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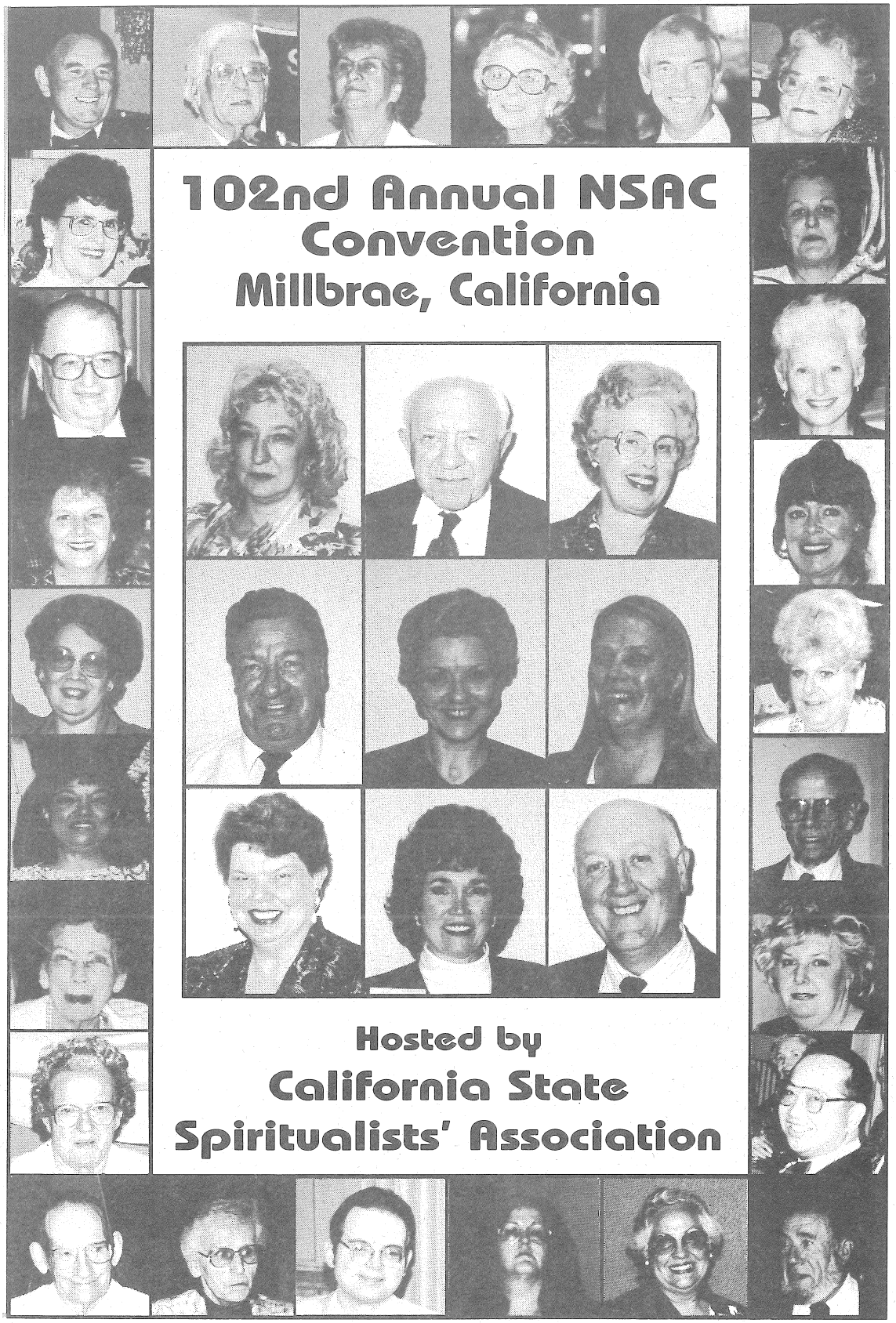
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102nd Annual NSAC Convention
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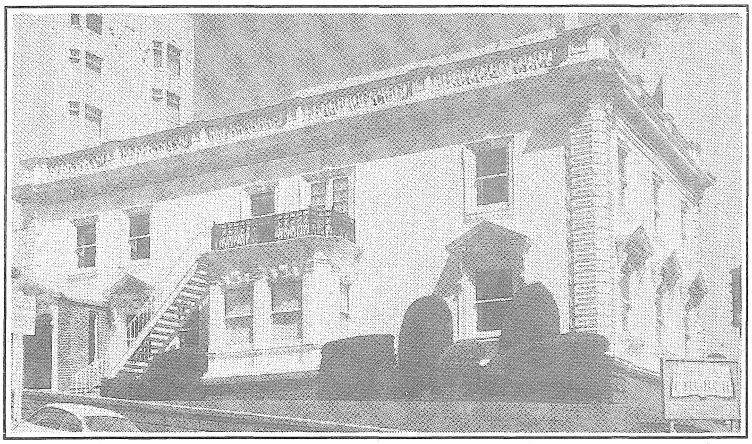
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THE 102nd NSAC CONVENTION
MILLBRAE, CALIFORNIA – 1893-1994



Spiritualists began arriving Saturday, October 1, 1994, for the 102nd Annual NSAC Convention held in Millbrae, California, in the beautiful San Francisco area. The main entrance at the Clarion Hotel went from a quiet scene to constant talking, hugging, and exclamations as delegates greeted each other.

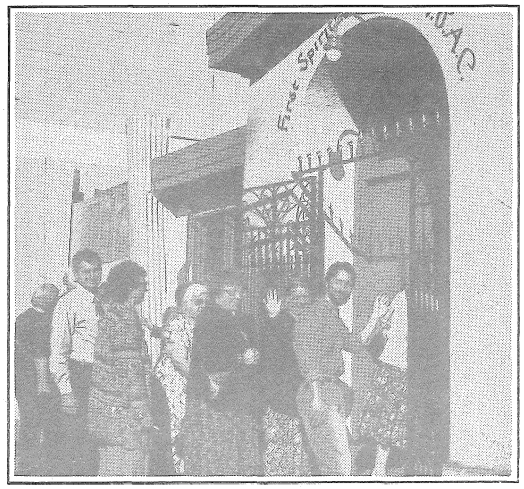
Sunday morning was already decision time. Three churches in the area invited delegates to attend their services. The **Golden Gate Spiritualist Church** featured the Rev. Lelia Cutler as the speaker, the Rev. Donald Haddick, NST, as the chairman, the Rev. David Burr, NST, conducting the Healing Service, Marie Haggquist and the Rev. Lelia Cutler as the message bearers. The **First Spiritual Temple, NSAC** featured the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, as the speaker, the Rev. Alfred Conner, NST, as the chairman, the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, led the Healing Service, and the certified mediums were the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, the Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST, the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, and the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST. The **Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC** invited the delegates to share with Mary Donoghue as the speaker, Thomas Farley as the chairperson, Raymond Figueras conducting the healing Service and spirit greetings by Clara Figueras, Jay Johnston, and Leslie Crews. It would have been nice to be able to attend each of the churches. Refreshments and socializing followed the church services.

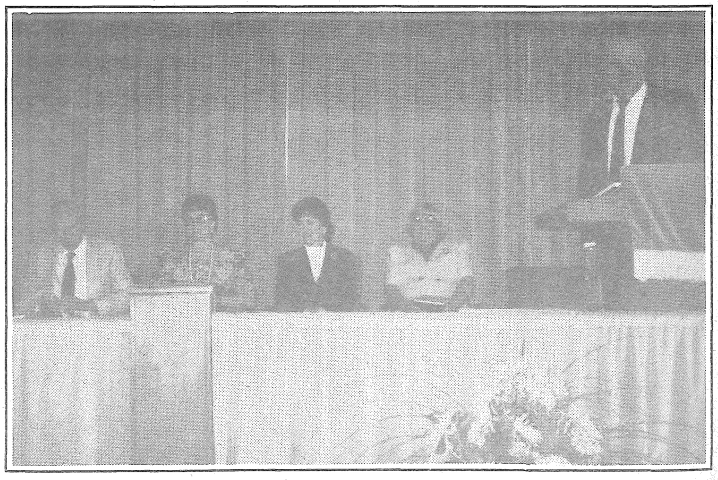


Golden Gate Spiritualist Church.



On the way to Services.

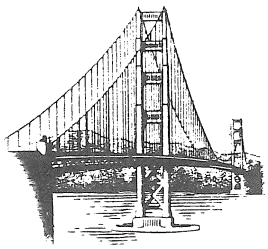




Platform at First Spiritualist Church.



Sandra Cook, Bernard Baker, and Paul Cook.



The afternoon brought more greeting and meeting with a Welcome Reception from 2:00-4:00 pm. This hospitality gathering was hosted by the California State Spiritualists Association.





Angie DiBeradino, Terry Sturney, and Irene Sturney.



Genevieve Woelfl, and Sandra Pfortmiller.



Irma Iniguez, Arthur Inman, and Ellie Berger.

AND MORE WELCOMING!



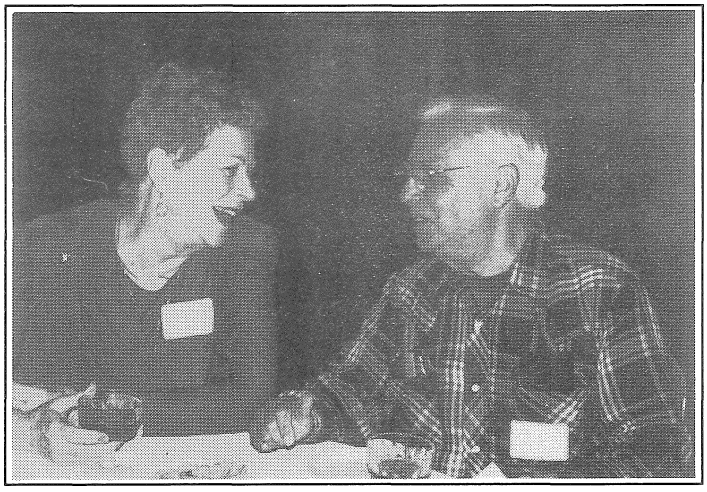
Jane Loos, Gracanne Varda, and Carol Gallion.



Rebecca Cantrell, Frances Lafler, and Mini Bell Martin.



Mr. and Mrs. Matrunick, Frank Brown, and Mary Macguire.



Juanita and Joe Oyer.



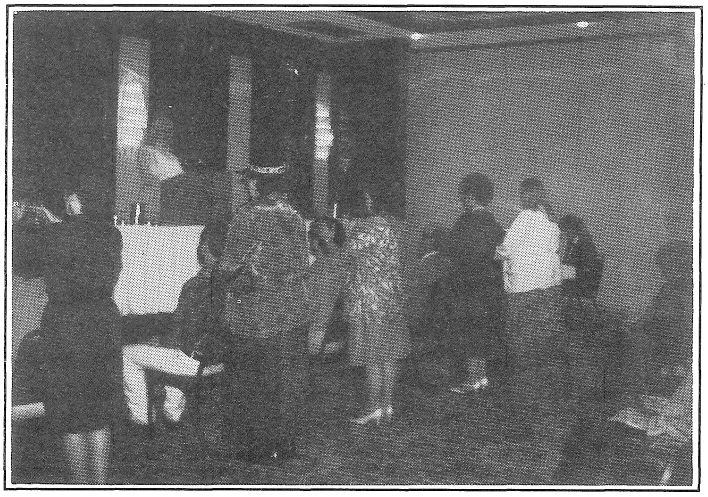
Nikki DeWitt and John Matrunick.



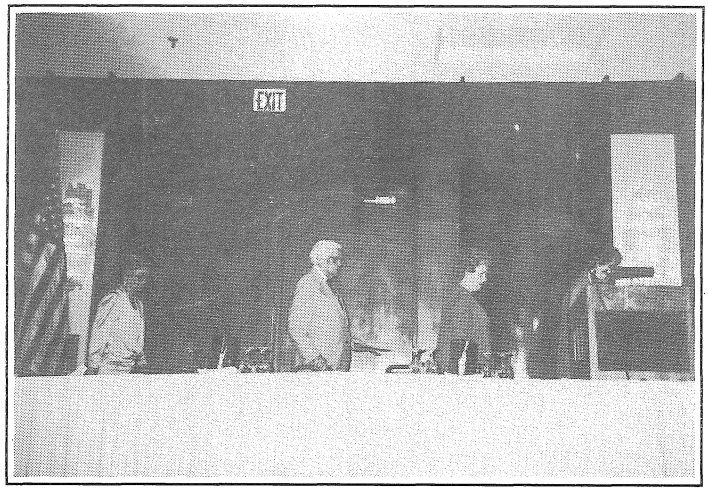
Edward and Marilyn Beesley.

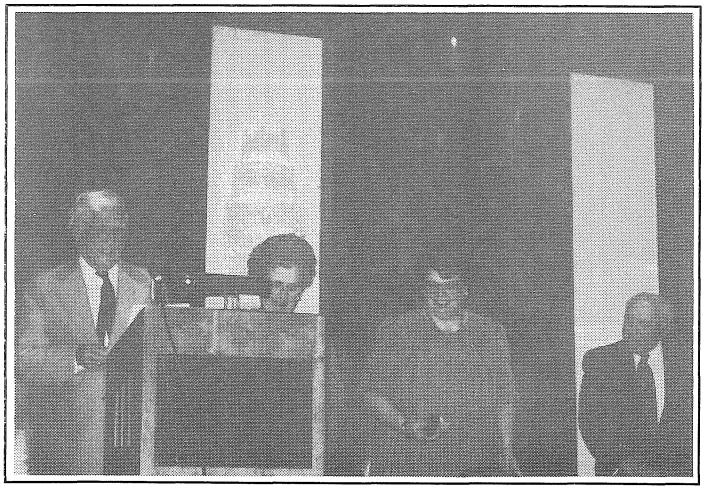
SUNDAY EVENING, October 2nd, the NSAC Board of Directors conducted the **Devotional Service**. The Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, led the Healing Service, the Rev. Joseph Merrill acted as the Chairperson, a wonderful address was given by the Rev. Brenda Wittich, and Clairvoyants were the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, and the Rev. Joseph Sax, NST.

Californian's are thought of as friendly and hospitable . . . the Convention reflected this atmosphere. We also should add to this list of attributes, MUSICAL. Each evening the music was wonderful and inspiring. This was evident Sunday Evening in the Redwood Chorus that sang for the Worship Service. They were just great!













HEALER'S LEAGUE:
Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST.

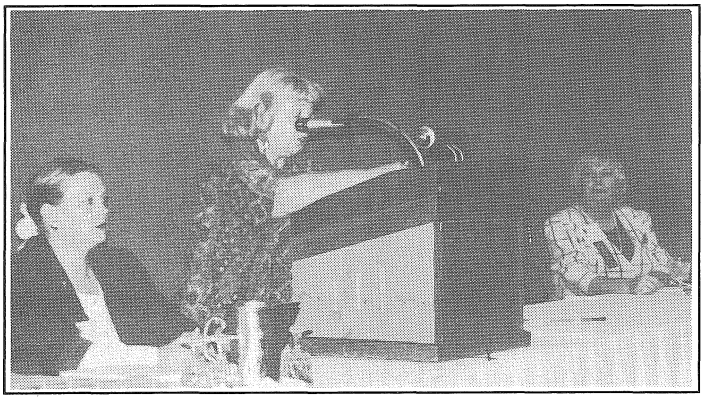
Many look especially forward to the Seminars on Monday that are presented by the four NSAC Service Clubs. The Spiritual Healers League, the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, President, started the day out with a very interesting review of Healing, prepared and presented by the Rev. Bernard Baker, NST.

Next, the National Spiritualist Teachers Club, the Rev. Pat. Smith, NST, President, shared information on Home Circles by the Rev. Pat Smith, NST, and Physical Phenomena by the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST and the Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Chairperson. Several people that attended also related their experiences and current experiments.

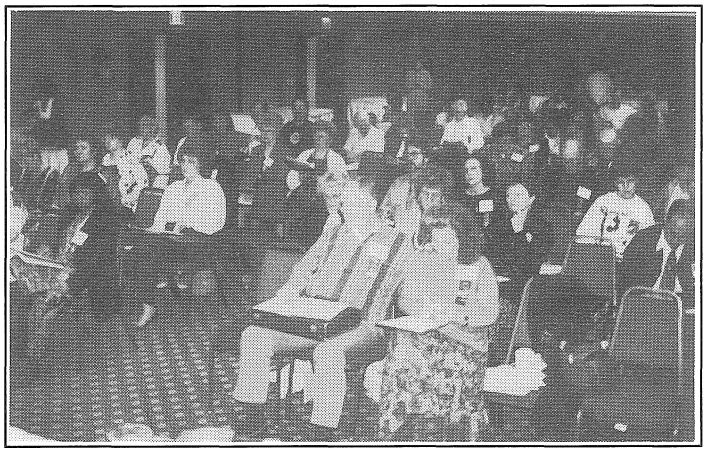
After a lunch break, the NSAC Ministerial Association, the Rev. Bryan McCotter, President, offered the delegates a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure taught by the President of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, Jane Klaussman, CPP, PRP. She sure cleared up a lot of questions and suppositions and we also had some fun with a sheet of quips.

The final workshop of the day was prepared by the Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society, Juanita Oyer, President. This group talked about Spiritual Cleansing. The Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST, told the attendees many ways to personally cleanse and protect the aura of the self and loved ones; the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, Chairperson, spoke of haunted houses and how to investigate them scientifically, plus house blessings and cleansing; the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, taught about lost souls and assisting them to go to the Light. A closing meditation was scheduled by the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, but time did not allow for this.

The workshops are recorded on Video so they may be preserved and be available for others who could not attend. Thanks goes to the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, for her skills and dedication in recording the proceedings of all of the NSAC Convention.

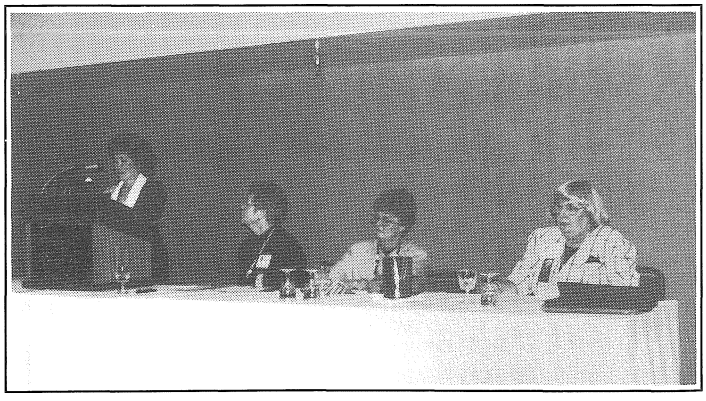


NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS CLUB:
Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, Rev. Pat Smith, NST, and Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST.





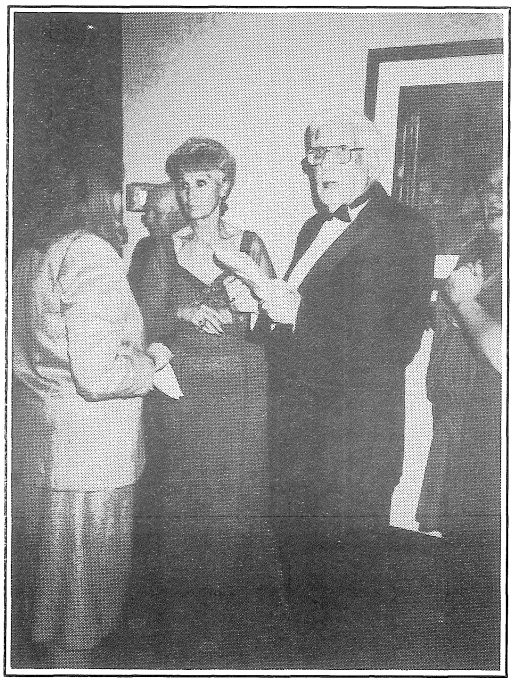
NSAC MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION:
Rev. Bryan McCotter, and Jane Klaussman.



LICENTIATE MINISTERS CERTIFIED MEDIUMS SOCIETY:
Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST; Juanita Oyer; Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST; and Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST.



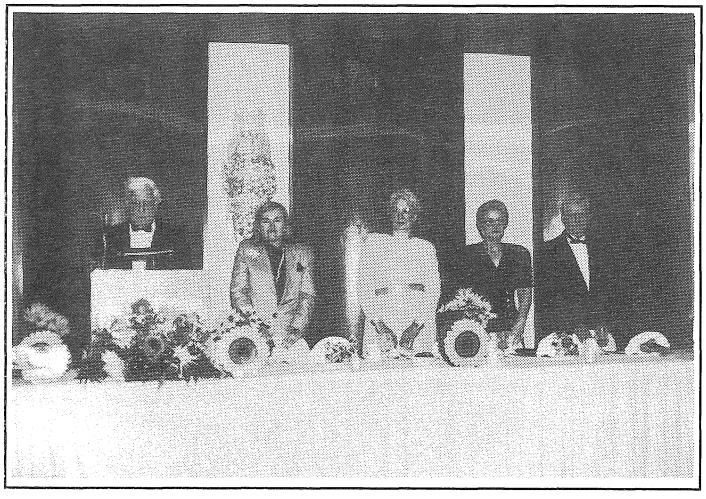
Evie Sordelet . . . "Get your banquet ticket."



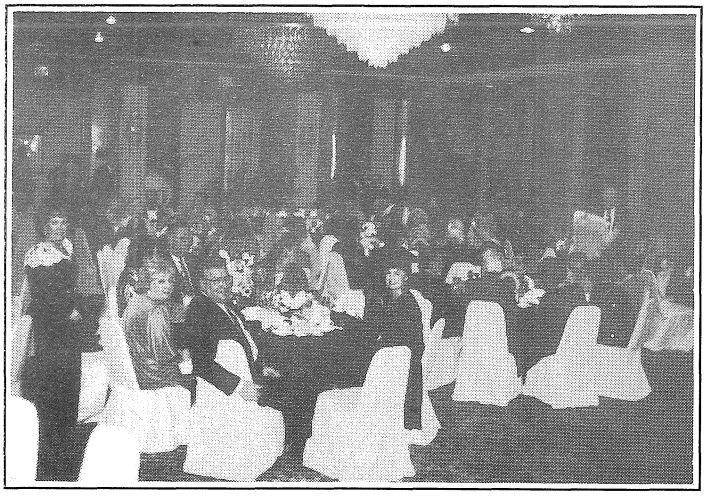
Before the banquet . . .

• THE NSAC BANQUET •

The Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST, served as the Master of Ceremonies, welcoming the delegates to California and introducing the President, Joseph H. Merrill. The delegates enjoyed Janet Fogarty, the Mayor of Millbrae, as she thanked them in advance for the good Spiritual energy they were going to share with the area.







BOARD, DELEGATES, AND GUESTS

Let the introductions begin! First the NSAC Board was introduced and then the states were announced. Each person or state attendees stood as they were called to receive the waves, SMILES, photographs, and applause of the other banquet friends.

Some members of the Federation of Spiritualist Churches and the Independent Spiritualist Association also joined us for the Banquet and were recognized and welcomed.

AWARDS

Two Awards were given this year, the director of Public Relations, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, reading the awards which are as follows:

1994 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Temple Heights Spiritualist Association was first founded as the Temple Heights Spiritual Corporation of Northport, Maine, in 1882, by a group of interested Spiritualists who decided to purchase an acreage known as the Brown Farm in Northport overlooking Penobscot Bay. It has a tie with Andrew Jackson Davis Who was a friend of Healer, Dr. Bigelow, who trudged the roads of Maine treating patients. Dr. Bigelow was given a cane (walking stick) by Andrew Jackson Davis, who received the cane from President Andrew Jackson. Upon the transition of Dr. Bigelow, Gladys Gove, Dr. Bigelow's housekeeper, gave the cane to the Reverend Joseph H. Merrill, President of Temple Heights at that time. Mr. Merrill subsequently placed this cane in the NSAC Archives.

The Native American played a great part in the early beginnings of this association due largely in part to Nickawa, who stressed the importance of healing. Nickawa was the inspiring factor in building the lodge to accommodate overnight visitors. This lodge bears his name to this day.

The Association has inspired so much interest in meeting beyond the camp season that the new Temple Heights Church is a continuation of this camp with a completely separate Board of Directors.

Due to this Associations close association with many of our early pioneers, including Andrew Jackson Davis, and its continuous efforts to inspire interest in NSAC Spiritualism, we are pleased to present the 1994 Outstanding Achievement Award to Temple Heights Spiritualist Association.



Rev. Catherine Snell, NST.

1994 LITERARY AWARD

This committee was given the task of revising the language and metaphors as well as the updating the information in the NSAC Lyceum Manual in the fall of 1992. They completed a monumental task by not only revising and updating, they restructured, refined and included the most current information possible on aspects of educational methods used for children and adults. They completed this project in a nine month period. Due to other circumstances which did not involve this committee, there was a delay in printing it. We now have a Lyceum Manual which we can be very pleased with as well as appreciate its functional and easily accessible information. It is with great pleasure we present the 1994 Literary Award to:

THE LYCEUM MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

The Reverend Michael Martino, Jr., NST, Chairman

The Reverend Benjamin J. Cooper

The Reverend Catherine Snell, NST

and Julie G. Anderson

An additional Award was presented to the **Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST**, by the Rev. Joseph Merrill for *"Missionary Emerita"* for her many years of service to the NSAC.



Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST.



Eunice Smith, Irma Inguez and friend.



GOOD MEMORIES . . .



Priscilla Herrick, Joseph Merrill, and Pat Peck.



Georgia and James Reed.



Marcia Hyatt, Ann-Ette Hyatt, and Edward Beesley.



Susan Banquer, Elsie Feathersong, and Marie Smith.



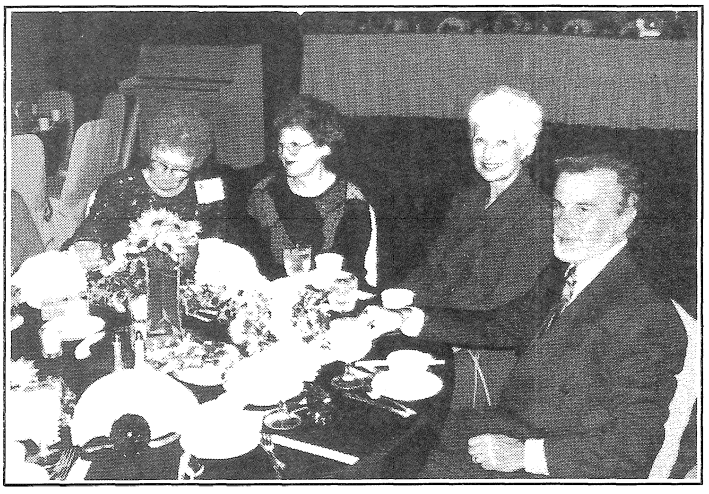
Ida Donadio, Dorothy Thurlow, and Priscilla Herrick.



Juanita and Joseph Oyer.



Edith Harris.



Evelyn Muse, Rebecca Cantrell, Mary Maguire, and Frank Brown.







Tina Coe, Tommy Mayfield, and Bonnie Winston.





Ilene Grier and Anise Grieneisen.



Joe Sax and Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer.



Herbert Schneider and Mike Mackey.



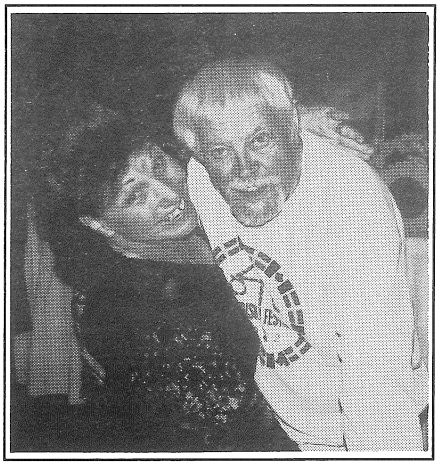
Joan McDaniel, Sandra Pfortmiller, and Emma Hoblitt.



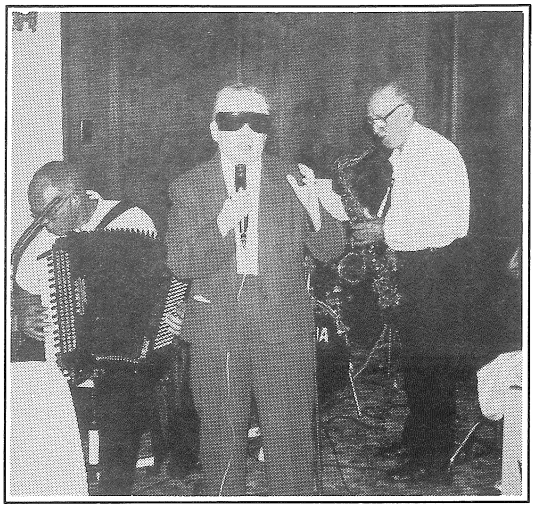
Dorothy Buss, Louise Potter, Louis Potter, and Herbert Schneider.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING . . .

Dancing to **Music Unlimited** was enjoyed by everyone, whether watching or participating. The group played a wonderful variety of music, so all tastes were pleased. An extra bonus to the band was our beloved Rev. Frances Scher, NST, a retired professional singer, who shared her powerful, wonderful singing voice with us. **Music Unlimited** was great, knowing many of the songs and following along. Several music selections were presented by Juliette Sturmey.



Janet Tisdale and Hal Johansen.

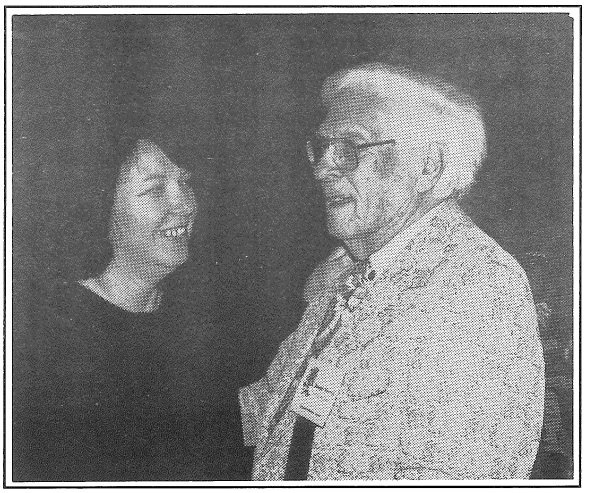


Music Unlimited and Frances Scher.

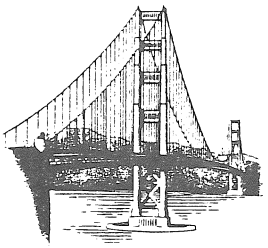


Bernard Baker and Jeannie Lerch.

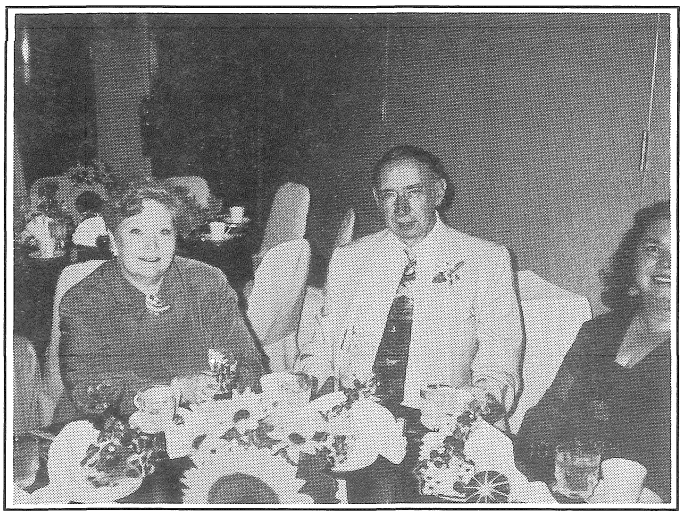
Joe Merrill enjoying a dance with a friend at the Convention.



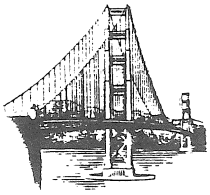








Nikki DeWitt, John Matrunik, and Emma Hobbitt.





A bit of Scotland . . . John Johnson, and Bernard Baker. (What a good sport!)



Jeannie Lerch and Ann Otzelberger.





Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Bonnie Horstman, Dorothy Thurlow, John Baumhoff, and Ann-Ette Hyatt.



Cec, Jane, Carol, and Brenda.

CREATING MEMORIES !



Janet Tisdale . . . "What do you wear under this Kilt?"



Sandra and David Dawkins.



John and Mary Lou Baumhoff, and Herman Black.



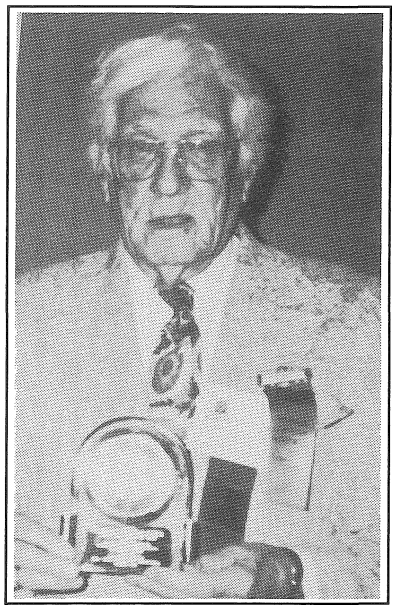
Yvonne Saxton, Harriette Calloway, and Tony Crowder.



Irene Sturmey, Ray Carlson, Juliette Sturmey, and Terry Sturmey.



Cec Gibb, Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller.



Rev. Joseph H. Merrill.

To the Delegates of the 102nd Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches:

Greetings:

First we must express appreciation to the California State Association for hosting this convention and we pay tribute to the great ones of the past who have contributed to the strength of the National organization, among them, The Reverend Florence Becker, The Reverend Mitzie Monroe, and The Reverend Maude Kline, and there are others who have contributed to the success for which we are grateful.

We also want to welcome friends from other Spiritualist organizations when we know that they will be visitors, and among these is the Vice-President of the Federation of Spiritualist Churches, The Reverend Curtis "Mike" Mackey. Welcome to the NSAC Convention.

We have learned recently of the interest in the Philippines of Spiritism and, in personal correspondence, we have had a request for free literature as well as the Constitution & By-Laws. The individual is interested in bringing about a change from Spiritism to Spiritualism and they also expressed a thought of visiting this convention, since California is closer than other parts of the country.

News and information easily spreads outside of the organization and the NSAC easily loses its reputation as an organization to belong to.

You will be having reports given by the various groups as to their activities and we call attention to the workshop on Thursday afternoon as being very worthwhile knowledge for those in the lower echelon of the organization.

At the last annual meeting of the Morris Pratt Institute, it was voted to re-establish the Residential School and have it located at Lily Dale. It is felt that student/teacher relationship brings forth more indepth study. Since this is in the preliminary stage, more information will be brought in the weeks and months ahead.

The subject matter of the Study Course of the Bureau of Education is such to bring forth students well-grounded in Spiritualism, for no longer can we have students learning the history of the organization and just the very basics of mediumship and healing.

There are unorganized discussion groups similar to Home Circles that are active around the country, and a potential source of organizing churches and this area is a source for the Missionary Society to work on. There can be a misunderstanding of the purpose of the Missionary Society whose work is to help the churches and in no way interfere.

In the report of the Lyceum Superintendent, it is noted that several Lyceums fail to submit a report. It is disconcerting for the Superintendent to give a good report when no reports are given.

Also, along this line of thought, for readers of *The National Spiritualist - Summit* who at times travel to cities where there is a Spiritualist Church and would like to attend a service, it is disconcerting to find a listing of a church and find only a street address. When are the services, or are there any being held. It should be a requirement that the time of service and location be listed.

In considering the good of the organization, this past year is one that should not have been if the *"good of the organization"* was intended. Among the mass mailing that reached my desk was a letter from an unknown individual, though the name was given with the signature, and a thought which was expressed was very apropos to the general conditions, and I am quoting what is in the minds of many within the organization. *"In my personal opinion, our organization has entirely too many rules, limitations and regulations which may result in our regulating and controlling ourselves out of existence . . . the loss of members may be in direct proportion to the initiation of controls, regulations and limits on behavior . . . I believe there should be less restrictions and controls placed on individual behavior, i.e., how and where a member can work or serve, etc."* The letter referred to the mailings that had gone throughout the organization and further stated, *"wonder why there are separate/other Spiritualist groups . . . do we really want to be an elite group and/or judgmental, or do we want to be open-minded to those traveling another path leading to the same destination."*

Respectfully,

Joseph H. Merrill, President

ADDENDUM

To NSAC Members assembled at the 102nd Annual Convention:

To work toward the overall unification of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, I hereby officially tender my resignation as President of NSAC to be effective at 12 Noon, Friday, October 7, 1994.

Joseph H. Merrill



Sharon Snowman, Joseph Merrill, and Brenda Wittich.

There was surprise and initial protest when the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill announced his resignation as President of the NSAC. Mr. Merrill has served as President for twenty-one years, and at 93, in January, all felt he had done his part. A standing ovation resulted. The next order of business was a motion to elect the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill as President Emeritus. Another standing ovation resulted to honor the man. Friday morning, an engraved plaque and clock were presented to President Merrill just before he officially stepped down from his Presidency. It reads:

PRESENTED TO

THE REVEREND JOSEPH H. MERRILL

SIXTH PRESIDENT OF NSAC

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR

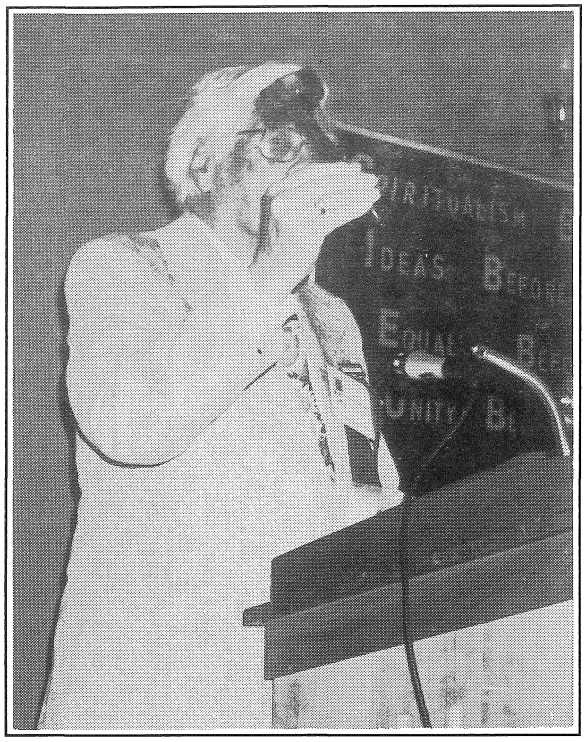
YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

TO THE ORGANIZATION

WITH LOVE & GRATITUDE

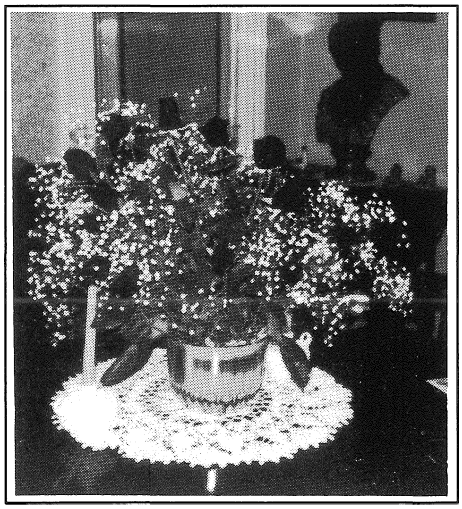
THE NSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 7, 1994



Rev. Joseph H. Merrill.

When Reverend Whitwell was President of the NSA, and left his office, he gave the gavel to his good friend, Rev. Verna Kuhlig. It has his name on a gold plate attached. Rev. Kuhlig gave it to Joseph Merrill, and made the request that when he was through with it, it would be placed in the archives. This has been done and it is in the NSAC office.



33 RED ROSES:

The Rev. Joseph H. Merrill was honored again, and surprised again, when he returned to his home in Lily Dale, New York. Each year of his service as President and Officer of the NSAC was commemorated with a long-stemmed red rose. He functioned in the position of Secretary for 10 years, from 1961-1971, and Vice-President for 2 years, from 1971-1973, and President for 21 years, from 1973-1994, in addition to the many other roles he played in the support of Spiritualism at the camps and churches. Thanks, Joe, thanks a lot for all your years of service.

NSAC DELEGATES . . .

Each day the business sessions began with an Invocation, a patriotic song, and the Flag Salute.

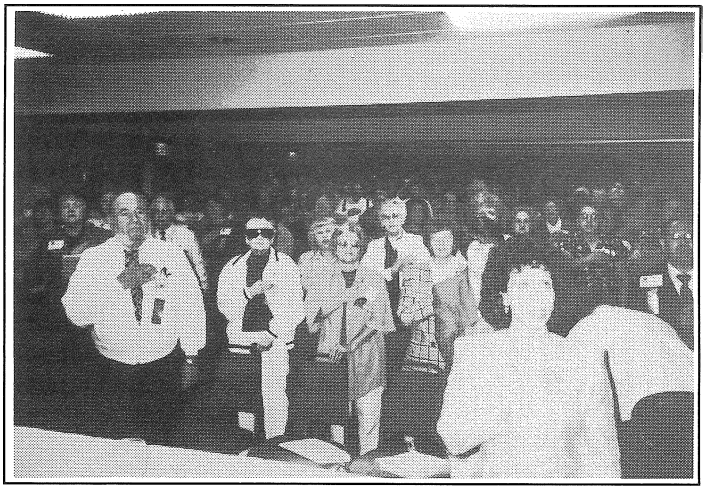


Lelia Cutler, Treasurer's Report.





Cosie Allen, Spotlight Report.





Jeff Lucas, NSAC Legal Council, clarifying a point.



Mary Bouchard, Budget and Finance.



Cosie Allen.

SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS:
REV. DONALD HADDICK, NST, AND JOHN JOHNSTON

TIMEKEEPER:
ELSIE FEATHERSONG

BOOK TABLE:
PEGGY LELONEK, MARY BOUCHARD

RECORDERS:
SANDRA DAWKINS (WORDS)
REV. COSIE ALLEN, NST (PICTURES)

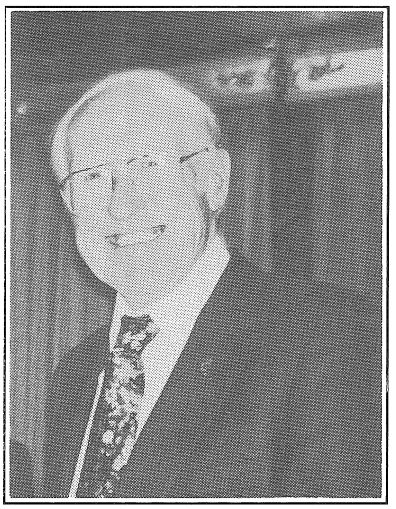
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REV.'S GENE AND SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:
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REV. JESSE JAMES, EVIE SORDELET,
REV. TONI CROWDER, NST

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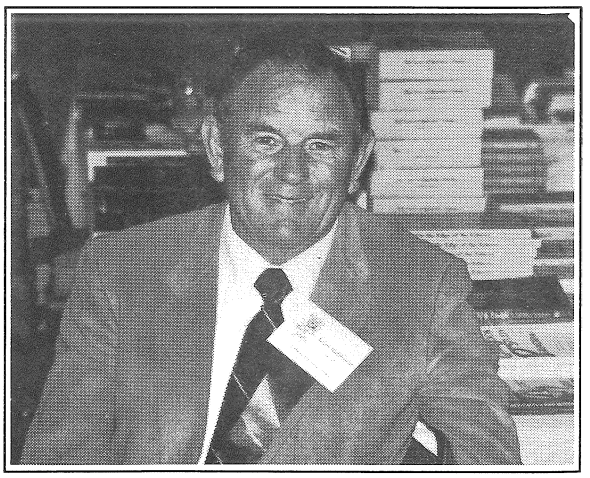
Elsie Feathersong.



Jane Klaussman.



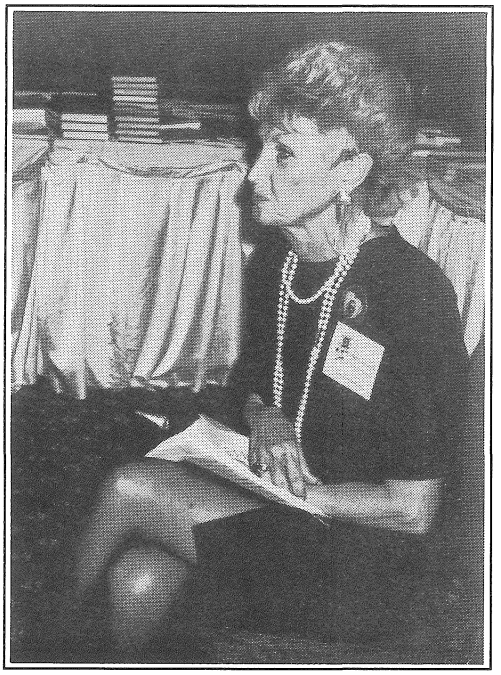
John Johnston.



A Commemorative Service to honor those that had graduated to the Spirit Side of Life was conducted by the Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST. Carnations were placed in a vase for each name read, with prayers and blessings sent to those that had served Spiritualism and to loved ones that had made their transition.



Gene and Sandy Pfortmiller. *The National Spiritualist - Summit.*



Betty Nauratil, Chairperson of the Credential Committee.



Book Table: Mary Bouchard and Peggy Lelonek (not pictured).

FUTURE CONVENTION SITES FOR NSAC ANNUAL MEETINGS

1995 -Phoenix, Arizona
1996 - Maine
1997 - Massachusetts
1998 - Minneapolis, Minnesota
(150th Anniversary of Advent of Modern Spiritualism)
1999 - Open
2000 - Open

Several NSAC CAMPS were represented.

ON-I-SET WIGWAM CAMP
Pat Bertucci, Al Ferency, Susan Banquer

NORTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN SPIRITUALIST CAMP
Rev. Cosie Allen, NST

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION CAMP
Harvey and Bonnie Horstman



Pat Bertucci.



Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST.

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 102nd Annual Convention:

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, I am pleased to report the following statistics to the Delegates of this, our 102nd Annual Convention.

During this past year, we have again distributed over 200,000 pieces of free literature. These have produced many inquiries for contact with a local church, subscriptions to *The National Spiritualist* and *Spotlight* magazines along with many inquiries as to enrollment for the Morris Pratt Institute and the NSAC Educational Center courses of study.

During this past year, we have reprinted the NSAC Marriage Certificates, Church Membership Cards, and are currently publishing at the NSAC office, a new book by Snowman, *Church Membership Classes.*

At last years Convention, we had available for sale, the Centennial Coins, Andrew Jackson Davis Posters, Note Cards, and Post Cards. In addition to these, and in an effort to meet the needs of the Churches and to expand our Book Store, we have added the following new books and materials to our booklist:

BEARD: *Hidden Man; Inner Eye Listening Ear; Living On; Survival of Death*
BORGIA: *Life in the World Unseen (back in print)*
COOK: *Sunmen of America*
CUMMINGS: *Swan on a Black Sea*
DOSSEY: *Healing Words*
ELLIOTT: *When Prophets Spoke*
FARRELL: *The Unfolding Journey*
FRYER: *Geraldine Cummings*
HASTINGS: *With Tongues of Men and Angels*
HARRIS: *They Walk Among Us*
JESSEL: *Anthology of Inner Silence*
JOHNSON: *Decisive Testimony; Imprisoned Splendor; Light of All Life; Nursling of Immortality*
MILLER: *Cavalcade of the Spirit*
MOODY: *Reunions*
PARECHARD: *The Other World*
PAYNE: *Mankinds Latent Powers*
POLE: *Private Downey*

Last year, we were able to make contact with a publishing house in England which is endeavoring to publish some of what is considered world wide, to be Classic Spiritualist literature. Many of the books they are producing have been out of print for over fifty years.

At that time, we were able to add Boddington's *Materializations,* and Findlay's *Psychic Stream.* During this past year, we have been able to obtain:

ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE: *New Revelations*
MEYERS: *Human Personality*

During the week before coming to this Convention, we have received Findlay's *Curse of Ignorance, Vol. I* and *Vol. II,* which had also been out of print for over 50 years.

After four years of work by various people and committees, the *NSAC Lyceum Manual* has been published and was delivered to the NSAC office the first part of September. This long awaited book may be obtained at this Convention from the book table or from the NSAC office.

The NSAC Book Store has once again had a very busy year. In rounded off figures, the income this year from the sale of books, NSAC Manuals, Spiritualist Hymnals and supplies, totals $37,280.00; expenses for the purchase of books and materials was $20,312.00, and our inventory is currently valued at $111,162.00.

There were some abnormal expenses at the NSAC office this past year. As approved at last years convention, the new computer system had been purchased for the NSAC office. The older system had been given to the Spotlight editor. The NSAC office had been closed for two days this past winter to effect repairs to the heating system. It was also found necessary to install new entrance doors to the front and back of the upper level of the building. These have been installed with the thought in mind of maintaining the Victorian structure of the building as well as to be appropriate for a business structure.

During this past year, the NSAC has lost several members, through transition, who had devoted years of effort to the betterment of this organization and Spiritualism in general.

Ordained Ministers who have passed this year to the higher life are: Rev. Daisy Brunner, and Rev. Janice Baynes.

These wonderful workers will be sadly missed by all of us and we are eternally grateful for their help, guidance, inspiration and the love and many blessings they have so graciously shared with us all.

Twenty-nine certificates have been issued within this past year.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT . . . *Continued from previous page.*

ORDINATIONS CONFERRED: 5 - Rev. Beverly Burdick-Carey, *Michigan;* Rev. Nancy Lloyd, *New York;* Rev. Nancy Marshall Parry, *Maine;* Rev. Barbara Starr, *Virginia;* Rev. Patricia Stranahan, *Virginia.*

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS DEGREES: 4 - Rev. Catherine Stewart, *Nevada;* Rev. Nancy Marshall Parry, *Maine;* Rev. Patricia Stranahan, *Virginia;* Rev. Barbara Starr, *Virginia.*

LICENTIATE CERTIFICATE: 9 - Clinton Cady, *Connecticut;* John Meerschaert, *Washington, D.C.;* Ludwig Zernecik, *New Jersey;* Delaney Lauderback, *California;* John Young, *Minnesota;* Kenneth Wingood, *Massachusetts;* Joyce Young, *Minnesota;* Diane Von Wormer, *New York;* Janet Tisdale, *Arizona.*

CERTIFIED MEDIUM: 8 - Joyce Young, *Minnesota;* Toni Ferdelman, *Minnesota;* Sandra List, *California;* Beverly Burdick-Carey, *Michigan;* John Young, *Minnesota;* John Meerschaert, *Washington, D.C.;* Sandra Cook, *Arizona;* Harvey Horstman, *Iowa.*

COMMISSIONED HEALER: 5 - John Young, *Minnesota;* Fredrick Steinberg, *Texas;* Beverly Burdick-Carey, *Michigan;* Joyce Young, *Minnesota;* Pamela Gaskill, *California.*

Seven Examinations will be given at the Convention by the NSAC Board. Four for Ordination, and three for National Spiritualist Teachers Degree.

On the positive side, it has been a very busy and productive year for many of our churches. It is with great pleasure that I announce that three new Direct Charter Churches have formed this year:

Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, *Medford, Massachusetts;* **Church of The Living Spirit,** *Glendale, Arizona;* and **Winds of Change Spiritualist Church,** *Laurel, Montana.*

Our congratulations go out to the new churches and our gratitude for all the hard work that went into their formation. It is truly a pleasure to welcome them into membership with the NSAC.

It is a sad time for any organization to have to announce the closing or loss of any auxiliary, and this year I must inform you that we have lost three churches and a Spiritualist Camp.

In Indiana, the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science in Fort Wayne, as well as the First Church of Spiritual Science in Muncie, have decided to leave the NSAC due to differences in belief. We wish them well in their choice and respect their decision. In Wisconsin, the Spiritual Science Church of West Allis has closed due to a lack of attendance and inability to continue. The NSAC Board is currently working to see to the reopening of this church.

The Central New York Spiritualist Association, camp at Freeville, New York has returned their Charter. The Board of this Camp is not National and in their communication to us they stated that as they are incorporated with the State of New York, they see no need to be affiliated with any parent organization. The NSAC Board is currently trying to make contact with this Camp Board to seek a return.

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes also, to the On-I-Set Wigwam, Spiritualist Camp in Onset, Massachusetts, which has celebrated it's 100th Anniversary this year.

We have a few of our NSAC Camps that are on very solid and stable ground financially as well as in areas of programming, restoration of current buildings, and in some cases, the erection of new facilities. Many more though are facing financial problems and are struggling for existence. As many individuals first learn of the Spiritualist Churches through these Camp programs, it would do us well to review the needs for upgrading of our Camps and to do whatever is possible to aid in this time of need. People visit our Camps from throughout the country and return home looking for a Spiritualist Church near them. The upgrading of our Spiritualist Camps can only produce a greater influx to the NSAC Churches throughout the National.

Another area for serious consideration is that of our Archives. A very positive step has been taken in that direction throughout the previous year in that Mrs. Sylvia Kincaid had been employed to place the archival records and manuscripts of the NSAC into order. This included setting up files and records in our Archives from 1892 forward, as well as books and manuscripts from 1848. At present, this work is approximately 60% completed.

We had tried to accomplish this work through volunteer service. However, each volunteer had their own system of records, and there existed no line of continuity. It is my hope that this work will proceed until completion under the direction of Mrs. Kincaid. When completed, it is hoped that a more permanent system of archival protection can be established. For this reason, I have been investigating various methods of archival preservation, and the Board has approved a system from Bell and Howell which will place all archival records on microfilm with a reader printer for daily use and a duplicate copy of the microfilm to be held in a safety deposit box for preservation purposes. Many of these documents are very old and fragile and in need of this type of preservation effort in order to be usable. The initial cost of this preservation for all equipment will be $10,000.00.

We had also employed Mr. James Hamm, conservator from the University of Buffalo, to appraise the artwork at the NSAC office and to give a detailed report concerning a conservation/preservation analysis with prioritization of the spirit paintings and artwork held by the NSAC. This report has proven to be invaluable in many ways as it gives an outline for preservation efforts as well as identifying three more paintings which can safely be assumed to be the work of the Bang Sisters.

The NSAC office once again has been richly blessed through the efforts of volunteer service and it is with deepest gratitude that I thank Rev. Colleen Gagliardi; Rev. Larry Clark; Juanita Wagoner, and Ruth Calmes for the days they had volunteered in service to the NSAC.

In closing, I am sure that we all would like to gratefully acknowledge the work of the California State Spiritualist Association and it's member Churches for the tremendous work they have completed and are still preforming to assure us a beautiful Convention. Simply saying Thank You sometimes does not convey all that is in our hearts, but I believe I can speak for all assembled here as I say Thank You for all that you have done to make this Convention memorable.

Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, Secretary

1994 DEPARTMENT HEADS



Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUREAU OF LYCEUMS:
REV. MARIE SMITH, NST

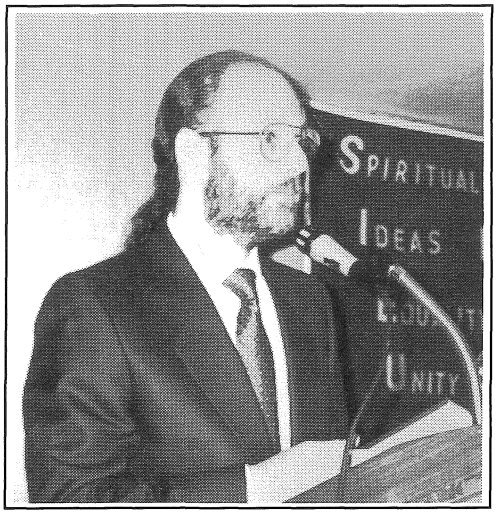
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REV. BRYAN MCCOTTER

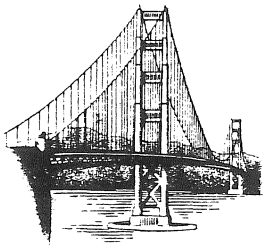
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REV. BRENDA J. WITTICH

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUREAU OF EDUCATION:
REV. MICHAEL MARTINO, JR., NST

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REV. E. ANN OTZELBERGER, NST, PRESIDENT



Rev. Michael Martino, Jr., NST.





Rev. Brenda Wittich.



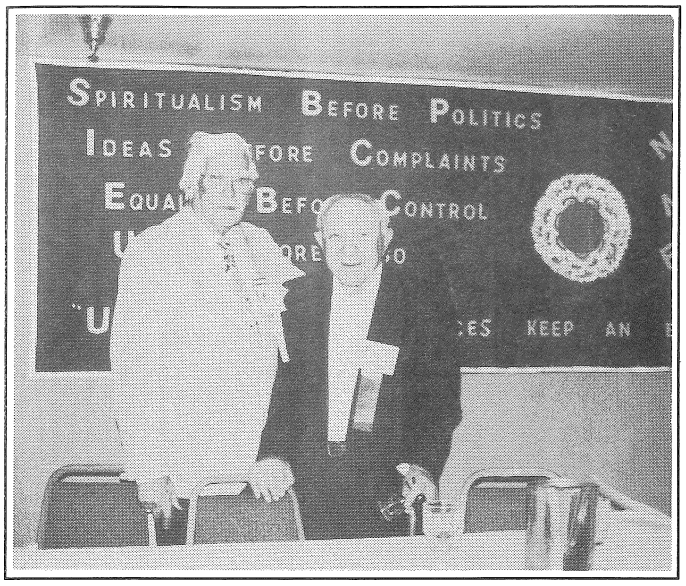
Rev. Bryan McCotter.



Rev. Marie Smith.



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Sonny Gee, Jesse Haddick, and Ruth Mitchell.



Evie Sordelet and Patricia Peck.

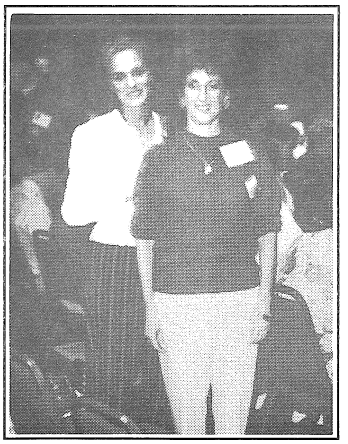




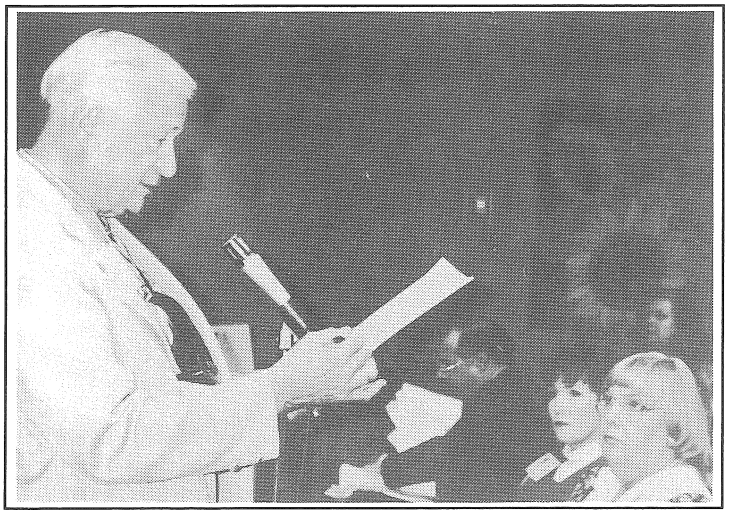
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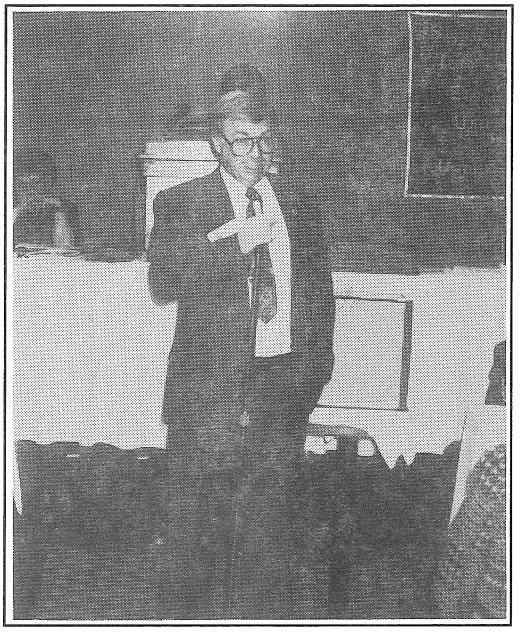
Rev. William Buchholz, Jr.



Nevada Girls.



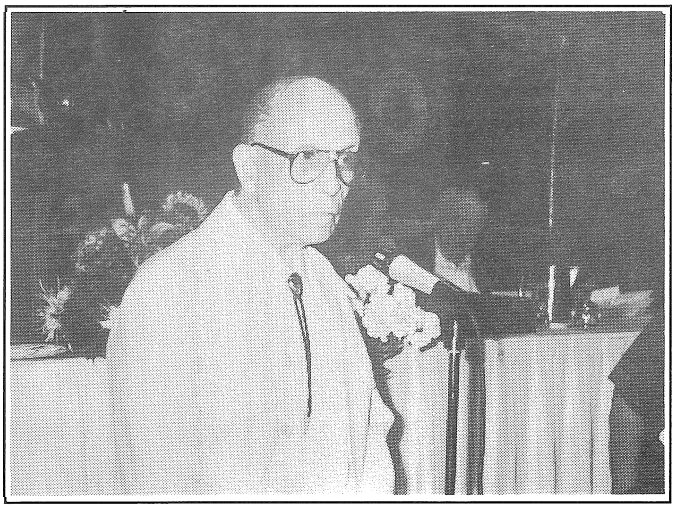
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Winston Lumley.



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Wayne Dubois.



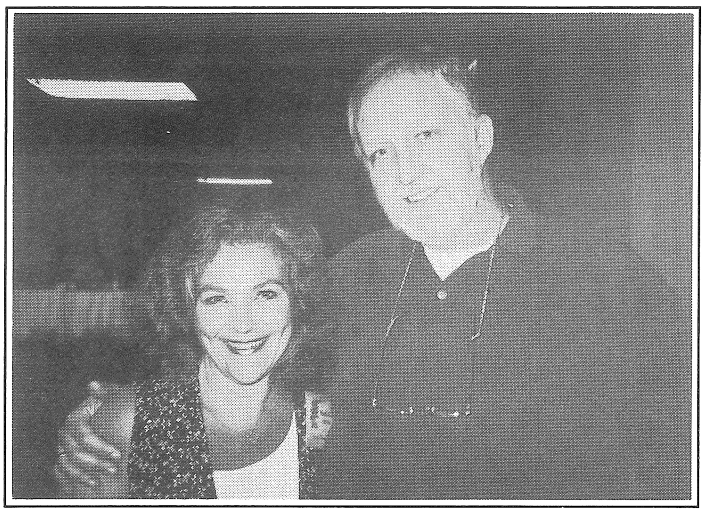
Pol DeLeon, Jaye Johnston, and Mrs. DeLeon.



Marrice Coverson and Jesse James.



Sandy Pfortmiller, Clarissa LeBaron, Michael Nagy, Joyce Freese, and Tina Oberts.



Martha and Darrell Ghan.



Cec and Gracanne.





Bonnie Winston . . .
Is that a Kiki Bird in the tree?



Gracanne Varda.



Bryan McCotter, Sandy Pfortmiller, and Fran Lafler.

CONVENTION REPORT

By The Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, Editor

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE to greet and meet so many Spiritualists each year at the National Spiritualist Conventions. By your attendance here, you have shown your sincere interest and loyalty to Spiritualism. That, of course, means that each and every one of you subscribe to the magazine which is the voice of our organization. YES?!?!

The message of Spiritualism is a way of life through love, Law and service; a common sense, positive religion that proves continuous life and growth. These are the type of articles we feature in the magazine, but *The National Spiritualist - Summit* is more, because it is a wonderful reference source. It lists the churches, ministers, certified workers, NSAC Officers, NSAC Service Clubs and their officers, and how to contact all of these Spiritualists. Also, there is a listing of available books to help us continue to learn and grow, schedules of events that come up each year, Lyceum information, education possibilities, current news from around the country, information from our NSAC Board that churches and Spiritualists need to know.

Many of you are wondering what you can do to strengthen and build up the religion of Spiritualism. One of the ways is to support *TNS*. Buy the magazine, sell it, give it away, read it, talk about it, and last, but very important, send in articles, and send in news from your churches. Speaking of Notes From the Field, SEND PICTURES. Recently I asked someone why they hadn't sent a photo of an important occasion and they said because no one had used black and white film. Black and white photographs reproduce sharper, but it is the exception that anyone takes non-colored pictures any more, so most of the pictures you see in the Notes section are reproduced from colored shots, and they turn out pretty clear. SEND PICTURES!

All Spiritualists should say a thank you to the National Organization and to its Public Relations Director, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, for the advertising of the NSAC and *TNS* in *Body, Mind and Spirit,* and *New Age Journal.* From these sample magazines that we send out, we get quite a few subscriptions, maybe not as many as we had hoped, but we get the name and concept of Spiritualism around to areas that may have never heard of us. I have received letters along with the subscriptions that they have found a religion they have been searching for all their lives, or that they are so excited with the truths that they have read in the magazine.

Each year we have tried to add to the magazine. We added colored covers, put color on the pages inside, put foil on the Centennial Special Edition, occasionally added extra pages, and have given you thirteen magazines for the cost of twelve, because we have sent out a convention issue at no cost to you and no extra cost to the National. The expenses of *TNS* have increased, but I feel with positive results. Since the magazine was moved to Phoenix in 1990, we have added an additional 600 magazines that are mailed out monthly and from 100 to 500 sample issues that are mailed around the country and the world each month. In June, we sent out almost a thousand sample magazines, mainly to the NSAC Camps around the country. All these are positive additions, but gradually necessitated an increase in the grant we receive each month from the Stow Memorial Foundation.

This year *TNS* got a new IBM Compatible Computer. My personal computer, an old Macintosh, kind of gave up. It seemed most everyone had IBM type of computers, so we felt if we needed to interface with the National Office, or Rev. Baker, or others, we now could. Last month, the gal that does the typesetting, Sharon Power, had her equipment fail and needed to get all new equipment. Guess what kind she got . . . Macintosh.

So many of you desire to fax information and/or articles to the magazine that this year we are hoping to add a Fax to our equipment. We are investigating using the Laser Printer in conjunction with the Fax. When we get it together, we will publish the fax information in the magazine.

The *TNS* Directory is being re-typed this month with all of the updates that we have received at this time of renewal. While we check for typo's, they often seem to hide, so please let us know if we have made any mistakes. I would like to make a suggestion to some of the workers that are listed in the Ministers Directory, if you are no longer active at this time, maybe a word retired or inactive could be added. My reason for this is that when someone calls *TNS* to request a medium or church in their area, I mail them a magazine. A few times they have called me back and been pretty upset because they have telephoned a few people on the list, usually long distance, only to find they no longer do readings. This doesn't give a very good first impression of our religion, or the magazine, if the right information is not listed. We want the directory to be as correct as possible to assist our workers, and our churches, and our readers. With this in mind, we have decided to no longer charge for changes in the **location** of the church or the **time of the services** during the year. Just let us know so that we may better serve you and the public.



Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST.

Are there any columns, authors or articles you would like to see in the magazine? I am always looking for ideas, so let me know. Since the magazine moved to Phoenix, we have made a lot of changes and additions and we are proud of the results. Our newest column that has just been added is called *"Personalities"*. Some of the old issues of *TNS* have wonderful articles about people. I have enjoyed reading about the pioneers of our movement, plus learning about Spiritualism and what was happening at earlier times, so I figured you might also enjoy this column. However, *"Personalities"* does not have to be about a pioneer, so if you have someone that you feel might be featured, write about them and submit it. Send a picture please.

On a different note, I would like to thank the regular contributors. The Buchholz Family, the Sigurdsson's, Elizabeth Harris, Merry Browne, Miriam Bostwich, Barbara Ferraro, and Bernard Baker. It is nice to have a selection from which to choose for the magazine, and these authors help to give me this choice. The more you write, the more control, clarity of thought and quality your writings reveal. I would also like to request and encourage each of you to share your stories, your views and your understanding. Some of you say, *"But I'm not a writer."* That's what Rupert Sigurdsson also says, but he keeps sending in articles. Try, and I am sure Spirit will work with you and you'll be pleased.

A big thank you also to those of you who have given several gift subscriptions and who work to place the magazines in our churches, book stores, libraries and use them to give to newcomers to the churches. Again, Rupert Sigurdsson heads the list, but also Lillian Johanson, Jesse James, and Helen Lopotowski should be mentioned for distributing the magazine. Blessings and gratitude to the Spiritualists that send in extra donations and tithings to help the *TNS*.

I love our religion and feel the magazine is a way to help Spiritualism to reach people that may have never heard of Spiritualism and its beautiful truths. It is also a way to keep us in touch with each other through the Notes From the Field. Arizona, Florida, New Hampshire, and Iowa couldn't be the only states that are doing things. How about letting us hear from you and sharing with everyone what your church is doing. I try to put **all** of the Notes From the Field in the magazine. It usually takes about three to four months to place them, so please be patient. On the other hand, if you don't see them, submit the note again, as sometimes I just haven't gotten them in the mail, or they have been mis-placed, as they go through the many hands that put a magazine together.

A final mention on the initials *TNS*, the first letters of *The National Spiritualist.* Years ago these were adopted, even before the magazine became the Summit of Spiritual Understanding. The U.S. Post Office required the magazine to return the name to The National Spiritualist because this was how it was registered in Washington. I get letters, and checks, NSS, TNSS, TNS Summit, Summit, NST, etc. The bank seems to deposit anything, but the Post Office does occasionally question the name, so I thought I'd mention it to you. They prefer the entire name, *The National Spiritualist* on the envelopes. Thanks.

I again would like to say that I really enjoy being your editor of *The National Spiritualist* and I thank each and every one of you for your subscriptions. Keep them coming, it's job security for me. Bless you all.

By Rev. Marie W. Smith, NST



Rev. Marie W. Smith, NST.

To the Officers and Delegates of the 102nd Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches:

Greetings:

It is with pleasure that I offer the Bureau of Lyceums report for the year beginning August 1, 1993, and ending July 31, 1994.

There has not been any change in the number of Lyceums this past year. We stand status quo.

The Lyceum Manual has been edited and is now being revised. It should be available shortly. The Rev. Snowman has more information and can tell you approximately when it will be available for purchasing.

It has been suggested that I contact each Lyceum, not in person, but via telephone or by mail. With the hours that I work, telephone is completely out, and the cost of calling is too expensive. Last year, along with several others, a "round robin communication" was attempted, but I fell down on the job. But, I am not the only one to fall down on the job, what about you? Did you attempt to make any contact? Remember, it is everyone's responsibility to reach out to others, not only other lyceum conductors, but to the children in your area. It is our responsibility to get to know the people in our states, our cities, and our organization – not just the responsibility of one person or the people on the Board.

The Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting in April stated, "A State Lyceum Superintendent" could be appointed to help the churches within their state. You are familiar with and know those most capable of becoming "State Lyceum Superintendent" and I don't know the people in your Churches, in your states, am in need of your recommendation. Someone who you think would make a good "State Lyceum Superintendent," please send their names in. By the end of this year of 1994, the plans are for someone to be appointed in every state as "State Lyceum Superintendent".

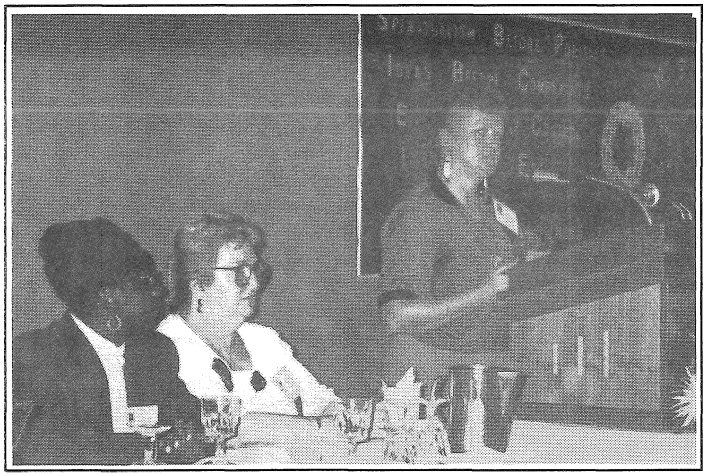
A State Lyceum Superintendent's responsibility would be to assist in organizing new Lyceums, helping train "new teachers", or just be there to answer questions and to report yearly, the number of lyceums in state whether active or inactive to the "National Superintendent". In any corporation, there is someone who holds a title and has the authority to assist others as is required and/or requested.

The states of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Texas, have State Superintendents that have been appointed or elected by State Organizations. Churches, not members of the State organization, will be requested to contact the State Superintendent in their state for help, whether it be organizing a new Lyceum or assistance, as well as sending their reports to them, and the State Superintendents will be requested to introduce themselves to those churches not in their organization.

Andrew Jackson Davis had a dream back in the 1800's and began to form and to build lyceums, a place of teaching. He welcomed all who came, he used methods that were not accepted by organized religions of yesterday, but he persevered, continually working, teaching, guiding, or helping. I wonder if he became discouraged when he ran up against those who were "closed minded", refusing to hear or accept the reality of that being taught (offered). I don't think so. I believe that his faith was strong and that he did not lose faith and falter. I believe that he prayed for strength to continue. I believe he held the "dream" close as he fought his battle for the children of all ages. I believe he lived what he thought was right. Don't you? It is for that reason that I say we should utilize (jump on the band wagon) material as it becomes available to us. There is so much today on the market that is bordering on or is saying the same things we are teaching regarding the reality of "Life after Death", that I hope we have the foresight to push with everything we have and be willing to reach out to touch others and be willing to use the terminology of today showing them that most of the words/terms means the same that we are teaching in our churches. Most of the children today are aware of "angels". Can we not teach them that the word "angel" is the same as "spirit" since they have been taught that "spirit" means "ghost" and it frightens them or they have been taught it is "evil" by Orthodox Christianity. It is only by being willing to change our rigid way of thinking and reacting, that we will be able to keep the "dream" alive. The dream of Andrew Jackson Davis who diligently walked that path he believed in against all odds, against all prejudices of yesterday.

Let us work together to continually keep the dream alive, for it is not just the State Lyceum Superintendent or the National Lyceum Superintendent's responsibility, it is yours.

May those who have been assigned to you by the one we call "Infinite Intelligence" continue to protect you, keep you safe from all harm, guide and teach you. Bless each and every one of you and those you love.



LYCEUM TEACHERS FORUM:
Marrice Coverson, Mary Lou Baumhoff, and Elsie Feathersong.

EVENING SERVICES

HEALING SERVICE . . .



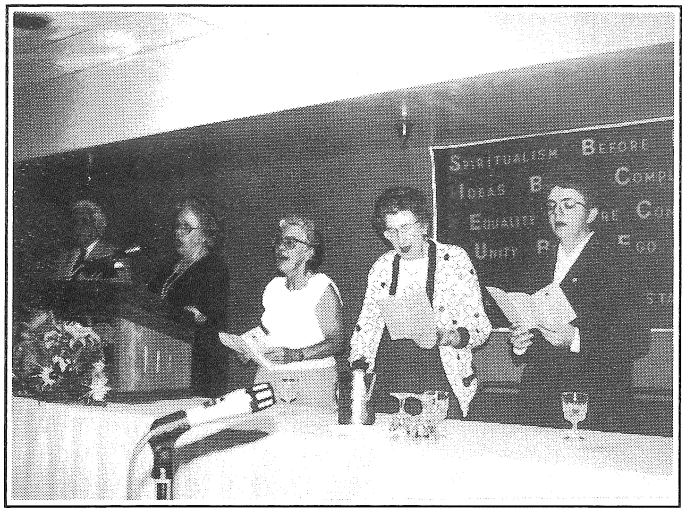
LOVE OFFERING . . .



TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE







TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

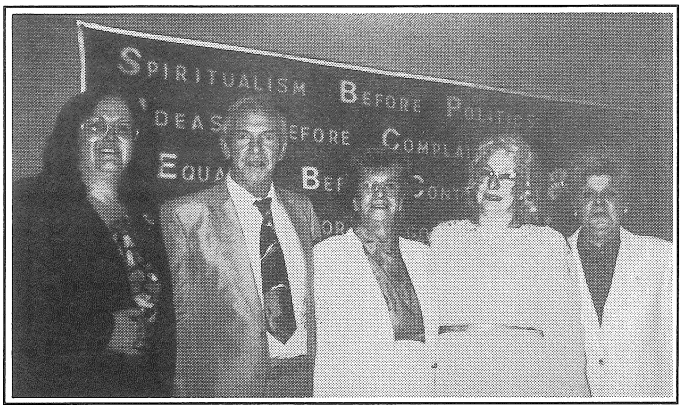
Healing: ..... Gene Pfortmiller
Devotional Serv.:..... Barbara Thurman, Chairperson
Music ..... Martha and Darrell Ghan
Invocation
Declaration of Principles
Hymn
Address ..... Joseph H. Merrill
Offering
Hymn
Clairvoyance ..... Nancy Lloyd, Dorothy Buss, and Cosie Allen

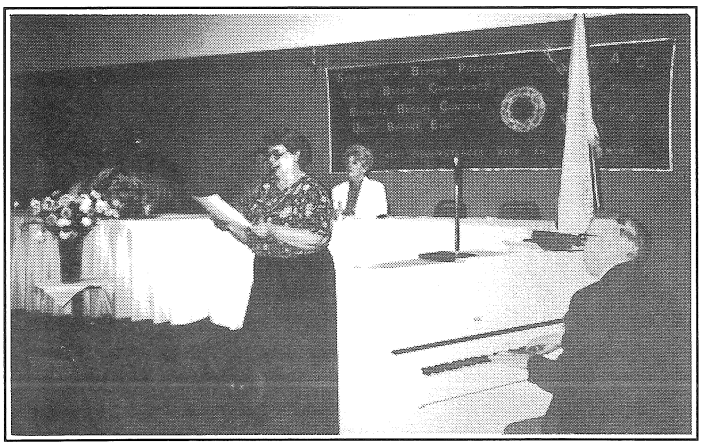
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Healing: ..... Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer
Devotional Service: ..... Joseph Sax, Chairperson
Music ..... Robert Wolverton
Invocation
Declaration of Principles
Hymn
Address ..... E. Ann Otzelberger
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Clairvoyance .....Catherine Snell, John Matrunick, and Toni Crowder











THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

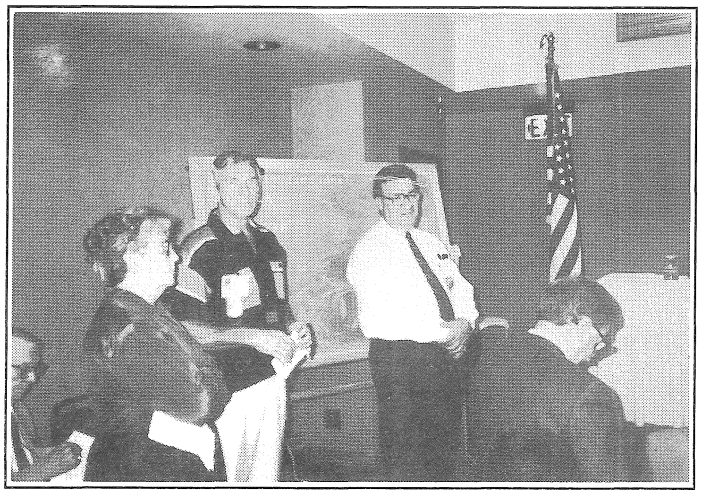
Healing: ..... Jean Kerr Lerch
Devotional Serv..... Sharon Snowman, Chairperson
Music ..... Brian Beshore – Solo: Lelia Cutler
Invocation
Declaration of Principles
Hymn
Address ..... Ida Donadio
Offering
Hymn
Clairvoyance .....Jeannie MacVilla, Gene Pfortmiller, and Bonnie Horstman

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Cancelled because of the length of the voting of officers. Workers scheduled were: Frances Lafler, Healing Minister; Lelia Cutler, Chairperson; Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, Address; and Clairvoyance by Mary Maquire, Colleen Gagliardi, and Bonnie Winston.

We were also sorry to have missed the harp music of Carla Gee. Maybe Sonny Gee will carry the harp to Phoenix next year so we can all enjoy the etheric harp sounds.

NOMINATING . . .



Dorothy Thurlow, Gene Pfortmiller, and Bernard Baker.



Dorothy Thurlow.

ACCEPTING . . .



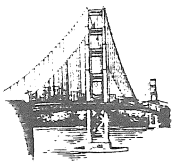
Mrs. President, Brenda Wittich.



Sharon Snowman, speaking.

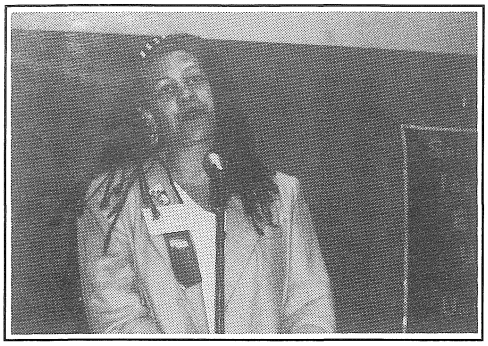


Toni Crowder, speaking.





Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer.



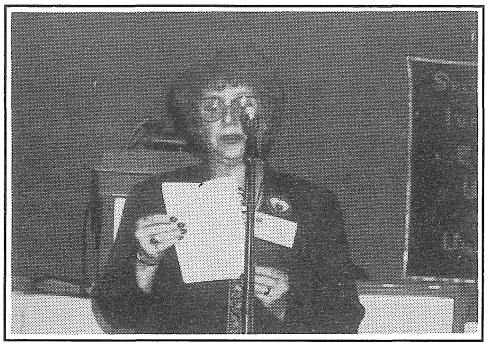
Sharon Vickers.



Marcia Hyatt.

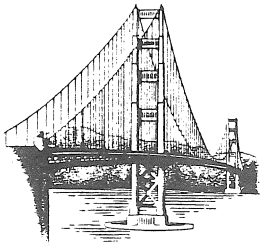


Marie Smith.



Priscilla Herrick.





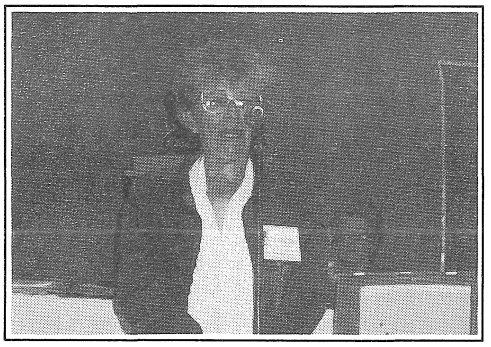
Georgia Reed.



Donald McFarland.



Joyce Orcutt.

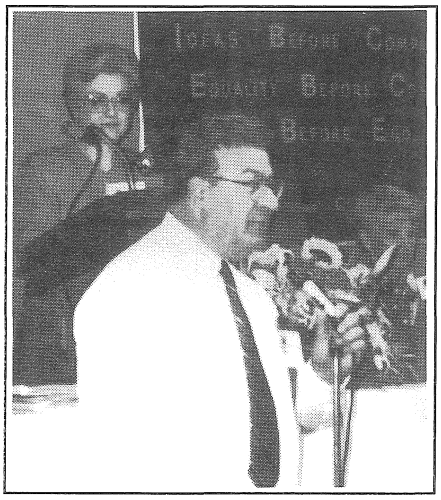


Frances Lafler.





Bonnie Horstman.



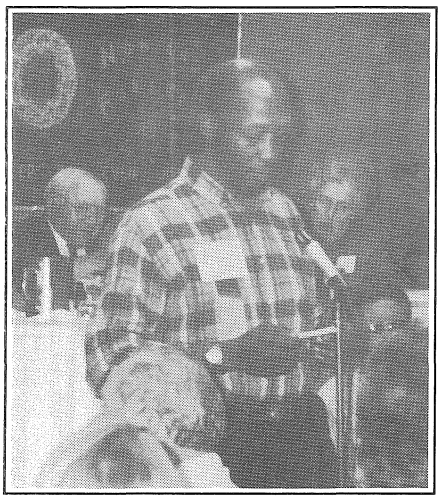
Bernard Baker.



Frances Richardson.

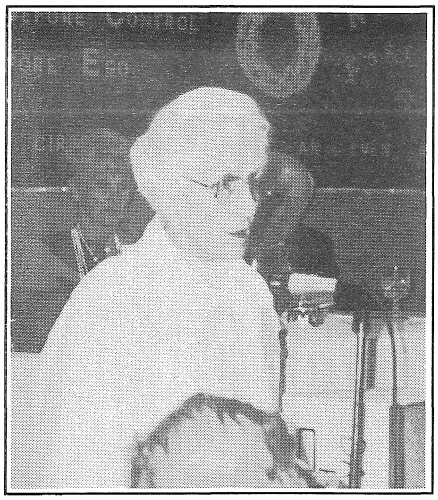


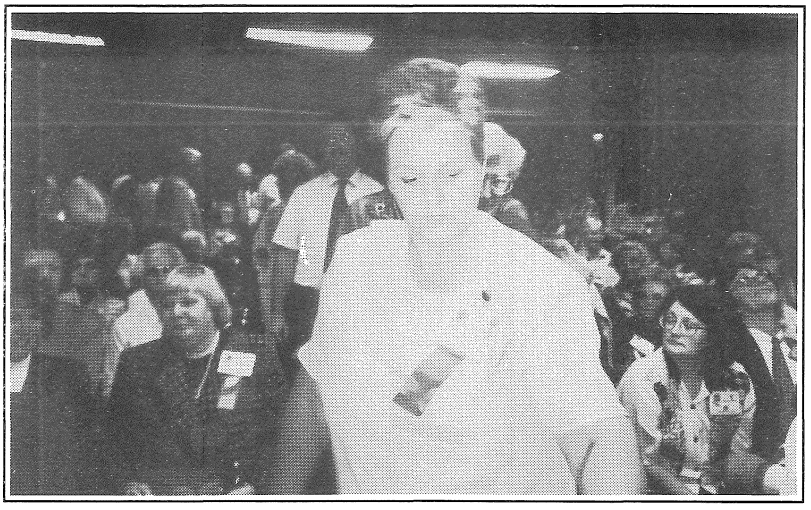
Lillian Johanson.



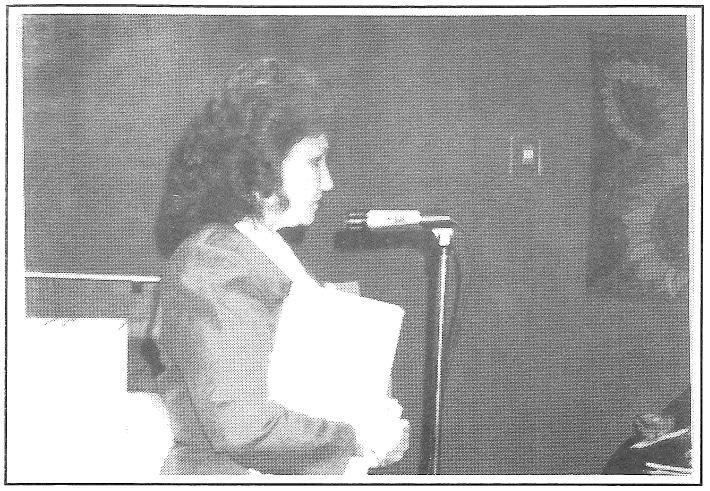
Tom Wilson.







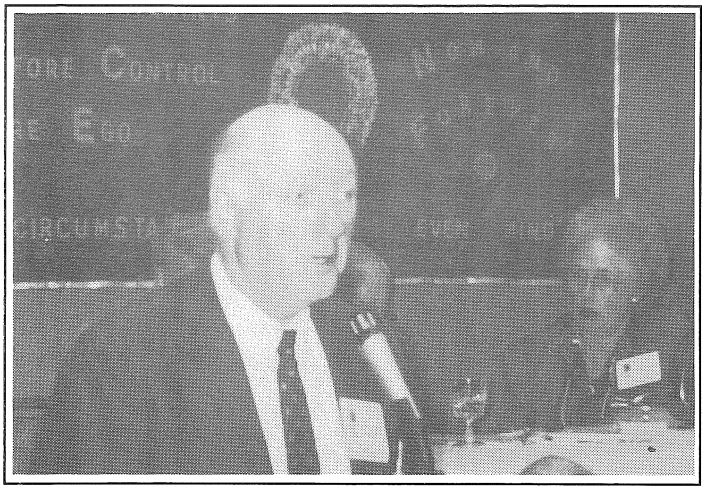
Bonnie Winston, voting.



Janet Tisdale.



Furthering and waiting to further.



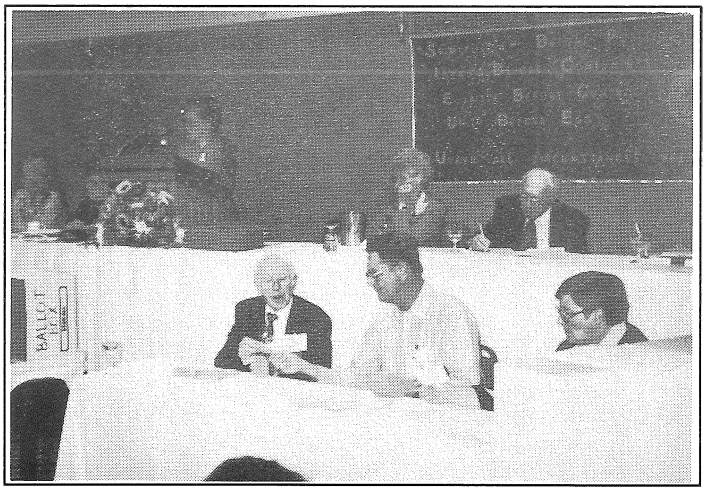
Alfred Conner.



Pat Smith.



Jeannie Lerch.



COUNTING THE VOTES:
Donald Haddick, Tommy Mayfield, and Peggy Lelonek.

The election of officers began with a roll call conducted by the Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST, Chairperson for the Credentials Committee. The total number of delegates was 165, including 5 Board members and the Rev. Joseph Merrill. As the afternoon progressed, several had to leave to catch planes, so the number decreased some. The Chairman of the elections, Harvey Horstman, explained the rules and that there would not be a roll call each time there was a ballot, so anyone leaving the hall was required to check out at the door. The election committee assistants were Tommy Mayfield, the Rev. Donald Haddick, NST, and Peggy Lelonek. They distributed the voting papers, assisted the voters, and tallied the ballots.



The Rev. Brenda Wittich

The Office of President was open because of the retirement of the Rev. Joseph H. Merrill. The Rev. Brenda Wittich and the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, were nominated, furthered and voted upon. The Rev. Brenda Wittich became the first woman President in the history of the NSAC Organization. The office of Vice-President was now open and nominations for the balance of the term placed the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, and the Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, in contention. The Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, was elected. There was only one nomination for office of NSAC Secretary, and the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, received a standing ovation as she again accepted the office as Secretary. Three trustee positions were open. The Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST, Dorothy Thurlow, and the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, were nominated. A second ballot was required between Mr. Conner and Mrs. Ashlay-Lehrer. The Rev. Alfred Conner, NST, was elected. The Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, Marrice Coverson, and the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, were nominated for the next trustee position. A second ballot was required between the Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST. The Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer was elected. The final trustee position found four qualified nominations, the Rev. Pat Smith, NST, the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, Dorothy Thurlow, and the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Thurlow withdrew their names. The Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch was elected.



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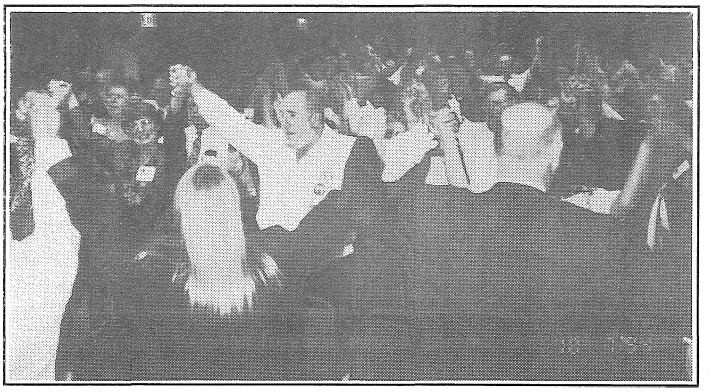
President: Rev. Brenda J. Wittich
Vice-President: Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST
Secretary: Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST
Treasurer: Rev. Lelia E. Cutler

• TRUSTEES •

Rev. Joseph Sax, NST
Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST
Rev. Alfred Conner, NST
Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST
Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST

Following the elections, the new President of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches requested that all delegates join hands and sing together, *Let There Be Peace On Earth And Let It Begin With Me.* A beautiful arrangement of long stemmed roses was presented to the new President by the Pfortmiller's and the Baumhoff's to wish her much success and inspiration in her new position. As the 102nd Annual Convention drew to a close, there were hugs, tears of happiness, sincere hope for growth, and the comments, *"See You Next Year in Phoenix!"*





A Wonderful Gift!



Rev. Florence Becker

The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, NSAC, gave a special gift to each NSAC Church which will actually benefit each Spiritualist for it is to be shared. The founder of this beautiful San Francisco Church was Rev. Florence Becker, medium to USA Presidents. This wonderful tape is of two of her trance, independent voice and trumpet seances where the Fox sisters and mother tell their story, Charles Rosna speaks, and other important people in the early Spiritualist movement touch in. This cassette audio tape was made at a sitting in 1948 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism.

Thank you all who made this memorial recording available. Extra tapes may be ordered for $7.00 each from the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, NSAC.

WAYS 'N MEANS



Rev. William Buchholz, Jr., Auctioneer.



Painting by Jessie Haddick.



Emma and Eunice.



Louise and Donald.

The Ways and Means and the Auction showed the hard work that California had put into gathering a variety of items to help finance the Convention. It seemed like everyone wanted the beautiful 30" x 36" Oil Painting of a field of California poppies, trees and mountains that was painted and donated by Jessie Haddick of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco. 505 tickets were sold throughout the convention. What a surprise, when the winning ticket was drawn, that the painting was won by Mr. Verle Speece of California, who attends the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church. Each year the Rev. William Buchholz, Jr., volunteers his auctioneer services to the Ways and Means, and the delegates have some lively fun as they support the National Organization.



Emma Gillium, Eunice Smith, and Louise Peruch.



Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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