

# VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
**Vivekananda Vedanta Society of British Columbia**  
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*God is one. Different sages call Him by different names – Rig Veda*

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## 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. We also have a Life Membership, which is \$500.00 for a couple, and \$300.00 for a single person. 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 3:00 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 very short notice.

*“Love for Love’s sake, because it is the only law of life, just as you breathe to live”*

— Swami Vivekananda (1863 – 1902)

## Coming Events

### July 2017

- Sun, July 2, 2017: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Swami Brahmamatmananda.  
Title of Swami's talk: **"Is This a Dream?"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Jul 8, 2017: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Fri, Jul 21, 2017: **Swami Ishtananda**, Head of the Vedanta Society of St. Petersburg, Florida arrives in Vancouver. There will be an evening satsang with Swamiji, followed by supper.
- Sat, Jul 22, 2017: **The Celebration of the 124th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Arrival in Vancouver in 1893.**  
**Swami Ishtananda**, will be the Chief Guest Swami for the occasion. The title of Swamiji's talk will be: **"Swami Vivekananda — the Fearless Monk"**  
Venue: The Confederation Community Hall, 4585 Albert St, Burnaby, BC.  
Time: 6:00 pm. (Attendance by invitation only).
- Sun, Jul 23, 2017: A Day Retreat by Swami Ishtananda, followed by arati and potluck supper.  
Title of Swami's discourse: **"Disciple, Guru and The Supreme Guru"**  
Time: 2:00 pm.
- Sun, July 30, 2017: Ram Nam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
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### August 2017

- Sun, Aug 6, 2017: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Atmajayananda.  
Title of Swami's talk: **"Why Is God So Invisible?"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Aug 12, 2017: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Sun, Aug 20, 2017: Ram Nam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.
- Aug 25 – 29, 2017: **VVSBC Annual Retreat 2017:**  
Venue: The Loon Lake Resort  
14500 Silver Valley Road, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, V4R 2R3  
Check-in: at 3:00 pm on Friday, August 25, 2017  
Check-out: after lunch on Tuesday, August 29, 2017  
Guest Swami: **Swami Sarvapriyananda.**  
**The Vedanta Society of New York**, 34 West 71st Street, NY  
Title of Swami's discourse: **"Pancadasi"**  
Swamiji will arrive on Thursday, August 24, and depart on Sat, September 2, 2017  
Satsang dates and times with Sw. Sarvapriyananda will be communicated to the members and the devotees closer to the date.
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### September 2017

- Sun, Sep 24, 2017: Arati and Ramnam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.  
There will be no Meditation Meetings in September.  
There will be no visits from Swamis in September.