Denver Meditation Group ^{Of} Self-Realization Fellowship

"Doing things for God is a very personal experience, so satisfying"

> - Paramahansa Yogananda Where There Is Light

Schedule of Services

January [¬]February [¬]March 2018



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Sunday Readings Schedule

January

- 7 Kriya Yoga The Bliss-Filled Path to God (I/1)
- 14 Faith, Belief, and Wisdom (I/2)
- 21 Power to Light Your Way (I/3)
- 28 Three Kinds of Heaven (I/4)

February

- 4 Vital Health Laws (I/5)
- 11 How Active Westerners Can Realize God (I/6)
- 18 The Necessity of Religion (I/7)
- 25 The Way to Be Happy at Will (I/8)

March

- 4 The Cosmic Awareness of Saints (I/9)
- 11 Regain Your Divine Heritage (I/10) Daylight Savings Time begins
- 18 Creating and Destroying Habits at Will (I/11)
- 25 The Secret of Spiritual Success (I/12)

Sunday Mornings

 Meditation Service
 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

 Readings Service
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

 Sunday School
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday Evenings

Inspirational Service	7:30 – 8:45 p.m.
Prayer Service	8:45 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday Mornings

3-hour Meditation

on 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Special Services and Events

Guided Meditation during Readings Service First Sunday each month 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Birthday for Paramahansa Yogananda 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 5: All-Day Meditation for Paramahansa Yogananda Saturday, January 13: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **General Meeting** Sunday, January 28: 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mahasamadhi for Paramahansa Yogananda Thursday, March 8: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mahasamadhi for Swami Sri Yukteswar 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 9: **Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Ahead!** Sunday, March 11: Set your clocks ahead 1 hour Social Gatherings Vegetarian potluck* Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4 *Generally held after the Readings Service on the 1st

Sunday of the month Weekly Fellowship "tea" generally held on the 2nd – 5th Sundays each month Following the Readings Service

Property Updates

After many many months of effort, and generous donations by devotees, paving of our parking lot was finally completed in November! It looks great, doesn't it? We are also very happy to announce that the roof of the chapel also was replaced in November. Many thanks to all who dedicated their time, expertise, and/or funding to bring these projects to fruition!



Successful Retreat of the Rocky Mountain Yogis

The Denver Meditation Group (DMG) in collaboration with members from several Colorado SRF meditation circles completed a very successful 8th annual retreat of the "*Rocky Mountain Yogis*" November 17-19, 2017 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. We had about 60 devotees attend the spiritually uplifting and relaxing weekend, most of whom are shown in the picture below taken at the close of the retreat. Many thanks to all of those who helped make this event a tremendous success!



SRF Regional Retreat in 2018

We are very pleased to announce that the DMG in collaboration with several SRF

Meditation Circles in Colorado will be hosting an SRF Regional Retreat September 21-23, 2018 led by SRF monastics. Please put this date on your calendars and plan on attending this spiritually uplifting and inspiring event.

General Meeting & Elections

We will be holding a general meeting on January 28, 2017 following the Readings Service to give everyone an update on our accomplishments this past year, to discuss plans for this coming year, and to hold elections for service readers. As usual, our council members will be appointed by Center Department. To nominate someone as service reader, or you if want to volunteer yourself, please write the person's name, along with the position title on a slip of paper and place it in the suggestion box in the foyer.

If you have any issues that you would like discussed at the meeting please place these in the suggestion box or speak with a council member.

Brother Chidananda is the New SRF President

On September 1, 2017 the SRF Board of Directors announced that Brother Chidananda had been elected president and spiritual head of Self-Realization Fellowship/Yogoda Satsanga Society of India (SRF/YSS), succeeding Sri Mrinalini Mata, who served in this position from January 2011 until her passing August 3, 2017. Prior to her passing in 2010, the late SRF President Sri Daya Mata expressed her conviction to Mrinalini Mata that Brother Chidananda should succeed Mrinalini Mata as president and spiritual head of SRF/YSS. Mrinalini Mata confirmed this some months before her own passing.

Brother Chidananda has been a monk of Self-Realization Fellowship for forty years, and a member of the SRF/YSS Board of Directors for the last eight years. Almost from the start of his monastic life, he worked closely with Sri Mrinalini Mata, receiving her wisdom-permeated, Guru-attuned training as he assisted her in the editing and publishing of the works of Paramahansa Yogananda and other SRF publications.

Thank You Volunteers!

The DMG extends heartfelt gratitude to all who have served the group in so many ways throughout this past year by: reading, ushering, preparing flower arrangements, bookroom, finances, building committee and projects, Sunday School, cleaning, decorating, fellowship teas and potlucks, trash pick-up, Sunshine committee, water cooler, scheduling, newsletter, gardening, audio-engineering, special events, including retreats, Center Tour, commemorative services, concerts, Kirtan, and slide show.

Volunteers are welcome in all roles for the coming year. Please contact Council members or Committee coordinators if you would like to serve in a specific capacity. Most of all, thank you for your ongoing support, prayers and meditations for the DMG throughout the year!

Fundraiser Success!

Our fundraiser "Two Concerts for One Cause" on October 21 raised over \$5000 for the building fund! We cannot express enough our gratitude at your generosity. Sixty-five people attended the concert of classical wind octet music followed by music of singer/songwriter Owen Kortz. It was fun to see an audience of all ages enjoy the beautiful program. The concert concluded with a duo of guitar and bassoon played by organizers Owen Kortz and Debbie Torp. Many thanks to the performers!!

Picture on Front of Newsletter

Brother Chidananda, the new President of Self Realization Fellowhsip.

Council Members

Please feel free to contact any of the council members with your suggestions and comments.

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