

VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of
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God is one. Different sages call Him by different names – Rig Veda

Membership in the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of BC

Membership of the Society runs on a calendar year basis. Members, please renew your membership in time. The Annual Membership fee for a couple is \$60.00, and for a single person \$40. Please contact our Treasurer Mrs. Purabi Das at (604) 942-9377 or during the Society's functions.

Sunday Service

The Society holds a Sunday Service on the first Sunday of every month at the Vivekananda House. One of the Swamis from the Vedanta Society of Western Washington in Seattle would arrive for the day and conduct the Service at 11:00 am. The program consists of arati, singing of devotional songs, and a talk by the Swami on a title of his choice. A potluck lunch would follow. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

Meditation Meetings

The members of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society meet for Meditation and Scripture reading at the Vivekananda House on the second Saturday of every month at 4:00 p.m. Please phone (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

Monthly Ramnam

Monthly Ramnam sessions are held by the Society at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm on the last Sunday every month. There will be arati and singing of devotional songs on Lord Rama and other Divine incarnations. Please phone (604) 228-9987 first to confirm.

Book Sale

Audiotapes and CDs of lectures by Swamis, tapes of bhajans and other devotional music are also available. For all your needs on books about Vedanta and other spiritual subjects, please contact our secretary, Mrs. Radha Chaklader. Phone: (604) 228-9987. All the popular titles are available. Any book that is not in stock will be made available at short notice.

"Live for an ideal, and that one ideal alone. Let it be so great, so strong, that there may be nothing else left in the mind; no place for anything else, no time for anything else."

— Swami Vivekananda (1863 — 1902)

Coming Events

April 2016

- Sun, Apr 3, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Swami Atmajayananda.
Title of Swami's talk: **"Harmony of Religions"**
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Apr 9, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, Apr 14, 2016: Swami Manishananda arrives at the Vivekananda House.
Arati, devotional singing and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, Apr 15, 2016: A free public talk by Swami Manishananda at 7:30 pm.
Title: **"The Challenge of Spiritual Life"**
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow.
- Sun, Apr 24, 2016: Arati & Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
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May 2016

- Sun, May 1, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Manishananda.
Title of Swami's talk: **"The Karmically Challenged"**
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, May 14, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, May 19, 2016: Sw. Brahmattmananda arrives at the Vivekananda House
Arati, devotional singing and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, May 20, 2016: VSBC Annual General Meeting and Election of the new Board at 7:00 pm.
Please note that the AGM will commence at 7:00 pm (not at 7:30 pm).
A short talk by Swami Brahmattmananda following the AGM
Title: **"The Joy of Working Together"**
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow.
- Sun, May 29, 2016: Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
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June 2016

- Sun, June 5, 2016: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Brahmattmananda.
Title of Swami's talk: **"Blessed are the Pure in Heart"**
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Jun 11, 2016: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Thu, Jun 16, 2016: Sw. Atmajayananda arrives at the Vivekananda House before noon.
Arati, devotional singing, and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm.
A potluck supper would follow.
- Fri, Jun 17, 2016: A free public talk by Swami Atmajayananda at 7:30 pm.
Title: **"Seeking the One Within"**
Venue: Vivekananda House. A potluck supper will follow. Time: 6:30 pm.
- Sun, Jun 26, 2016: Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.