

2014 Annual Samiti Report
Sri Sarada Mahila Samiti of Northern California
P.O. Box 60541 Sacramento, CA 95860-0541 Website: www.maasamiti.org

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Memorable Events
January 1st through December 31st, 2014

Our *twenty-five 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. Two special readings of the *Sri Chandi* were held with 7 members.

We offered *financial support* towards Ramakrishna Sarada Mission publications including *Samvit* and the *Understanding Vedanta Lecture* series by Pravrajika Vivekaprana. We also donated funds towards Sister Nivedita’s House Restoration Project (\$2,500.) as well as funds towards the education of deserving needy students in Dakshineswar through the Sri Sarada Math.

An intensive retreat on the “*Sri Suktam and the Purusha Suktam*” was offered with Pravrajika Dayaprana of the Sarada Convent, Hollywood including an evening of Bhajan singing from April 11th through 13th. Twenty-one women participated.

We collaborated with others across the country to sponsor Revered Pravrajika Satchitprana, a senior sannyasini of Sri Sarada Math, Dakshineswar Kolkata, India, in America. Our Samiti sponsored a five day retreat at a Retreat Center in Sacramento on the “*Bhagavad Gita: Liberation through the Practice of Dharma and Yoga*”. Fifty-six women and men participated in the various musical programs, Bhagavad Gita study and discussions, and yoga from Monday, July 28th through Friday, August 1st.

A *Summer Retreat at Olema* was held from August 20th to 24th with eight participants. Discussions on the Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 2 were conducted.

Our members actively *volunteered at the Vedanta Society* of Sacramento through the performance of daily worship, food preparation, offerings at special events, and participation in the choir and lectures. Two members served on the Vedanta Society Board. We offered a total of thirty-nine days service to the Vedanta Society of Northern California as Caretaker at the Olema Women’s Retreat House.

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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 2014

Samiti Opening Balance, January 1, 2014	\$ 4,554.75
Total Memberships and Donations Received Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2014:	\$ 21,023.00
Total Distributions and Expenses Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2014:	\$ 20,284.20
Samiti Closing Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 5,293.55

Samiti Board of Directors:

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