

VEDANTA NEWSLETTER

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God is one. Different sages call Him by different names – Sri Ramakrishna

--- SEASON'S GREETINGS & A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR ---

Membership in the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of B.C.

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. At these Sunday Service meetings, Videotapes and DVDs of lectures on spiritual topics by renowned Swamis of the Ramakrishna Order are shown. The video viewing will be followed by potluck lunch. 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 first and third Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Please phone (604) 228-9987 OR (604) 942-9377 first to confirm.

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.

Book Sale

Audiotapes of lectures by Swamis, 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 in stock will be made available at very short notice.

Coming Events

January 2010

Many of our members are away during the month of January 2010. Hence, all the activities of the society are suspended for the month. There will be no visits from Swamis from the Vedanta Society of Western Washington, Seattle, or from any other Center.

February 2010

- Thu, Feb 25, 2010: Swami Avikarananda arrives in Vancouver from Seattle. Arati and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 pm. at the Vivekananda House, followed by potluck supper.
- Fri, Feb 26, 2010: A free public lecture by Swami Avikarananda at 7:30 pm.
Title: “ **Golden Words**”
Venue: The Multipurpose Room, Thunderbird community centre,
2311 Cassiar St, Vancouver. Tea and cookies to follow.
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March 2010

- Sun, Mar 7, 2010: Sunday Service at the Vivekananda House at 11:00 am, followed by potluck lunch.
- Wed, Mar 3 & 17, 2010: Meditation Meeting at the Vivekananda house at 7:30 pm.
- Thu, Mar 18, 2010: Swami Manishananda arrives in Vancouver from Seattle. Arati and meeting with the devotees at 7:30 p.m. at the Vivekananda House, followed by potluck supper.
- Fri, Mar 19, 2010: A free public lecture by Swami Manishananda at 7:30 pm.
Title: “ **Sri Ramakrishna — A World Teacher**”
Venue: The Multipurpose Room, Thunderbird community centre,
2311 Cassiar St, Vancouver. Tea and cookies to follow.
- Sun, Mar 28, 2010: Ramnam, followed by potluck lunch at Vivekananda House at 11:00 am.

The Essentials are eternal, the nonessentials 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 – 1904)