

Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre of Auckland

President's Report for the Year 2015-2016

I have pleasure in presenting a brief report of our Centre's activities for the year ended 31st March 2016.

Membership: The membership at the end of this financial year stood at 118. This is the highest we have ever achieved. I thank the members for their interest in our Centre and hope that we will surpass this figure next year.

Finance: A full and detailed audited Financial Report will follow this report. You will see that that our finances are healthy. However, as we expand, our financial needs will also increase. I am grateful to all those who are regularly contributing and encourage others to consider joining in with whatever they are comfortable with.

Activities:

Daily Arti: A vesper service is held daily at 7pm. Presently, 7 families have undertaken this responsibility. However, I request others who can spare some time to come forward and join these 7 families by attending whenever it is convenient to them.

Satsungs: Regular Satsungs are held every second and last Sundays of each month from 11 am to 1pm followed by Prasad-lunch. I am grateful to the members who have voluntarily undertaken to read and speak on the various books we study. Once again, I encourage all members to attend regularly and take part in these programs.

Other Celebrations: All special occasions celebrated by the Mission are also observed by us in an hour long program following the evening Arti. During the year we observed the birth anniversaries of Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda. We also observe Kalpataru Day, Shiva Ratri, Buddh Purnima, Guru Purnima, Durga Puja and Christmas Eve.

Swamiji's Visits: Revered Swami Shridharanandaji continued with his regular visits throughout the year with his talks on Bhagwad Gita. We have always found his talks enlightening. We also appreciate his oversight and advice to our Centre at all times. We also had visits from Swami Tadanandaji (Fiji), Swami Atmeshanandaji (Brisbane), and Swami Nirmalatmanandaji (Brazil) during the year. Satsungs were organized for their visits.