Locally, Sewa volunteers also played an important role in supporting domestic family issue case involving legal & Child Protection Services and helped with 4 funeral services since the beginning of this year.

For more DC chapter updates, visit our website and social media pages below



Sewa DC Helpline

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About Sewa

Sewa International is a Hindu faith-based, humanitarian, nonprofit service organization registered under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Founded in 2003, Sewa International is part of a larger movement that started in India in 1989 and is active in twenty countries. Sewa serves humanity irrespective of race, color, religion, gender or nationality. We specialize in disaster relief and rehabilitation. Our development programs focus on family services; child, tribal and refugee welfare; women empowerment; health; and education. Visit <https://www.sewaua.org> for more information.