

# VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter of  
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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 2018

- Sun, July 1, 2018 Sunday service has been postponed to July 8, 2018.
- Sun, July 8, 2018: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Brahmaatmananda  
Title of Swami's talk: **"The Gita"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Sat, Jul 14, 2018: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda House at 3:00 pm.
- Sat, Jul 21, 2018: **Swami Ishatmananda**, Head of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of Chicago arrives in Vancouver.
- Sat, Jul 21, 2018: **The Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's Arrival in Vancouver in 1893.**  
**Swami Ishatmananda**, will be the Chief Guest Swami for the occasion. The title of Swamiji's talk will be:  
**"Swami Vivekananda's Samanvaya Vada — the Philosophy of Harmony"**  
Venue: The Confederation Community Hall, 4585 Albert St, Burnaby, BC.  
Time: 6:00 pm. (Attendance by invitation only).
- Sun, Jul 22, 2018: A Day Retreat by Swami Ishatmananda, followed by arati and potluck supper.  
Title of Swami's discourse: **"The Root of Vedanta"**  
Time: 2:00 – 5:00 pm. followed by arati. Swamiji departs on Mon, July 23, 2018.
- Sun, July 29, 2018: Ram Nam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.

## August 2018

- Sun, Aug 5, 2018: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House by Sw. Atmajayananda .  
Title of Swami's talk: **"A Look at Mandukya Upanishad"**  
Time: 11:00 am. A potluck lunch would follow.
- Aug 8 – 11, 2018: **VVSBC Annual Retreat 2018:**  
Venue: The Loon Lake Lodge & Retreat Centre  
14500 Silver Valley Road, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, V4R 2R3  
Check-in: at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 8, 2018  
Check-out: after lunch on Saturday, August 11, 2018  
Guest Swami - **Swami Yogatmananda**. Head of the Vedanta Society of Providence, RI  
Title of Swami's discourse: **"Sixth Chapter of Bhagavad-Gita — An Integrated Discipline of Yoga"**  
Swamiji will arrive on Wednesday, August 8, and depart on Sun, Aug 12, 2018
- Sat, Aug 11, 2018: There will be no meditation meeting in August.
- Sun, Aug 26, 2018: Ram Nam at the Vivekananda House at 4:00 pm.

## September 2018

- Sun, Sep 30, 2018: 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.