

# 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 – Sri Ramakrishna*

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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. For information regarding membership in, and the tax-deductible donations to the Society, 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 at 11:00 a.m. In the past, videotapes and DVDs of lectures on spiritual topics by renowned Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order were shown at these Sunday Services. From May 2010, these video-services have been replaced by **a day-visit from one of the Swamis** from the Vedanta Society of Western Washington in Seattle. The Swami's talk will be followed by potluck lunch. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm. During the summer months there will be no Sunday Service. It will however resume from October 3, 2010 onwards.

## Meditation Meetings

The members of the Vivekananda Vedanta Society meet for Meditation and Scripture reading at the Vivekananda House on the first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm. There will be no Meditation meetings during the summer months. The meetings will resume from October 2010 onwards.

## Monthly Ramnam

Monthly Ramnam sessions are held by the Society at the Vivekananda House at 11:00 am on a Sunday each month. There will be singing of devotional songs on Lord Rama and other Divine incarnations, followed by potluck lunch. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 to confirm. There will be no Ramnam during the summer months. It will resume from October 2010 onwards.

## 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.

*The essentials are eternal, the non-essentials have value only for a certain time, and if after a time they are not replaced by something essential, they are positively dangerous.*

— Swami Vivekananda (1863 – 1902)

# Coming Events

**July 2010**

## **VVSBC July Celebration 2010**

In July, the Society celebrates **the 117th Anniversary of the visit by Swami Vivekananda to Vancouver in 1893**. The details are as below. The admission for the event is by invitation only.

**Date: Saturday, July 17, 2010. Time: 6:00 P.M.**

**Venue: Lochdale Community Hall, 490 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, BC**

**Swami Prabuddhananda**, Head of the Vedanta Society of Northern California, San Francisco, will be our Chief Guest. Swamiji will speak on **“The Rousing Call of Swami Vivekananda”**

**Mr. Ashok Das**, the Honorable Consul General of India, in Vancouver, **and Mrs. Das** will be our Special Guests. Mr. Das will speak on Swami Vivekananda.

Following talks by our Chief and Special Guests, A Musical Concert by **Neeraja Aptikar Dange, and Akhil Dattani Joban Putra** will follow. The evening will conclude with a vegetarian Dinner.

### **Day-Retreat on Sunday, July 18, 2010 (10:am to 6:00 pm)**

**Swami Prabuddhananda** will conduct a Day-Retreat at the Vivekananda House.

Swamiji will speak on: **1) God Should Come First, and 2) Victory is Sure to Come**

To cover the expenses, there will be a fee of \$10.00 per person. If you wish to attend the retreat, please register with our treasurer Mrs. Purabi Das (604-942-9377) or <purabidasus@yahoo.com>

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**August 2010**

## **VVSBC Annual Retreat 2010**

The Annual Retreat of the Society will take place in August at the town of Sechelt on the beautiful Sunshine Coast of British Columbia. The details are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday, August 26 – Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

**Guest Swami: Swami Sridharananda**, Head of the Vedanta Society of Sidney, Australia will conduct the retreat. Swamiji will speak on **“Mundaka Upanishad”**

**For further information and details about the Retreat** please contact:

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Mrs. Purabi Das: 604-942-9377 Email: <purabidasus@yahoo.com>

**Swami Sridharananda will hold “Arati & Satsang”** at the Vivekananda House, Vancouver.

**Dates:** Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7:30 pm. The program will conclude with potluck supper.

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm. The program will conclude with potluck supper.

Anyone who wants to attend, please contact Mrs. Radha Chaklader (604-228-9987).

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**September 2010**

Due to some interior maintenance work that will take place inside the Vivekananda House, all the activities will be suspended during the month of September 2010. Normal activities will resume in October, starting with Sunday Service on October 3, 2010.