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Memorable Events
January 1st through December 31st, 2013

Our twenty-two 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 ten 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. We also donated funds towards vocational training of health care assistants at the Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Matribhavan in Kolkata; and offered financial support for needy students in Dakshineswar through the Sri Sarada Math.
- * We collaborated with others across the country to sponsor Pravrajika Vivekaprana in America as a tribute to Swami Vivekananda’s 150th birth anniversary. Our Samiti sponsored three retreats in Marin County, California: “The Three Steps of Vedanta” was held from February 22nd- 25th at the Olema Women’s Retreat House. Fifteen women participated in this retreat. “Advaita Vedanta” was held from February 27th through March 1st at the Olema Women’s Retreat House. Twenty-seven women participated in this retreat. And “Karma Yoga: Service as a Way to Freedom” was held from March 3rd through March 5th in Inverness. Twenty-one men and women participated in this retreat.
- * Our annual one day spiritual retreat on “How did Holy Mother and Swamiji integrate all Aspects of their Lives: Spiritual Practice, Work, and Relationships” was held in Sacramento with Pravrajika Virajaprana of the Vedanta Society of Northern California. Twenty women participated.
- * An intensive retreat on the “Purusha Suktam” was offered with Pravrajika Dayaprana of the Sarada Convent, Hollywood including an evening of Bhajan singing from August 30th through September 2nd. Sixteen women 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 the choir, classes and lectures. One of our members serves on the Vedanta Society Board, and another offered a Sunday talk honoring Swami Vivekananda’s 150th birth anniversary. Through our members, we offered a total of thirty-three days service to the Vedanta Society of Northern California as Caretaker at the Olema Women’s Retreat House.

2013 Annual Samiti Report

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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.

Visit our website for additional information: www.maasamiti.org

Financial Overview for 2013

Samiti Opening Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 8,631.12
Total Memberships and Donations Received Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2013:	\$7,203.50
Total Distributions and Expenses Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2013:	\$11,279.87
Samiti Closing Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 4,554.75
Minimum Bank Balance Required by Samiti Board:	\$ 2,500.
Special Project Allocations available on January 1, 2014	\$ 306.65
Sri Sarada Math in the West	\$ 275.65
Girls’ Education Fund	\$ 26.00
Shihar Girls’ Education Fund	5.00
Working Funds available on January 1, 2014	\$ 1,748.10

Please Note:

It is important to note that actual disbursements made during the fiscal year 2013 exceeded our receipts during that time period by \$ 4,076.37. However, this discrepancy was offset by Special Project Allocations available from 2012 and distributed in 2013. In January, 2013, our special project allocation for Sri Sarada Math in the West was \$ 3,676.94 and our special project allocation for the Girls’ Education Fund was \$ 1,526.00.

Samiti Board of Directors:

- Ranu Pandey, President;
- Gwyn (Gunamayi) Fellows, Secretary;
- Mary (Archana) Tamraz, Treasurer;
- Bidya Pradhan and Susan Harrell, Board Members

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Detailed Financial Summary January 1 through December 31, 2013

Total Samiti Cash Donations Received in 2013.

Total: \$ 7,203.50

- 2013 Memberships and Renewals: 22 members including 11 patron members, ten regular members, one honorary member. \$ 1,913.50
- 2014 Memberships and Renewals: four members including two patron members, one regular member, one honorary member. \$ 718.00
- General Administration Fund. \$ 97.00
- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission: “Understanding Vedanta” & Samvit. \$ 639.00
- DVD’s and CD’s of Retreats and Bhajans. \$ 356.00
- Sri Sarada Math in the West Retreats 1,2,3, with Revered Vivekapranaji. 2113 Cash Donations: \$2,431. and Credit Card: \$500.; 2012 Donations: \$5,715.
- “Purusha Suktam” Retreats with Pravrajika Dayaprana. Donations: \$549.
- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matribhavan: \$500.

Total Samiti Distributions and Expenses in 2013.

Total: \$ 11,279.87

- General Administration (mail box rental, postage, duplication, supplies, Secretary of State filing) \$ 961.95
- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Publications: Understanding Vedanta series. \$1,149.00
- Sri Sarada Math: Samvit. two year subscriptions for our members. \$400.
- Sri Sarada Math in the West Retreats 1,2,3 with Revered Pr.Vivekapranaji. \$5,470.35 { \$2,400. paid in 2012. Total actual expense for all related events: \$ 8,370.35 }
- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Matribhavan. \$ 500.00
- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar School for Needy Children. \$1,500.00
- “Purusha Suktam Retreat Series” with Pravrajika Dayapranaji. \$540.50
- Annual Samiti Summer Retreat with Pravrajika Virajapranaji. \$108.00
- DVD and CD duplication of retreat talks and music: The Video Lab. \$650.07
