

## **A Multicultural Seniors' Christmas Celebration**

NSW Region West of the Sathya Sai Sathya Sai International Organisation of Australia & PNG and SydWest Multicultural Services together have, been instrumental in fulfilling Sathya Sai Baba's wish of bringing HIS message of Love and Unity to Mankind. For the last four years, a Christmas entertainment and celebration has been organised to cater for senior citizens and disadvantaged clients of the SydWest organisation. This year's event took place on 10 December at Blacktown Police Citizens Youth Club hall at Blacktown.

The gathering organised was like a United Nations meet, a congregation of many creeds, faiths and beliefs. The Christmas spirit of Selfless Love and giving was felt in every participant comprising of Australian, Arabic, Bhutanese, Chinese, Croatian, Filipino, Fijian, Iranian, Indian, Spanish, Serbian, Punjabi, Sri Lankan, Turkish and others communities.

It was indeed a gala occasion with Arabic, Turkish, Spanish and Serbian dances, a sensational choir presentation by about 30 Chinese Seniors from SydWest Multicultural Services and the Blacktown Chinese Christian Church Group, a Pacific Islander dance by our Sai Youths and ending with a finale of Christmas carols rendered by Team Expansion (consisting of Sai children and Youths).

One particular effort by our Sai members earned the love and admiration of all present, which was the giving out of paper hearts with Sai's lovely quotations on LOVE, written on each heart. This indeed brought every individual in the room closer together. Peace starts with a smile, but dear Lord! there were smiles in abundance on every face.

Snacks and soft drinks, coffee and tea were served at around 10.00 am, and all were given a lunch pack as they left the hall.

A grand and memorable celebration carried out by two diverse organizations, to instil in everyone the sense of the unity of mankind and the divinity present in every heart. The feedback was particularly appreciative and the Region's ongoing support was encouraged.

"Be happy for your achievements, but never be proud of it. After all, you should know that it is GOD who is making you do good things. Pride brings downfall." – Sathya Sai Baba