



some during, and some not at all. I took refuge in the reality that everything was not going to work out as planned and gave up even being concerned about it, focusing instead on being in the moment and doing my best under the circumstances. The rest was in Baba's hands.



Bhau watching an Indian TV program

On the first day a water line broke and we lost 5000 gallons of water, then a winter storm hit right in the middle of the Spring Sahavas, followed some days later by a heat wave. One really funny incident happened during the prep for the first meal at the Sahavas when a washing machine hose sprung a leak resulting in a 10-foot waterfall that nearly flooded the kitchen. Suddenly a charming Iranian gentleman rushed up to me speaking in Farsi. Through an interpreter I realized that he was telling me that he was a washing machine repairman! He quickly got the situation under control, we got the water mopped up, and dinner was served on time. There were many other challenges, but, as the days passed by, the problems seemed more and more insignificant in the light of Baba's atmosphere at Meherana.

Bhau has been weaving stories about Mastery in Servitude and the New Life into his talks for years. Well, here was our chance to step out of our regular lives and try to serve the Beloved in a joint effort

for a period of time. For those of you who have not been to Meherana I will give a description of the facilities and how they were set up during the 40 days.

The caretaker house, which has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms was given to Bhau and his team. Bhau and Martin had the master bedroom with their own private bath. The two bedrooms on the other side of the house were for Bhau's cooks (Mary Hamilton, etc.) and the other female team members (Janice Rieman, Chiana Cloudtree and Suzie Iimura) along with two women who filled the roles of the main kitchen manager (Mary Marino-Strong) and procurement-walla (Joanna Tompkin.)

The living room had been set up with Bhau's recliner chair, high speed internet connection to broadcast his weekly chats, and Indian TV satellite channels. Bhau used the living room as his office, TV room, and meeting room for giving talks. He ate on a TV tray while watching Indian movies or soaps. Due to his health and difficulty in moving about, Bhau never left the property for 40 days and only left the house for short walks or to give a talk at the



Bhau giving a talk at the house



Preparing wraps for lunch

Meeting Pandal if over 100 people were there. Otherwise all the talks and visiting was done at the house and this worked really well. He gave 9 talks at the pandal during the 40 days and over 50 talks at the Caretaker's House.

Almost everyday Bhau gave two talks - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Sometimes 40 or so people would be there, sometimes only 10. It was an intimate time with Bhau that was reminiscent of past days when there was a free exchange of conversation, jokes and a flow of stories. He felt free to change the schedule whenever he needed and we would slide the starting and ending times of the talks accordingly. Bhau was in an excellent mood and his health steadily improved. The difference in his health at the beginning and end of the 40 days was remarkable. The arrangement of not traveling or