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Sai Baba Public Meeting

June 4, 2005

Performing Arts Center, Sylvania Campus
Portland Community College, Portland, OR (USA)

On June 4, 2005 a public meeting was held in the beautiful auditorium of the Performing Arts Center, at the Portland Community College in Portland Oregon (USA). The meeting was attended by 180 people of whom, about 100 people were new comers to Sai Baba.

The event was from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on June 4th. Prior to the start of the meeting, the audience were shown a lovely slide show of Bhagavan's photos and sayings. Mrs. Sylvia Alden, Regional Vice President (Region-6, Sri Sathya Sai Baba Organization of USA), welcomed the attendees and the two distinguished speakers of the day, Dr. David Gries (Chairman, Zone-1 Sri Sathya Sai Organization) and Mr. Bob Bozzani (Trustee, Sri Sathya Sai Baba Society of USA).

Dr. Gries shared about his first visit to see Sai Baba and the humanitarian projects conducted by the Sai Baba Organization in India. He highlighted the projects dealing with free education, free medical care and free drinking water for the millions of poor people in India. In addition, he talked about the "Miracle School" in Africa. He mentioned the Tsunami relief work conducted by the Sai Organization to help people in affected countries.

Mr. Bob Bozzani in his talk, stressed on Swami's love and guidance for the individual for self transformation. He emphasized the benefits of following at least one teaching of Sai Baba. Mr. Bozzani talked about Swami's lesson about letting go of attachments and letting God. The ease of doing this was demonstrated by repeating Swami's technique of letting go of a handkerchief from one's clenched fist.

Mrs. Sylvia Alden thrilled the audience by sharing several stories about her personal experiences. All in attendance received "His Work" DVD. It was a memorable meeting filled with Sai Baba's love for all

Some observations from attendees:

"Excellent communication, creating an atmosphere of unity"

"Lovely day, great directions, beautiful energy, very welcoming"

"Friendly members, well informed, great information"

"Moving DVD, grateful for the personal copy"

"Lovely energy, wonderful stories about Baba"

Letting Go: During the talk by Mr. Bozzani, one individual commented to her companion

"I will not write that letter, I will let it go"