

## *2012 Annual Samiti Report*

**Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti of Northern California**

**P.O. Box 60541**

**Sacramento, CA 95860-0541**

**Website: [www.maasamiti.org](http://www.maasamiti.org)**

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### **Memorable Events**

#### **January 1st through December 31st, 2012**

- \* Our twenty Samiti members studied the universal teachings of the Holy Mother, Sri Ramakrishna, and Swami Vivekananda, and received the biannual journal of Sri Sarada Math, *Samvit: Knowledge that Leads to Enlightenment*. Our members also contributed articles to *Samvit*. Vidya Pradhan performed daily worship in the Samiti shrine throughout the year except when occasional travel required her to be away. Nine monthly Samiti Satsangs were held with an average attendance of nine women. A special reading of the entire *Sri Chandi* was conducted.
- \* Our financial support allowed for the distribution of Ramakrishna Sarada Mission publications including *Samvit* and the *Understanding Vedanta Lecture* series by Pravrajika Vivekaprana. Two new volumes are *The Faces of God in the Age of Reason* and *The Three Steps of Vedanta*.
- \* Our annual one day spiritual retreat on “The Spiritual Relationship between Swami Vivekananda and the Holy Mother was held in Sacramento with Pravrajika Virajaprana of the Vedanta Society of Northern California. Twenty-five women participated in this July retreat.
- \* Our annual Samiti Retreat was held at the Olema Women’s Retreat House for six days. Pravrajika Virajaprana facilitated questions and answers twice. Thirteen women participated in August.
- \* Three Antaryoga Retreats were held in October with Pravrajika Dayaprana of the Sarada Convent, Hollywood including an evening of Bhajan singing; a discussion on “Swami Vivekananda: His Experiences”; and a silent daylong meditation retreat on “Swami Vivekananda: His Experiences and Words of Wisdom”. Forty-four women and men participated.
- \* Our members actively volunteered at the Vedanta Society of Sacramento through the performance of daily worship, food preparation and offerings at pujas and special events, and participation in classes and lectures. Through our members, we offered a total of twenty-six days service to the Vedanta Society of Northern California as Caretaker at the Olema Women’s Retreat House during the year.
- \* The Samiti joined with others around the U.S.A. to invite Revered Pravrajika Vivekaprana to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in 2013. We assisted with fundraising and planning activities. Five visioning meetings for our Samiti were also held, and the website was redesigned with the technical assistance of Jeff Wilson.

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The specific purposes of the Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti of Northern California are:

1.) To provide an educational program related to the ancient spiritual wisdom of India in the United States, and 2.) To provide financial support for such projects in India and/or other countries.

The Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti of Northern California, Tax ID #611404419 was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a Nonprofit Religious Corporation classified as a public charity of the State of California on August 23, 2002. Membership dues and other donations are exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The generosity of our Samiti members and friends is greatly appreciated.

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### Financial Overview for 2012

**Samiti Opening Balance, January 1, 2012** **\$ 4,936.27**

Total Memberships and Donations Received Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2012: \$ 7,942.64

Total Distributions and Expenses Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2012: \$ 4,247.79

**Samiti Closing Balance, December 31, 2012** **\$ 8,631.12**

Minimum Bank Balance Required by Samiti Board: \$ 2,500.

**Special Project Allocations available on January 1, 2013** **\$ 5,207.94**

Sri Sarada Math in the West \$ 3,676.94

Pangot Girls' Education Fund \$ 1,526.00

Shihar Girls' Education Fund 5.00

**Working Funds available on January 1, 2013** **\$ 923.18**

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### Detailed Financial Summary January 1 through December 31, 2012

#### Samiti Donations Received in 2012. Total: \$ 7,942.64

Memberships and Renewals \$ 1,317.00

General Administration \$ 6.14

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Publications \$ 220.50

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Pangot Girls' Education \$ 609.00

Sri Sarada Math in the West \$ 5,715.00

Samiti Annual Retreats \$ 75.00

#### Samiti Distributions and Expenses in 2012. Total: \$ 4,247.79

General Administration (mail box rental, postage, duplication, supplies, Secretary of State) \$ 539.06

Three Samiti Retreats (Convent donations, Supplies, Airfare) \$ 688.88

Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Publications (*Samvit* subscriptions & *Understanding Vedanta series*) \$ 525.00

Pioneer women of Vedanta (duplicate DVDs) \$ 94.85

Sri Sarada Math in the West (Vivekaprana tour airfare, medical insurance, visa) \$ 2,400.

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**Samiti Board of Directors: Ranu Pandey, President; Gwyn (Gunamayi) Fellows, Secretary; Mary (Archana) Tamraz, Treasurer; and Bidya Pradhan, Member**

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