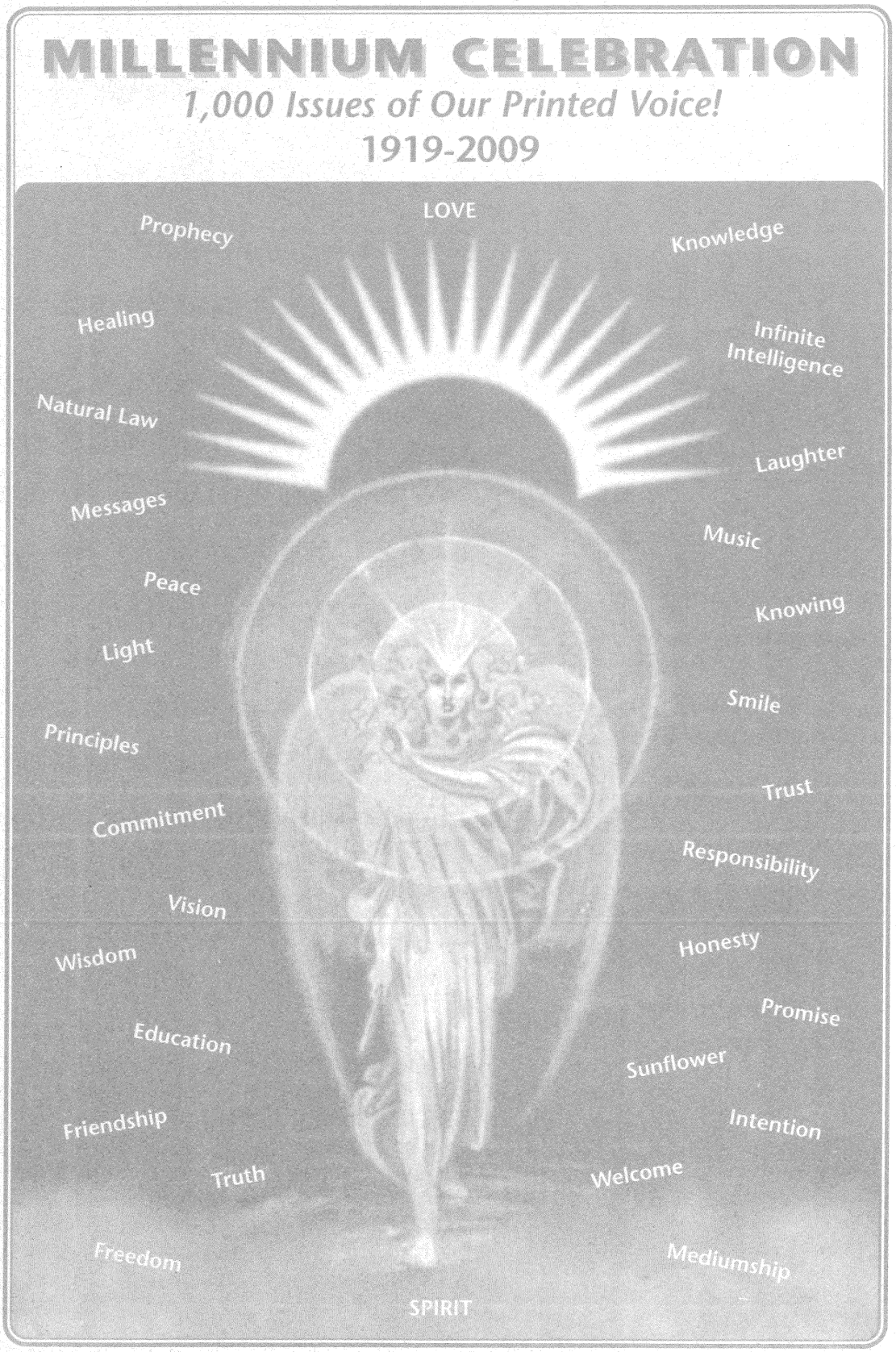
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The History of Our Printed Voice

LAURA LEE PERKINS – *TNS* Editor

1919-2009 = 90 years!

Under the astute leadership of Dr. George B. Warne, second president of the National Spiritualist Association (1907-1925), ***The National Spiritualist*** was launched in 1919. Dr. Warne served as the first editor, and the remaining NSA Board members were listed as associate editors. The business manager was Dr. Warne's wife, Minnie C. Warne. Originally it was an eight page paper, which then doubled in size to 16 pages by the sixth issue! Over the last 90 years, *The National Spiritualist* evolved into a magazine which is sent throughout the United States and to many other countries worldwide. Subscribers include individuals, churches, libraries, universities and theological institutions. Contributors often come from the subscriber list, and this 1,000th Issue includes an article from each member of our current NSAC Board!

The first issue was dated January 18, 1919 and annual subscriptions were available for one dollar. This publication became the printed voice for spreading accurate information about Spiritualism. The introductory issue proclaimed, "***The National Spiritualist*** is not the end but an aid for the propagation of the best there is in Spiritualism." Today, 90 years later, our mission remains the same. Our past has been aptly recorded in *TNS,* with articles of scientific facts, inspirational writings, uplifting philosophy, educational materials, department reports, service club activities, along with records and photographs of our conventions. As the official voice of Spiritualism, our history has been preserved for future generations and as a memorial to all who have worked so diligently to further our cause.

Founder Dr. Warne, known as "Nature's Nobleman," was described as a man who always stood up for what he felt was right with a fearless sense of duty. He was outspoken in his advocacy for Spiritualism. *The National Spiritualist,* with Dr. Warne at the helm, provided another platform for his public work.

Dr. George B. Warne was articulate and clear in his statement:



General Headquarters
National Spiritualist Association of Churches

"***The National Spiritualist*** is born as a protest against existing and humanly created conditions that have been and are now handicapping the strengthening and extension of the United States and of its affiliated local and state bodies. Mortal and Spirit intelligences have collaborated for its launching, and enrolled themselves to sail it onward into the years that are styled Futurity.

Similar entities will continue to direct the stoking of its engines, the handling of its rudder, the charting of its courses, the filling of its larder, the manning of its quarterdeck and the operation of its wireless sending and receiving station. Their labors will be for every one who sails as a regular passenger thereon, as well as for all others who watch for its arrival or receipt of its air flashed tidings.

Dependent heretofore largely upon a privately owned press for means through which to spread the propaganda of Spiritualism, the N.S.A. has sorely felt a need of its own printed mouthpiece...to promote the teachings of Spiritualism and strengthen the influence of the N.S.A....

The National Spiritualist will not hesitate to mention for the information of its readers the existence of other deserving publications working for the same truths, nor scruple to express appreciation of their endeavors. Fear of promoting their popularity or jealousy of their material success will not disturb

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our sanctum. Every such au one will only achieve that degree of prosperity of which its dominant spirit and ceaseless efforts shall make it worthy...An undertaking once started and impelled by favourable conditions leads on to surprising results. It was Frederich Schiller who wrote:

What you can, or dream you can, begin it!
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it;
Begin and then the mind grows heated;
Begin, and then the work will be completed."

The National Spiritualist has been, and continues to be, managed by our NSAC Board of Directors. While there have been some revisions in the title of our official publication, today it remains as it was when it was founded with the addition of *Summit* to honor the Stow sisters whose generosity has helped to fund the publication. The mission, policy and purpose of ***The National Spiritualist-Summit*** has always been to:

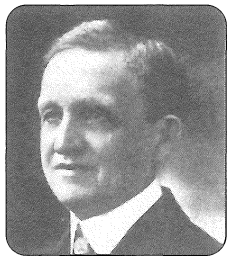
1. Promote the building and strengthening of our organization.
2. To keep our members informed about the activities of the National Spiritualist Association (NSAC), as represented by its auxiliary societies.
3. To present and promote all of the principles, philosophies and teachings of our religion, without favor or prejudice, insofar as they shall have been adopted by the membership of the entire Association as expressed by their delegates in annual convention.

"One of the most essential departments of any movement is publicity. Without some means of apprising the public of its standards and purpose, no movement, whether business or fraternal, can make much progress." (Ava Whiston, former *TNS* Business Manager, 1943)

Also in 1919, John L. Jackson's timely bequest of $500,000 to N.S.A. helped to underwrite ***The National Spiritualist*** during its inception and for years to come. The planning had started in 1917, "to carry the message of Spiritualism as accepted and promulgated by its own Organization into the homes of our own people (est. 75,000 Spiritualists) and to the world at large in a correct, clear and dignified manner."

On the 10th anniversary, under the third editor Mary Ridpath-Mann, ***TNS*** carried the following message:

"Its (*TNS*) value to the Cause of Spiritualism during ten years of existence cannot be estimated at this time for it has carried the Message of American Spiritualism to all parts of the world and has gained for the cause the esteem and respect of statesmen, philosophers and scientists everywhere. It has given an added interest to Spiritualist Literature and has increased the numbers of readers of Spiritualist papers and magazines by the interest created in the religion of Spiritualism, and as its official organ, it has added strength and dignity to the National Spiritualist Association."



Dr. George B. Warne, 1st *TNS* Editor



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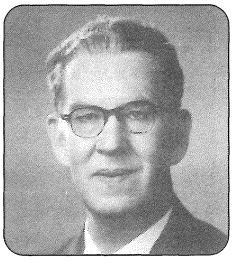


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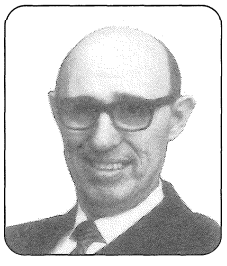
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The Rev. William F. Melick, 9th *TNS* Editor

Under Rev. Melick's guidance (1976-1983), the *TNS* publishing office was relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana. The Stow Foundation purchased a property along with presses and additional office equipment which were operated by Summit personnel. In this Publishing Center, all Spiritualist publications were printed, including *The Lyceum Spotlight,* camp programs and Morris Pratt Institute lessons. Color ink was now enhancing the *TNS* pages and the magazine was expanded to 36 pages.



Herbert Ray Worth, 10th *TNS* Editor

During 1983-1990 *TNS* continued to be published in the Indianapolis Publishing Center, which was then sold.



The Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller, 11th *TNS* Editor

Sandra Pfortmiller (later The Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller) came to *TNS* as the 11th Editor, with her first issue dated June, 1990. The magazine was expanded to 36 pages. New colored ink and covers, along with more graphics and a special convention pictorial issue were all part of Sandy's first year. The Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller's span of 17 years as *TNS* editor was the longest to date!



Laura Lee Perkins, 12th *TNS* Editor

In 2007, Sandy retired and Laura Lee Perkins, the 12th editor, moved the *TNS* office from the Pfortmiller's home in Glendale, Arizona to her home in Sun City West, Arizona. At the 2008 NSAC Convention, it was voted to expand the magazine to 48 pages, and to reduce the number of annual issues from twelve to six. This *TNS* magazine, Issue No. 1,000 and dated Jan/Feb, 2009, is the first of our new 48-page format.

The *TNS* legacy reflects a proud heritage. Now entering our tenth decade, *The National Spiritualist-Summit* displays the historical perspective of the movement of Spiritualism. The magazine has represented some of the very best Spiritualist writings, which embrace the ideas and the philosophies of our Spiritualist ancestors. *TNS* offers inspiration, education and explanations for all who choose to peruse the wisdom embraced between its covers. ✦



Forty Years and Still Growing...

THE REV. LELIA E. CUTLER, NST – NSAC President

I first attended a Spiritualist church in 1969. What an eye opener! When I read the Principles for the first time, I wondered if this was too good to be true. My friend, Fred Brown, had asked me if I wanted to attend a "real church." I eagerly accepted the invitation, and I have been there ever since.

Since I am a singer, usually everyone knows when I am in the building—did I mention I have a loud, resonant voice? In visiting this new church, I was soon asked if I would sing a special song for them. At that time, I had a dear friend who was blind and used a Braille book to read the words when singing. He was also a fantastic tenor. I asked him to sing a duet with me, and that kept the attention off me. They were so busy watching him read Braille that they only heard me.

I had to know more about this wonderful find. Classes were offered and visiting mediums came regularly—we called it the "Minister of the month" club, but just in jest. They were people using their special talents to connect to spirit, and I received messages from my father and brother by names only I knew. When you have nicknames in the family, it is easy to determine if the message is really for you.

I found that the Tidewater area of Virginia was home to several churches that used the Spiritualist Principles, even though they might not be chartered by NSAC. The church I had come to think of as "my church" was National, but we also had a church chartered by the International General Assembly of Churches. The pastor, Rev. Jordan, once poked me in the middle and said, "You've got what it takes girl..." I was in awe. I then realized that images I had experienced as a child were spirit instead of imagination. What a relief! The comfort of that realization has been with me ever since. I sang for the funerals of both The Rev. Jordan and his wife, and am still friends with their son, The Rev. Fred Jordan, Jr., who is now the leader of the IGAS.

Other area churches included the Fellowship of the Inner Light at Virginia Beach, the Chapel of Life in Newport News, Virginia, and various churches held at the Heritage Book Store in Virginia Beach. I visited them all—sometimes going to a service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, racing across the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel to another at 2:30 p.m, and then returning to Norfolk for the evening services at 7:30 p.m.

I value my friendships with the leaders and members of all the churches, and retain those close ties to many of the people I have had the opportunity to sit with and learn from. Those of us who love to teach also love to learn.

Then I started visiting Spiritualist Camps. My first trip to Lily Dale, New York in 1974 started an annual trek for many years. I went from being the guest singer to being the guest medium and lecturer. My trips to these wonderful camps have spread across our nation—from New York to Washington State, and I have enjoyed visiting churches from Maine to Florida, Texas and California. I so look forward to visiting Texas again in 2009—I have not been to Houston yet. My friends in Texas were partially responsible for my decision to enter the ministry, and it will be good to see them again.

My career in banking gave me opportunities to use my mediumship (they did not know..), but I have been a teacher most of my life—teaching at night, on weekends, and during vacations. Getting my NST was a highlight of my Spiritualist ministry. The banking background supported my election as Treasurer of the NSAC in 1993, and the teaching background has served me well with my membership in the Morris Pratt Institute. The combination helps me with being Treasurer of the MPI and Treasurer of the Center of Spiritualist Studies. One of my greatest honors was being elected President of the NSAC in 2003.

From my 40 years in Spiritualism, I truly believe that our future lies in teaching, training, and encouraging all those interested in the wonderful philosophy of life and religion of Spiritualism. ✦

When we believe our thoughts instead of what is really true for us,
we experience the kinds of emotional distress that we call suffering.
– Byron Katie



A Way of Life

THE REV. CATHERINE SNELL, NST – NSAC Vice President

A philosopher once said, "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. But teach him how to fish and he'll be able to eat forever." The Philosophy of Spiritualism is very much like that analogy, because when we study it and apply it in our daily lives, we give ourselves the tools to feed our spirit forever.

We talk so much today about the need for real change in our lives and in the life of this country. We say this like change is something that can happen to us outside of ourselves - or be given to us from an outside source. Well, I'm sorry to say that I don't think that's possible. Or, to quote another sage, "The only thing we can really change is ourselves." There is no magic bullet... there is no miracle that suddenly makes change happen. There is only hard work and personal responsibility.

We all came to Spiritualism for personal reasons, but once the messages "hooked" us, we stayed because the Philosophy resonated deep within us and called us to be more than we thought we could ever be. We stayed because the Philosophy taught us about the innate beauty and worth of each of us as individuals, and that we made our own happiness or unhappiness as we obeyed or disobeyed Nature's physical and spiritual laws. We stayed because the Philosophy offered us comfort when a loved one passed over and when we discovered the knowledge that we were eternal Beings of light endowed by Infinite Intelligence with an existence and personal identity that continued after the change called death. We stayed because we were offered the knowledge that the doorway to reformation was never closed – here or hereafter. We stayed because the Philosophy gave us the tools to carve out an earthly existence that was – both physically and spiritually – an expression of Infinite Intelligence. And we stayed because we understood that living our lives in accordance with our correct understanding of that expression constituted true religion.

When we stayed in Spiritualism we wanted to dig more deeply into its philosophy. We wanted to learn all we could about Natural Law, and Mediumship, and Spiritual Healing and the Nine Principles. So we began to attend church services, classes and workshops. And perhaps we even began studying through the Morris Pratt Institute (MPI), or the Center for Spiritualist Studies (CSS), so that we could become better representatives of the religion we'd come to love so completely...without reservation.

And we began to experience small coincidences that we couldn't explain with our right-brain rational self...small coincidences that we knew were not coincidences at all, but rather the influence of Spirit manifesting in our life. We became more sensitive to the little things. We stopped to smell the roses. We started seeing things, and feeling things and hearing things we knew didn't originate in the physical realm. We began to trust our instinct and to rely on the guidance we received from our heightened senses and our spirit loved ones and teachers. How exciting that time was for each of us!

So, then, I urge each of us to remember that feeling of awe and excitement we felt when we first absorbed the wonderful teachings of Spiritualism. I urge each of us to remember the passion we felt and the desire to tell everyone about our wonderful religion.

Can we rekindle our enthusiasm...our passion? Can we share our light in a world searching so desperately for truth? Can we live so that others want what we were so blessed to find?

Finally, I think if we want real change in our lives – as well as real change in the world around us - that we might need to go back to the beginning, so to speak. We might all need to refocus on what we've already learned in our churches and camps and our educational systems. We might all need to go back and reread our Nine Principles like we were reading them for the first time. We might all need a refresher course on the Golden Rule, and Natural Law and personal responsibility. We might all need to trust our spirit guides, and our dreams, and our personal communications just a little bit more than usual.

The world today is ready for Spiritualism just as we were ready for Spiritualism when we entered a Spiritualist church for the first time and knew we had come home. Can we all be the change we want to see in the world? Are we up to the challenge?

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Do I Want to Be a Member?

THE REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN, NST – NSAC Secretary

Every Spiritualist Church has or should have a Membership Course in which individuals' questions might be addressed. Informative classes of this nature, with a give and take atmosphere, can prevent a myriad of misunderstandings and misinterpretation later on. Such a class could provide information on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism as well as open doors to discussion and building of lasting friendships. Membership Classes are one of the formative building blocks on which new members obtain a sense of belonging.

Once a membership class has been completed, the individual will still be asking many questions as you can not provide all there is to know within a few short weeks about any religion. A few re-occurring questions are:

Does every Spiritualist have to be a Medium or a Healer?

What benefits can the church offer to me?

What do I do if I want to learn more about the religion?

If I decide to join in membership with a Spiritualist Church, what can I do to help?

Do I want to join a Spiritualist Church?

These are all questions that everyone considering membership in a Spiritualist Church has at one time or another asked themselves, and there is nothing unusual about any of them.

To begin with, somehow the misconception has occurred in which many people think that everyone who is a member of a Spiritualist Church or professes to be a Spiritualist just has to be a Medium or a Healer. This is not true. There are a good many people in our Spiritualist Churches who never have and never may aspire to be Mediums or Healers. This fact does not make them any less a Spiritualist than anyone else in the church. A Medium is, simply stated, a go-between for communication between this world and the next. A Spiritualist Healer is simply someone who is capable of transferring spiritual healing energy to a recipient in an attempt to alleviate distress or, if possible, to effect a cure. Many people who belong to a Spiritualist church, do not, for their own reasons, wish to function in either of these capacities. However, they will many times join in an Unfoldment Class or a Healing Class in order to more fully understand what is occurring in these phases of Mediumship. Their experience in these classes can also awaken their natural latent abilities. The individual themselves, however, is the deciding factor as to whether or not they would wish to bring these phases of phenomena to a point of use in either capacity. Many times just the knowledge of what occurs is enough for now, or perhaps they only desire to allow this information to help them with their own lives at this time. No matter what their choice, it is a wise one as it is the best choice for them personally at the time.

Naturally in making a decision to join a church or not, we face the question of what benefit can the church offer to my spiritual growth or understanding? Many times this is an unspoken question as people seem to think they are doing something wrong if it is asked. It is however a point that must be examined. The church can offer, as can any other, comfort, stability, guidance, direction, peace of mind, a Pastor to confer with in confidence and in general, all the things that any church of any denomination could offer.

The question then becomes why a Spiritualist Church? The answer has to come that a Spiritualist Church offers demonstrative proof of the continuity of life as the foundation of its religion. It strips away all creeds and dogma of the past and bases its philosophy on established fact. It is this basis in fact that offers to a Spiritualist a sense of security that can be found no where else. Spiritualism is so secure in its foundation that we ask people not to believe anything we say because we have said it, but to test the facts for themselves and prove to themselves that what is occurring is true. Spiritualism is the modern day practice of all of the phenomena recorded in the Christian Bible and in many other religious texts. The Spiritualist Church does not teach religion, it teaches a "Way of Life." It teaches us to actually live what we are taught, not just to learn it.

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Do I Want To Be a Member? *Continued...*

Any membership course only provides a very basic insight into what Spiritualism is about. It is a starting point. It is not meant to be a comprehensive study into the religion. If you wish to know more about the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism, there are many avenues open to you as a Spiritualist. To name just a few, you can borrow books from your Church Library, purchase your own for further study, join in a church Philosophy, Mediumship or Healing Class. Churches have Lyceums for Adults as well as Children. They provide Informational Literature, classes, seminars and workshops. Speak with the Pastor of your church, they will be able to provide direction and guidance as to what you could do next. Learn to walk before you run. Get the facts about your religion, but get them in a structured setting so you will know what you are doing and what your religion is about. Gain solid groundwork of your own religion, what is a part of it and what is not before you start to investigate other forms of phenomena.

After evaluating these things yourself, then you need to look at what can you do for the church? If you are not a Medium, or a Healer, if you are not a speaker capable of delivering a sermon, what is then available to you? As an individual, you can best serve your church with your support of it and the programs it sponsors. It takes many hands to put on any program within the church and many of them are not possible without the help of those who work behind the scenes.

Church organizations which help to raise money for the churches' on-going programs may be varied but any one of them would be more than elated to receive an offer of help.

If a church has a library or a book table, these also could use some assistance. Preparing for church dinners, fellowship hour, Ways and Means Committees are jobs all their own, and again volunteer help is always welcome. Ushers are always needed, people to help with the cleaning of the church, to help with bazaars or special activities, to serve on special committees, to work with the children—these are all places where your talents and abilities can be put to good use. Volunteer your services to any church board member, they will introduce you to many new people and show you how to actively participate in the church. Your financial support is expected, when possible, but if you are unable to do so, do not let that deter you from participation. There are many other ways in which you can actively participate in your church and your helping hands and talents are always more than welcome.

This brings us to the final and most inevitable question: Do I want to join a Spiritualist Church? This is a question that only you can answer.

If you feel comfortable with the church, if it supplies your needs, and if you can agree with its philosophies and benefit from them, are willing to take an active part in the church, then the answer will more than likely be yes. However, if you feel that the church cannot meet your needs or that you can not live up to your end of things as a member, then I would advise you to look a little deeper before making that decision.

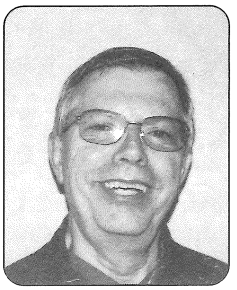
Remember that a church builds around the church and its philosophies, not around a person or a group of people. This mistake has been the downfall of many a church and religion. If you decide to join a church, it has to be because you believe in the church, its religious philosophy and not for any other reason. The church is not a building, not the Pastor, nor its governing board, it is the harmonious attunement of everyone who enters its doors whether they are a member or not. The church is its people, those who believe in and gather to practice its philosophy and religion. ✦

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The National Spiritualist in its initial issue is but a dim ideal of what it is to become. Organization of its several departments has not been perfected. Complete and harmonious adjustment of all of its workings will soon follow. Frequency of issue and increase in number of its pages will come as warranted by the appreciation bestowed upon it.



Can We Live Without It?

PETER BERG – NSAC Treasurer

First, I want to congratulate *The National Spiritualist-Summit* for surviving 80 years. As Treasurer I know that has been a challenge. I did not know many of the past editors personally, except Sandy Pfortmiller whom I highly respect. She kept the expenses down low and had some nice quality articles in *The National Spiritualist-Summit*.

Yes, it is important to have articles written by many writers, so that we, as Spiritualists, can learn and grow from one another. I would not have become a Spiritualist if it wasn't for this magazine. Well, I guess I owe that to my wife, The Rev. Virginia Berg, who found the Spiritualist church when she visited Lily Dale many years ago. Using the Directory in *The National Spiritualist-Summit*, she found the church in Babylon, New York. There is where she received her training under the guidance of The Rev. Edna Clausen. If it wasn't for the *TNS* she would never have found it, as there were no computers back in the dark ages. Well, there were, but we couldn't afford one and we didn't have a room large enough to put it in, plus you had to have air conditioning. I don't think NSAC even had a web page then.

Getting back to "Can We Live Without It?" I think we can, but can others? You see, this magazine not only helps us grow spiritually, but it helps others find our wonderful religion. And it is important to share these good things. Financially, I would say let us give up *The National Spiritualist-Summit* because of the current financial status. A few years ago the *TNS* was supported mostly by the Stow Foundation. The Stow family, who lived in Summit, New Jersey (if you make a wrong turn out of Newark Airport you will find that town) willed us the funds for educational purposes. We use this fund to award a four-year scholarship of $1,500 a year, to a Summit High School Graduate. In the past, we also took the cost of free literature that we distributed out of this fund. This fund can no longer, at this time, provide us with supplemental costs for the *TNS* or the free literature. This cost is now taken out of our general funds.

What I'm driving at is that our new editor, Laura Lee Perkins, has her hands full. I guess I have to get rid of the term "new" because Laura has been with us for well over a year now. She still faces a lot of challenges. She needs readers to send in articles that can be printed and shared. She is also looking to cut the costs of the magazine, while keeping subscription costs reasonable, so that *TNS* will be affordable to all. One way she can do that is to raise the amount of subscriptions; during her first year 70 new subscriptions were added. You can help by telling your friends about the *TNS*, the magazine that is written with love and inspiration, and by buying gift subscriptions for others. Thank you Laura, for doing a fine job!

I'm going to let the readers answer the question, can we live without it? But whoever reads this article, please be fair and tell others about it, so that we do not have to find out the hard way that we cannot live without *The National Spiritualist-Summit*.

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Helen Keller, who was born both deaf and blind, relayed this message to a friend whose wife had "gone home." *Try to reach through grief and feel the pressure of her hand as I reached through darkness and felt the smiles on my friends lips, and the light in their eyes, though mine are closed.*



Natural Law – Past, Present and Future

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In the religion of Spiritualism, we have studied and taught Natural Laws for the last 150 years. In this day, however, it seems that there are those who have just "discovered" Natural Laws and are now learning how these laws affect their lives. This is knowledge and discussion that has been held for many years. Now, the Law has even been presented on the Oprah show.

In Robert Dale Owen's book *The Debatable Land Between This World and the Next*, published in 1871, we see that Natural Laws were current topics of the day. Owen tells us, "The idea of Natural Law, the universal reign of a fixed order of things, has been casting out the supernatural. The idea is a product of that immense development of physical sciences which is characteristic of our times. We cannot read a periodical or go to a lecture room without hearing it expressed."

Science and the Unseen World by Arthur Stanley Eddington, explicitly states, "The tendency today is not to reduce all to matter, but reducing it to the manifestations of the operation of Natural Law. Eddington states, "By Natural Law we mean laws of the type prevailing in geometry, and mechanics. They are found to have this common characteristic, that they are ultimately reduced to mathematical equations."

We find these words written by Andrew Jackson Davis, in *From Fire-Mist to Man*, "...the laws that govern nature go on with a steady and unchangeable progression. They are not at anytime retarded or accelerated and nothing can prevent the natural results of their operation. They are established by one great positive power and mind – and equally by a negative or ultimate equilibrium. Hence their continued and united forces by the influence which all things are actuated, governed, and developed, pass on in a steady process of progression."

Henry Drummond began his *Natural Law in the Spirit World*, first printed in 1883, with the statement, "Natural Law is a new word..." Interesting, isn't it? As time changes, our vocabulary changes, and often it is semantics which cause confusion.

To quote Drummond, "The fundamental conception of the law is an ascertained working sequence or constant order among the phenomena of nature. Given this impression of law as order, it is important to receive in its simplicity, for the idea is often corrupted by having attached to it erroneous views of cause and effect. In its true sense, Natural Law predicates nothing of causes. They are relative to man in his limitations and represent to him the constant expression of what he may always expect to find in the world around him. But that they have any casual connection with the things around them is not to be conceived. The Natural Law originates nothing, the laws sustain nothing; the laws are merely responsible for the uniformity in sustaining what has been originated and what is being sustained. They are modes of operations, therefore not operators; (they are) processes, not power."

Natural Law was discussed in *Ancient Mystery* and *Modern Revelation* by Wilberforce J. Colville in 1889. Colville builds all of his philosophy around the Law of Orderly Trend. This law states, "...law is under the operation of which order is universally made manifest from the grouping of atoms in formation of the minutest organism to the arrangement of the planetary bodies in the constitution of the gigantic solar system." In other words, the universe, from the least to the greatest, is governed in an orderly fashion. He further states that the Law of Analogy is the operation through which we can trace a perfect agreement or exact correspondence between all forms of manifestation, regardless of what kinds we investigate.

F. W. H. Myers presents that which he calls the Cosmic Law, in *Science and a Future Life*, published in 1893. Not only does he discuss rules which concern matter, motion, or abstract qualities, but also principles which may conceivably be valid for the whole universe on all possible planes of being. Myers states that the law is applicable to three principles: uniformity, conservation, and evolution. Uniformity lies at the root of all science, conservation lies at the root of physics, and evolution lies at the root of biology.

In *The Unobstructed Universe*, published in 1940, Steward Edward White presented his Parallelism of Law. He states that there is only one set of laws, but they are conditioned in two ways - by the material they work on and by the intention. Or, it can be stated that the material is the "obstructed", while the intention is the "unobstructed."

Bruce McArthur, in his 1993 book *Your Life, Why It IS*

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the Way It Is and What You Can Do About It, talks about Universal Laws, which is another phrase for Natural Laws. His explanation of these laws has not changed since Robert Dale Owen in 1871, or Henry Drummond in 1898, or Stewart Edward White in 1940. McArthur writes, "Imagine with me for a moment that every aspect of this world is operated by laws - laws that are created out of kindness and love; laws that result in your having exactly what you need when you need it, that always work for the highest good of all; laws that are completely impartial, that apply to everyone equally everywhere throughout our world; laws that work without prejudice, without bias, without judges and courts and trials and lawyers, without bribery; laws that are just and beneficial for everyone at all times and in all places.

The great and exciting news is that this vision is a true vision. This is the way our world is right now. There are such laws in operation in our lives – each day, each hour, and each minute. They are the Universal Laws, the vital laws of life !

The great joy, the great hope, the answer to this paradox lies in coming to an understanding of the Universal Laws, for with our use and understanding they produce both conditions. They result in chaos and suffering when we misapply them. They result in beauty and harmony in our lives when we use them in the highest way. Therefore, these laws are the keys by which you and I can make our lives and our world what we would like it to be."

In his 1994 book, *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*, Deepak Chopra states, "The universal mind choreographs everything that is happening in billions of galaxies with elegant precision and unfaltering intelligence. Its intelligence is ultimate and supreme, and it permeates every fiber of existence: from the smallest to the largest, from the atom to the cosmos. Everything that is alive is an expression of this intelligence. And this intelligence operates through the Seven Spiritual Laws."

Personally, I am not in complete agreement that all of what happens in our lives depends only on the Seven Spiritual Laws; however, Chopra does explain that Universal Laws are always in effect. He is repeating the same concepts that were stated years ago by many others.

In *Scientific American*, May 2004, we find the following discussion:

1.) Philosophers, theologians and scientists have long debated whether time is eternal or finite—that is, whether the universe has always existed or whether it had a definite genesis. Einstein's general theory of relativity implies finiteness. An expanding universe must have begun at the big bang.

2.) Yet, general relativity ceases to be valid in the vicinity of the bang because quantum mechanics comes into play. Today's leading candidate for a full quantum theory of gravity-string theory introduces a minimal quantum of length as a new fundamental constant of nature, making the very concept of a bangian genesis untenable.

3.) The bang still took place, but it did not involve a moment of infinite density, and the universe may have predated it. The symmetries of string theory suggest that time did not have a beginning and time will not have an end. The universe could have begun almost empty and built up to the bang, or it might even have gone through a cycle of death and rebirth. In either case, the pre-bang epoch would have shaped the present-day cosmos.

In *Scientific American*, July 2008, there is a discussion of Theories of Quantum Gravity:

1.) String Theory, the approach favored by most theoretical physicists; it is a theory not just of quantum gravity but also of all matter and forces. It is based on the idea that particles (including the hypothetical ones that transmit gravity) are vibrating strings.

2.) Loop Quantum Gravity, the main alternative to string theory; it involves a new technique for applying quantum rules to Einstein's general theory of relativity. Space is divided into discrete "atoms" of volume.

3.) Euclidean Quantum Gravity was made famous by physicist Stephen Hawking; this approach supposes that space-time emerges from a grand quantum average of all possible shapes. It puts time on the same footing as space.

Once we study the Laws, we shall discover that they affect creation in the seen as well as the unseen side of life. We will further realize and recognize that there is only one set of laws, but they are conditioned in the mind of people by our own limits of understanding. Our understanding and the choices we make in our lives will bring us positive or negative conditions. There are many synonyms for Natural Law. Some of them are: Law of Nature, Universal Mind, Cosmic Law, Divine Law, God's Law, Law of Infinite, Infinite Intelligence, Spirit, Cosmic Consciousness, Universal Consciousness, Universal Law, and Divine Mind. These terms have been and are used interchangeably with the term Natural Law.

The material in this article ranges from the Past, where we read what was supported and investigated by the pioneers, the Present, where there is much scientific investigation taking place and being reported to us in magazines such as Scientific American, to the Future. Where will this take us in our future? We can see that those who apply their ability to think and understand the laws can take control of their lives. We can live according to the laws and know that we will bring into our lives what we want and need.

Natural Law is not a new concept.

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The Savior to Mankind

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The Reverend H. Gordon Burroughs told us in his book *Becoming A Spiritualist*, "Knowledge is the savior to mankind." Oh, the power of those words! How often do those words stay closed up in that wonderful book?

Every time we pick-up *The National Spiritualist-Summit* magazine, *The Lyceum Spotlight* magazine or any other piece of literature, read it and share the information, we are pulling those words out of the magazines or the many books and breathing life into them. In breathing life into them, we incorporate the knowledge into our lives. The incorporation of that knowledge we have gleaned can often save us from taking a pathway that might bring us discomfort.

One of my greatest desires is for all people to pull the words **Knowledge is the savior to mankind** from Mr. Burroughs book and breath life into them by incorporating all the knowledge received into their life. That knowledge will keep them away from roadblocks that could harm them. That knowledge which reminds them that their spirit teachers, guides, friends and loved ones are just a breath away. Knowledge that Infinite Intelligence dwells within all, whether animate or inanimate, and all other knowledge you receive from all these sources, provides us with information that can be extremely helpful. Then take this knowledge and share it with all you come in contact with. "Knowledge is the savior to mankind." Oh, the power of these words! Pick-up these words, breath life into them, share them with others and through this Spiritualism, and all it teaches, can and will be brought to life. ✦

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Long in Service—Still Alert

To *The National Spiritualist*, All Hail and Godspeed:

May your pinions be as the "Wings of the Morning" to those needing and seeking Spiritualist Light!

May they bear you unto the homes of those who need comfort because of the absence of loved ones through miscalled death, bringing them knowledge of The Life Beyond!

May they waft you to those who are in fellowship with the Truths you bring, the Fraternal Spirit that is yours, the united efforts of both worlds in the cause that you represent!

May you bring enlightenment to those who *need to know* concerning the work that has been done, is still going forward, and is to be in the great Spiritual Movement!






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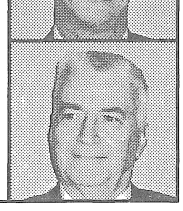
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AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines • 457 Grass Valley Hwy. #7, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; All Message Serv. Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. George Brenner; Pres., Edward Killmer; Secy., June E. Killmer (916) 783-3546; Tel. (530) 823-1816, Fax (916) 663-4691.

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SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC • 2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 209, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes (see Pastor); Healing All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of the month; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor, Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST, (916) 652-4568; e-mail: rdawson@wizwire.com; Secy., Deborah Ann Kinney, 2512 Morley Way, 95864, (916) 482-6614.

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SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church, NSAC • "The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Sunday; Pastor Rev. Louise Peruch, NST; 1327 W. Hedding St., 95126; (408) 615-0214; e-mail: PeruchLise@aol.com

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WILLIMANTIC - The First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic • 268 High St., 06226, (860) 423-5774; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service twice a month June thru August. For more information, please call the church; Pastor, Joyce Orcutt, 14 Harbourt Dr., Winchester, NH 03740, (860) 742-7846.

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WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC • 3038 Q St., NW, 20007-3080; Phone (202) 333-5114; Sun., Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Message & Meditation classes, call Sue Bracey (301) 920-1784; Pres., Michael Gallion, LM, (202) 237-7659; Sec/Treas James A. Longmore (301) 739-8227.

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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC • 3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (mail to P.O. Box 4010, Winter Park, FL 32792), (407) 678-3688; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Sermon, Messages at all services; Sun. Children Lyceum; Pastors, Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, (407) 826-0807 and Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, (407) 719-9790; Pres./Asst. Pastor, Rev. Elaine Hager, NST; Secy., Shari Watson, NST (352) 873-1951.; Spiritualistchurchofawareness.org

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CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc. • 8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June 1 thru Sept. 30; Serv., 10:30 to 11:00 Healing Meditation, 11:00 to 12:30 Church Service, Pot Luck follows; Pres., Ken Boesen (815) 626-5716; Secy., Marian Boesen, NST; e-mail: cherryvalleysc@verizon.net

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CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth • 6343 West Cuyler (1/2 block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., Healing, Lecture, Messages every Sun.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Florence Heyward; Sec., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60706-1117, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Washington Spiritualist Temple • 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366.

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INDIANAPOLIS - New Dawn Spirit of Light Church, Inc., NSAC • 3637 W. 10th St., 46222; Sun. Serv: Healing 11:00 a.m., Devotional and Message

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MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC, Inc. • 314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, John Kampf, (574) 298-5080; All corresp., Spiritual Science Church, 1506 Farrand, LaPorte, 46350.

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CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp • 2140 Jersey Ridge Rd., Davenport, 52803.

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DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church • 1429 W. Seventh St., 52802-1212, (563) 324-9659; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Secy./Treas., Rev. William Buchholz, (563) 326-3201.

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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church • Corner of Perham & Court Sts.; P.O. Box 2492, 04338; (207) 622-8980; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Thurs. Awareness Class 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Earl L. Wallace, 124 Spring St., Gardiner, 04345; (207) 582-2745; Co-Pastors, Rev. Earl L. Wallace and Rev. Kay Hawkins; Secy., Rev. Pat Wallace.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church • 514 Broadway, beside Coldwell Banker Realty, Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Secy., Betty Simpson, 715 Newburgh Rd., Hermon, 04401, (207) 848-2273, email: betty.simpson@maine.gov; Church services may be canceled due to inclement weather, also location may be changing; website: http://www.hdbspiritualistchurch.org will be updated in case of changes. Please call the secy. for more information, other contact number for the church is Kathy Goodness, VP, at 989-7266.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp • Located at historic Lakewood Theater Village just off Beach Rd. on Route 201, six miles north of Skowhegan. Camp season runs July & August; Camp (207) 474-0124. Off season contact Pres. Sue Jalbert, CH at (207) 655-6673 or Secy. Betty Simpson at (207) 848-2273; For program information and events, visit our website at www.madisoncamp.org or email us at madison@mainespiritualism.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp Assoc. • Shore Road with Penobscot Bay view. Pres. Ernie Van Den Bossche. Camp runs mid-May-Labor Day w/different medium each week offering private readings by appt. Church services Sun. @ 2:30 & Thur. @ 7:30 PM. Message Circles @ 7:30 PM Wed & Sat. Workshop Sat. morning, Seance Tues. @ 7:30 PM, Social Enlightenment Fri. @ 7:30 PM, "How Do Mediums Do That" class Sun. @ 12:30 PM. Lodging available. During Camp Season Ph: (207) 338-3029 / Off-season contact Sec. Tamara Jetton, 21 Old Windsor Rd., South China, ME 04358 or Email thsc@mainespiritualism.org Website: www.templeheightscamp.org

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church • Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from May to October and at Excelsior Lodge on the corner of Shore Rd. and Cove Rd. Northport, from Nov. 1 to April 30; Pres, Janice Nelson (207) 845-2885; Sec/Treas., Jean Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915-6003 - (207) 338-1355.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church • meets at 719 Main St., Westbrook at the Unitarian Universalist Church; Mailing address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Graham Connolly, (207) 655-6673; e-mail: pschurch@maine.rr.com; website: www.portlandspiritualistchurch.org

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ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Spiritualist Camp • Season opens June 9th till Labor Day weekend; Camp phone (860) 439-1395; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by fellowship; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes Tues. even. 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Wed. Open Class 6 p.m. & Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Mediums Day's - Message Circles - Workshops/ Seminars scheduled; Prior to season call or write for a full program: P.O. Box 1556, 02558.

REHOBOTH - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Inc., NSAC • Services held at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday at the Anawan Grange Bldg., junction Rts. 44 & 118; Mailing address: P.O. Box 145, 02769, e-mail: firstspiritualistchurch.com. For more information contact Secretary, Sally Kubitschek, (508) 226-6580; e-mail: sallyrosekub@hotmail.com

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem • 34 Warren St., 01970; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30 p.m., Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations, (978) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - June; Pres., Bradley Gosselin, 147 Sylvan St., Danvers, 01923 - (978) 774-1571, e-mail: BGoss92409@aol.com; Secy., Nancy L. Karolides, 144 Boston St., Middleton, 01949, (978) 774-4048.

SPRINGFIELD - The First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Inc. • 33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. in June at 10:30 a.m.; Development classes upon sign-up; Info on web site: springfield.spiritualistchurch.net; Pastor, Rev. John Sullivan, Box 392, Worthington, 01098 - (413) 238-5344, e-mail: sully1942@hughes.net; Sec. Denise St Pierre, e-mail: denise1957@hughes.net

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MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES • Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224-3538; Secy., Rev. Marguerite I. Gutt, NST, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030-3106, (248) 548-2240.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church • 07444 Old US 31 North, 49720-9422; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., except during July and August because our "camp" operates in the same location. Located halfway between Petroskey and Charlevoix. Turn on Murray Road and immediately turn right on Old 31 N - go 8 tenths of a mile on the left; website: www.nlmsc.org; Contact Person: Susan Hoshield, Secy., 8688 Cedar Creek, Petroskey, 49770, (231) 247-9417; e-mail: shosh@youraccordion.com

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp • Please see Golden Rule Spiritualist Church listing for contact information, driving directions, or website www.nlmsc.org: Open July and August for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday services at 7:30 p.m.; Potluck follows Sunday service and bonfire with snacks follows Wednesday service; Classes, circles and readings/private consultations available.

FERNDALE - First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit • 2724 Goodrich, 48220; Sat. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Dianne Smith.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church • 430 Bellevue St., 49251; Serv. 10:45 a.m. Sundays; Contact Jackie North, e-mail J91943@ALLDIAL.NET or (517) 796-2858.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple • 3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073-6534; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Marguerite Gutt, NST, (248) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association • 8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761-0089; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June, July, August; Annual Retreat July; Lyceum Dir., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Wendall Weichner, 8004 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Mailing Address: Dianne Smith, 631 Spencer, Ferndale, 48220.

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ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church • Meeting place: 1500 First Ave. NE, Ste. 112; Services Mon. 7:00 p.m.; Pastors, Rev. Joyce E. Young, NST, and Rev. John E. Young, NST; Secy., (507) 775-6358; Mailing address, P.O. Box 7312, 55903.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Spiritualist Church • Conference Rm. - 411 Main St., Labor Union Hall; Sun. Morning Serv. only, 10:00 a.m.; Pres./Speaker, Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255, (651) 699-4858; Secy., Gerald Kemling; Church phone (651) 225-4609.

• MISSOURI •

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church of St. Louis • 6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109-3558; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & Message, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Assoc. Pastor, Marilyn Kalna, cell: (314) 707-3934; Pres., Carl Davis, 4451 Catherine Place, 63115 - (314) 383-5954; website: www.5thspiritstl.com

• NEBRASKA •

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, NSAC • 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church • 3355 W. Spring Mountain Rd., #19, 89102, (702) 876-8783, website: http://renospiritualistchurch.com; Service times: Sun. 11:00 a.m., Sunday evening 6:30 p.m., Thurs. 6:30 p.m., Healing Meditation, with a Spiritualist development class following the service, every one welcome. Vicky Homann, Pastor, e-mail: spiritualistdesertchurch@yahoo.com

RENO - Spiritualist High Desert Church • Meeting place: Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12th St., Sparks, 89431. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Healing, Meditation and Message Service. Pres., Dena Collins, (775) 323-1114, e-mail: denacinlv@yahoo.com; website: www.spiritualisthighdesertchurchreno.com; Mailing address: Secy. Rev. Lisa Butler, 3415 Socrates Dr., Reno, NV 89512.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc. • Masonic Hall on Main St., Rte. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 144, 03079; Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:15 p.m.; Call Dwight Broadstone, (609) 783-4456; website: http:www.nhspiritualist.com

• NEW JERSEY •

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life • 243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093; Sun Healing, Worship & Message Service 11:00 a.m. Call (856) 456-2196 for cancellations. Pres Rev Dr John Bassett Jr., PhD, 320 Savannah Rd, Essex, MD 21221 (410) 391-3656. Sec Kathleen M. Pollack 430 S. Broadway, Gloucester, MD 08030 (856) 456-3401. Website: NJCOEL.org

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The 116th Annual NSAC Convention

Phoenix, Arizona • October 5-10, 2008

Our Character Is Our Only Passport to the Spirit World

Unusually warm fall temperatures greeted the 116th NSAC Convention delegates as they arrived, in 96 degree weather, at the **Crowne Plaza Phoenix Hotel** on Peoria Avenue. Greetings of love and shared laughter filled the hotel's large atrium as folks renewed friendships from past conventions. Gathering to share for worship, education, business, and socializing, NSAC's annual convention retreat delegates worked and played hard during this festive week when the National Association of Spiritualist Churches reviewed their past and made plans for their future.

Healing and message work filled our week, along with business meetings, a banquet and dancing, side-trips out for meals in vans supplied by the host church, pool time, and planning, planning and more planning. It takes so *many people* to keep NSAC running smoothly. Our NSAC Secretary Sharon Snowman was unable to attend due to the transition of Peggy Johnson. Peggy was NSAC's beloved bookkeeper and Sharon's partner; Peggy's transition leaves a huge hole in our organization, and Sharon's absence left a huge hole in our convention as well.



Sonny Gee, Ann Otzelberger, Cosie Allen, Richard Schoeller, Brad Gosselin, Catherine Snell, Lelia Cutler, Peter Berg, (Sharon Snowman - absent)

Under the direction of The Rev. Janet Tisdale and the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC, a full year of planning resulted in happy attendees! This convention was a rousing success, in spite of our nation's worsening recession and its financial impact on our organization. Keynote speaker Dr. Gary Schwartz from the University of Arizona was a wonderful supporter of our mediumship work, and we hope to continue a long and productive relationship with his scientific research.

NSAC's President Lelia E. Cutler congratulated Janet Tisdale and all of the many volunteers who donated thousands of hours in preparation for the 2008 NSAC Convention. THANK YOU also to Tommy Mayfield for his outstanding financial support providing financial stability for our 2008 NSAC Convention! ✦

service organizations



NATIONAL SPIRITUALISTS TEACHERS CLUB
(L to R) Elaine Hager, John Young, Ann Otzelberger, Arsenia Williams and Louise Peruch



MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
(L to R) Elaine Hager, Tammi Jo Anderson, Earl Wallace, Marian Boesen and Joyce Young

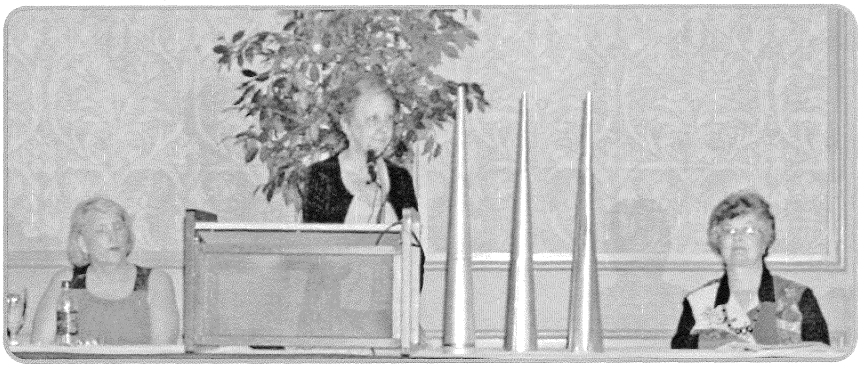


HEALER'S LEAGUE
(rear L to R) Brian Kent, Pat Duffield, Sharon Watson, John Young and (front) Jovita Jessup



LICENTIATE MINISTERS and CERTIFIED MEDIUM'S SOCIETY
(L to R) Lynn Kent, Janet Tisdale, Pat Duffield, Mildred Schlagel and Sharon Watson

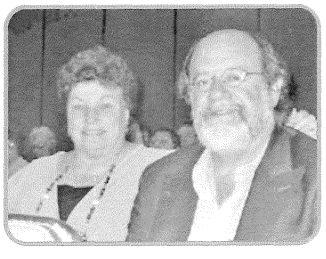
monday's class



Monday's Class – "HOW TO – Physical Phenomena



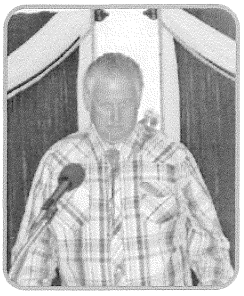
Kay Hawkins and Sue Jalbert in Monday's Class.



The Rev. Janet Tisdale and keynote speaker Dr. Gary Schwartz.



Sunday Morning Church Service Speaker
The Rev. Sandy Pfortmiller with workers



Ken Green offering
Native American
Prayer



(L to R) Ken, Laura, Pat and Bill

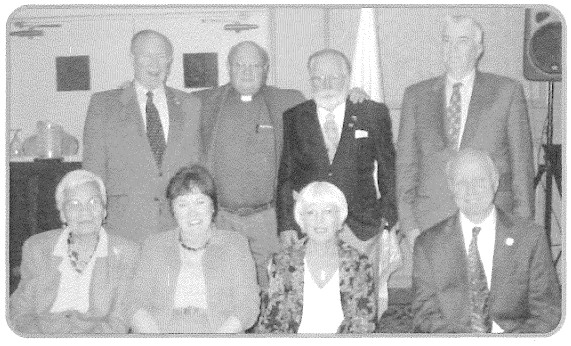


Sunday Morning Church Service Healers

Thanks to our Church Service Workers



Sunday Evening Service Healers



Monday
Evening
Healers



Wednesday Evening
Workers – Delaney
Lauderback, Elizabeth
Gosselin, William
Buchholz, Vicki Gay
and Richard Scholler



Tuesday
Evening
Workers
with
Speaker
Lelia
Cutler



Thursday
Evening
Workers
with
Speaker
Carole
Brown



Friday
Evening
Workers
with
Speaker
Jean Kerr
Lerch



Friday
Morning
Student
Service

memorial service



Norma Turner leads the Memorial ceremony.



Oh, those gorgeous flowers!

registration/presenting



Oh those registrations!



Brian Kent presenting the table to Pat Barnes of California.

ordination



Annette Haak's Ordination



The Rev. Annette Haak and The Rev. Cosie Allen

awards

The NSAC awards presented this year are: The Rev. Verline Eldridge of the National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc. in Norwich, Connecticut received the **Lifetime Service Award**; The Rev. LaVerne Pemberton of the Church of Spiritual Unity in Milton, Washington received the **Teacher's Award**; and The Rev. Janet Tisdale of the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC in Glendale, Arizona received the **Outstanding Achievement Award**.



THANK YOU!

The Rev. Janet Tisdale and Tommy Mayfield.

thanks, presenting & workers



Betty Hutt receives charter for new church in Philadelphia.



Thanks to Janet Tisdale and Tommy Mayfield.



Sandra Dawkins, Court Recorder



Jeff Lucas, Attorney



The Rev. Del Lauderback

musicians



Lauren Terece, guitar & voice



Pat Crim and Bill Storm – Special Music for Opening Church Service (SUN)



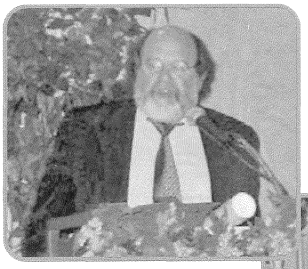
Jerry Lindberg & Sherry Peavler



Joyce McGinty, our pianist



NSAC Board dressed for banquet

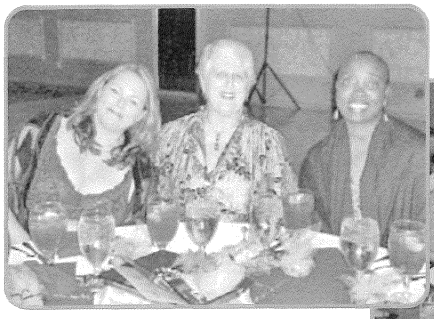


Keynote speaker
Dr. Gary Schwartz,
UA – Tucson

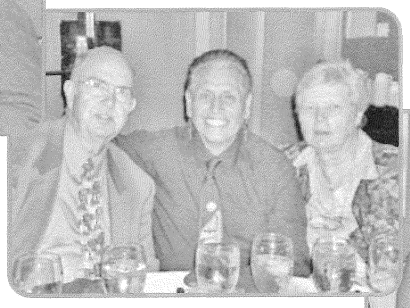


The Rev. Lelia
Cutler and Dr.
Gary Schwartz

friends and sharing...

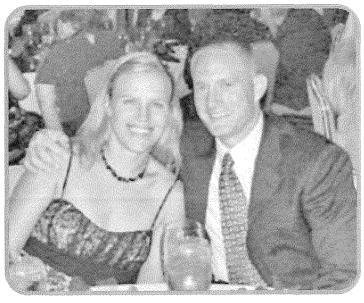


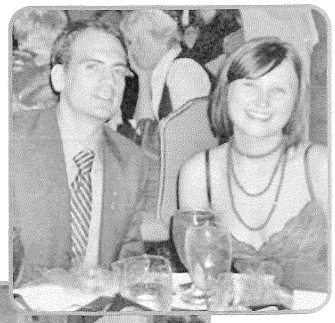












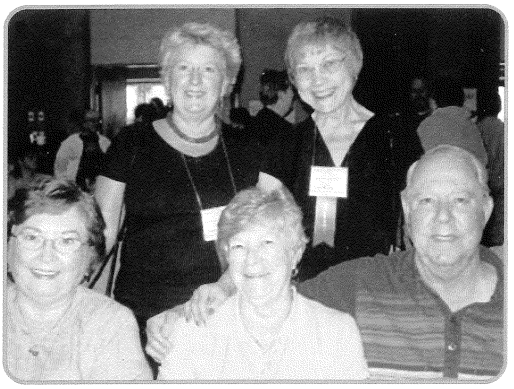








Bunny Starr and
Christine Krithades

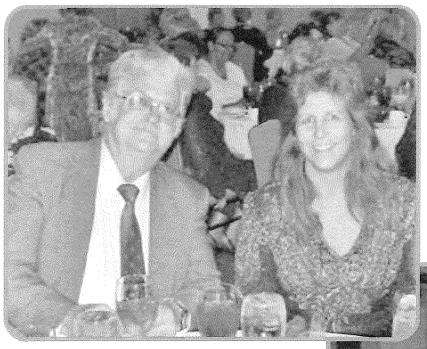


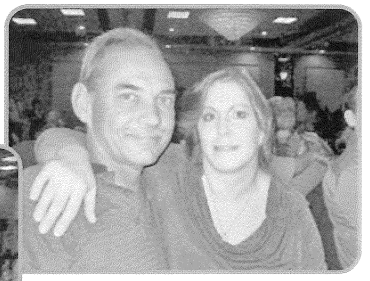
Charlotte Miller, Carol Brown, Jim and
Jan Watson and Anne Marie Croteau



Betty Hutt and Jackie Randall

good times and pictures...









Earl, Pat and Theresa







Fionnula, Ann and Gwenhwyfar



Rosemary Calderalo



Kay Hawkins

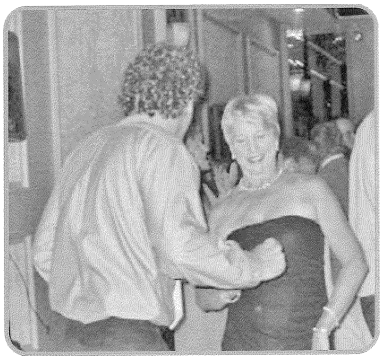


Sharon Watson,
Patricia Duffield
and Christine
Krithades

dancing...



Janet & Tommy start the dancing!



Vickie McKnight and Friend



Norma Turner & Louise



and more dancing...

Sherry Peavler & Mary Meisner



Marion Boesen & Lelia Cutler



Maggie, Melissa, Rick and Janice

laughing and sharing...



Banquet Line



Louise & Bunny having fun!



Mickey McClean and Marie Garza



Drew Vogt



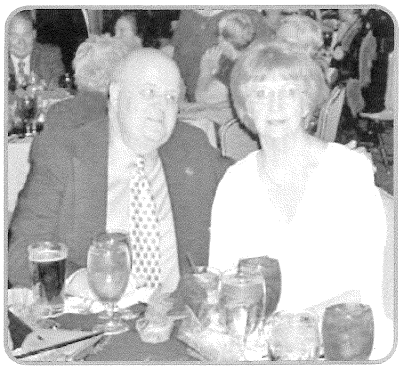
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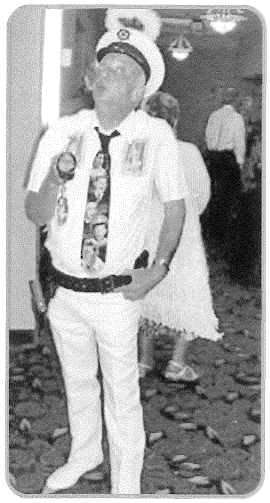
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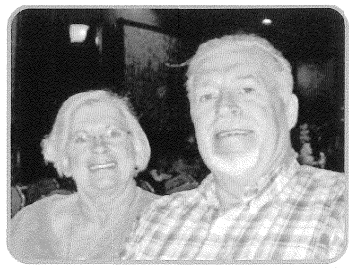
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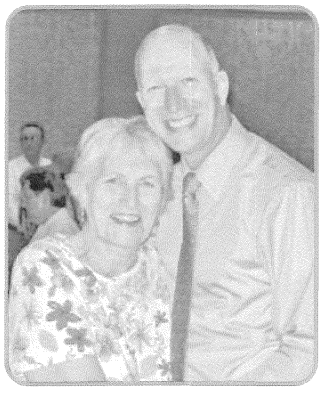
Bill & Carol Bastian



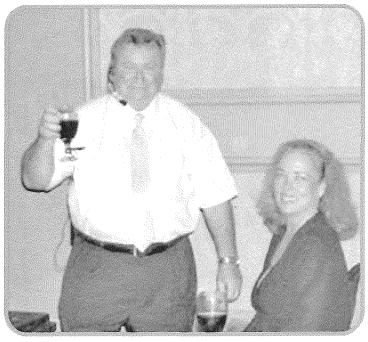
Barney Fife Angel



Marion and Ken Boessen



Joyce Orcutt and
Richard Schoeller



DJs Richard
& Connie
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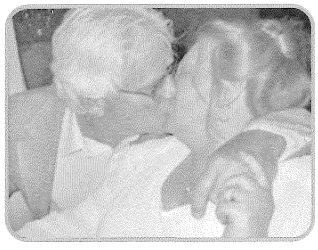




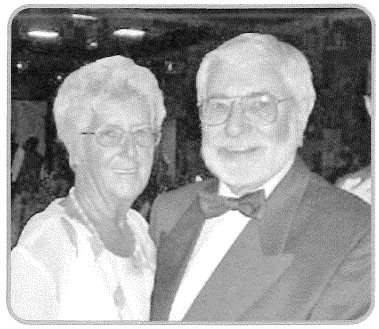
Janice Nelson-Kroesser
and Kenneth Kroesser



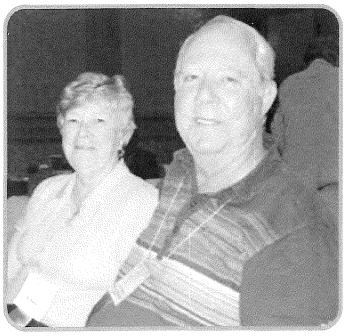
Ginnie and
Peter Berg



Newlyweds
Ken &
Janice from
Maine!



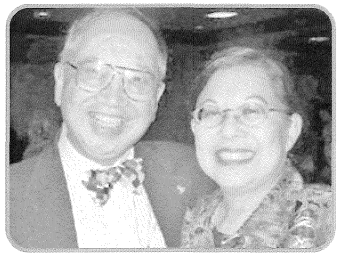
Ione & Clay Benner



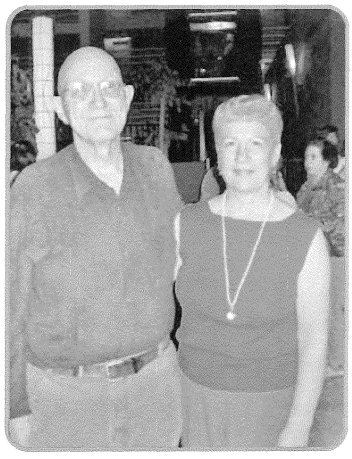
Jan and Jim Watson



Brad and Elizabeth Gosselin



Carla & Sonny Gee



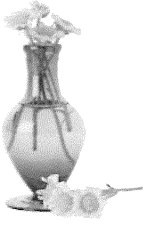
Frank Cribb and
Denise St. Pierre

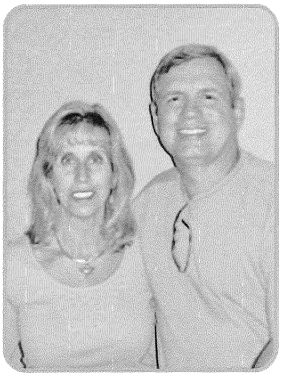


Florence Hymes, Karen Beebe
and Dale Just



The Lovely Women of Texas

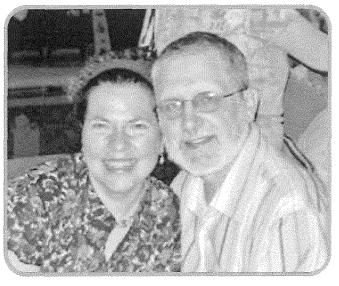




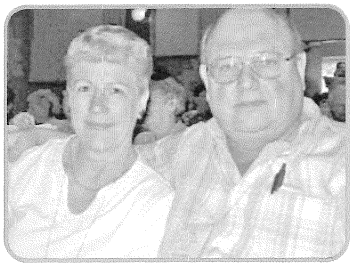
Sandra Dawkins and
her fiance



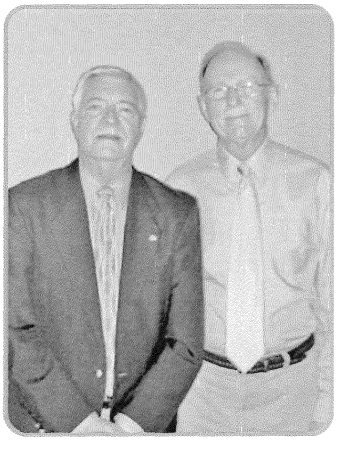
Janet Tisdale & Tommy Mayfield
in banquet disguise.



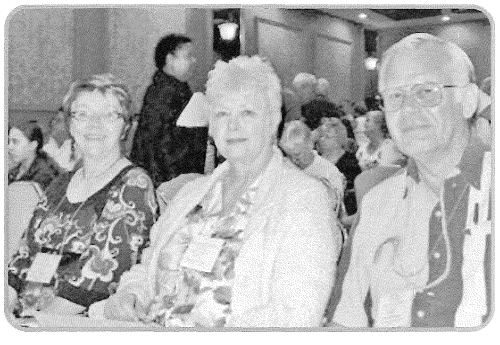
Valerie Miller
and Frank
Kotowski, Jr.



Denise St.
Pierre and
John Sullivan



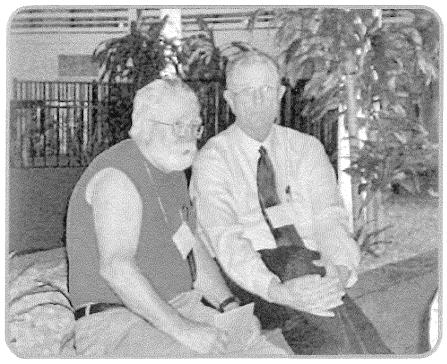
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and Joe Owen



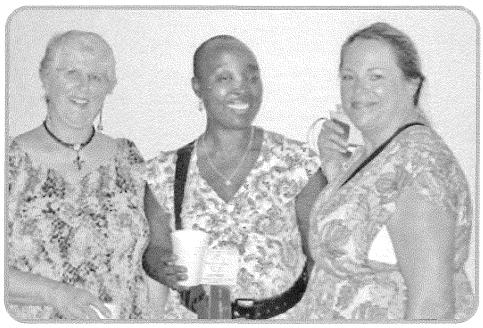
Kitty Rugani, Gretchen Clark
and Michael Pillsbury



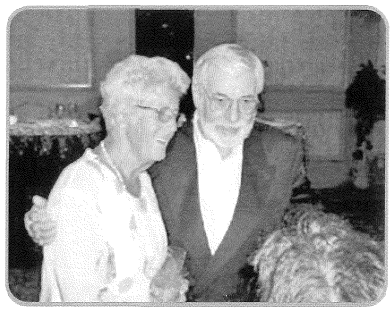
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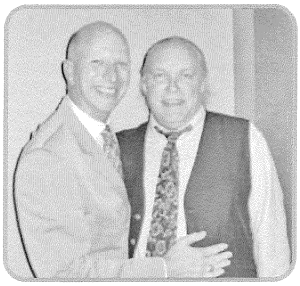
John Young and Tommy Mayfield



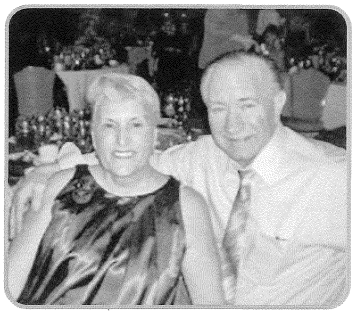
Patricia Barnes, Carol Whyte and Kathy Norris



Ione & Clay Benner



Richard Schoeller and Steve Vogel

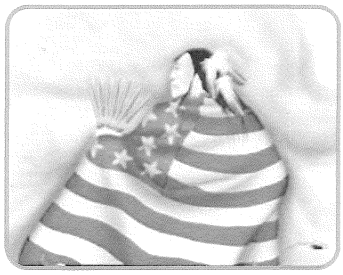


Lynn & Brian Kent



Catherine Snell, Marrice Coverson, Anne Gehman, Patricia Stranahan and Shelly Woolridge

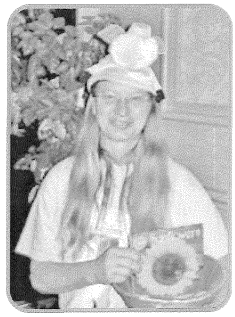
Ways & Means...



Auction Painting
(This was magnificent!)



Sheila Williams with Ways & Means



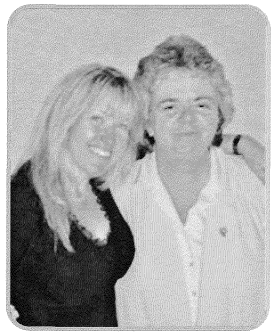
Mickey McClean



The Rev. Lelia E. Cutler with musicians Sherry Peavler and Jerry Lindberg.



Joyce Orcutt, Marrice Coverson, Sandra Cook, Martin Pina and Lelia Cutler

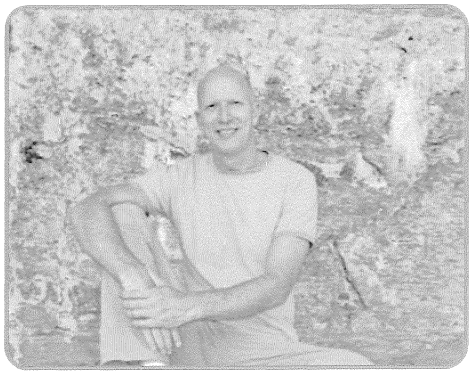


Alice Robertson and Cosie Allen



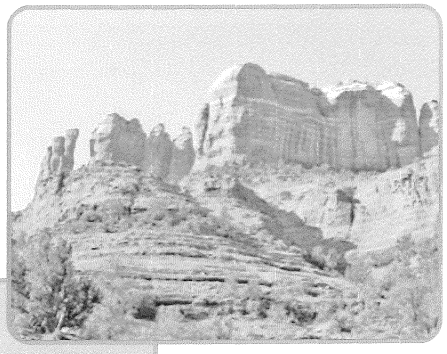
Janet Tisdale and Tommy Mayfield receiving Award from President Lelia Cutler.

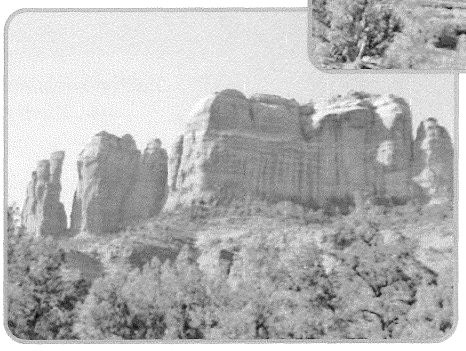
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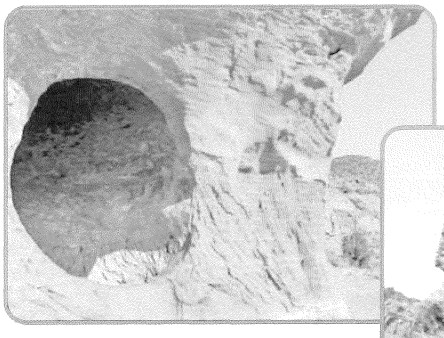


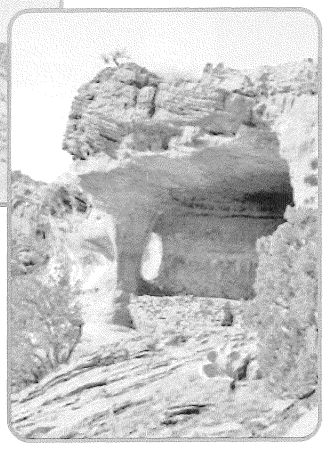
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REV. KATHLEEN L. ROTTINO, NST

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President's Report

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 116th Annual Convention at Phoenix, Arizona



The Rev. E. Lelia Cutler, NST

Greetings:

To the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC of Glendale, Arizona, we say "Thank You" for all your work to make this convention a successful meeting and a special "Thank You" to The Rev. Janet Tisdale and her committee. The work of the host church is not over when we arrive. They have been working diligently for more than two years to make this convention wonderful for the delegates and easy flowing for the business transacted during a convention. Watch for all the wonderful activity by members of the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC as we enjoy this week of fellowship together, as well as the time we spend working with the business of our organization, NSAC.

The theme of our convention is "Our character is our only passport to the Spirit World." We show our character as we transact the business of NSAC, but also in our willingness to fellowship together for the greater good of the organization. We have had some challenges during the past year in our organization and in our camps and churches. However, we are proud of the fact that as Spiritualists, we have conquered the obstacles to growth, and have worked together to expand and grow to a greater presence in our world.

This has been a year of the "written word." I was contacted early in the year about writing an article on Spiritualism to be included in a medical book for use by the medical community concerning the beliefs and medical practices of our religion. The book was being compiled and written by Steven Jeffers and I worked closely with him to create a document that he approved and the NSAC approved. After completion, the article was reviewed by our own The Rev. Sharon Snowman for accuracy concerning Spiritualism, and by a friend, Doctor Robert A. Nash, F.A.A.N., for accuracy with medical practices. What started as a 23-page document was condensed in some sections, primarily history, and expanded in other sections, primarily "principles and clinical care." The final document is 17 pages in length, and several copies are available for review at the book table. Unfortunately, Mr. Jeffers was killed in an automobile accident in August; however, his assistant assures me that the book will be completed and published.

A second opportunity for using the written word for public relations came through a request for an article on Spiritualism related to my own church. J.D. Mink was writing a paper for publication concerning the existence of a Spiritualist church and a Christadelphian church within two blocks of each other. It was an interesting opportunity, and a copy of this article is also available for review. Thirdly, Nancy Gibbs interviewed me during a visit to Lily Dale, New York, and there are quotes included in her article published in the *Time* magazine, dated September 1, 2008. All these have been positive public relations for Spiritualism, and good exposure for our wonderful organization.

There have been quite a few requests for some updated information on Platform Decorum. To answer this need, I have compiled a *Public Speaking and Platform Decorum Handbook* from information supplied by The Rev. Bonnie Darby, NST, Sue Jalbert, my own writings on the subject, and an excerpt from Dr. Victoria Barnes. We have had several small booklets on the subject, but we felt it was time for an expanded handbook for use by our auxiliaries. These handbooks are also available at the book table and from the National Bookstore.

We are also fortunate to have a booklet written by The Rev. Del Lauderback on the history of Spiritualism and focus on the Fox Family. This publication was originally meant to be an article for the *National Summit* magazine, but we did not want to condense the information; therefore, Del agreed to have it published as a fund-raising book for the Hydesville Property Project. Look for copies at the book table, and it will also be available through the National bookstore. It is very thorough and would be a good tool for teaching the history of our organization in our churches. Del Lauderback is present as a delegate, and I am sure he would be willing to have a book signing for the sale of these valuable booklets.

I have continued to use the President's newsletter, published each month, for educational opportunities, and to promote communication on current topics of interest to Spiritualists. "How to handle disgruntled members," articles on the Hydesville project; following the requests of the delegates for more educational opportunities at conventions; an annual report from our attorney, Jeff Lucas; information on the principles; spirit as the indestructible essence of life; mediumship; IRS rules for non-profit organizations on political information; focus on our camps; and other information in response to inquiries. I hope the newsletters are of benefit to each of you and your churches and camps.

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With the understanding that "As ye give, so ye receive," we are instituting an "Ike Relief Fund" to help those who have suffered loss due to Hurricane Ike. We are proud of our auxiliaries for helping the NSAC to raise $10,214.09 for The Habitat for Humanity through the Katrina Fund, and $572.00 to the same charity from the Rita Fund. We hope to match these funds for the Ike Relief Fund. We have churches in Texas, and our treasurer, Peter Berg and his wife, Virginia, have kept us informed of the conditions in their part of the state. When we give in this way we are practicing the Natural Laws of Attraction and Abundance. A container for donations to the "Ike Fund" is next to the "SBS Pig" at the head table. It is always important to keep a project going to involve our members and supporters. We give thanks to all those who support our projects. Your support includes the General Fund Endowment Fund that is helped by your contributions on NSAC day in September, and the Spiritualist Benevolent Fund that benefits from your contributions on Gratitude Day in March. You will hear the numbers for these projects in the Treasurer's report.

Again, congratulations go to our treasurer, Mr. Peter Berg. He keeps us on our toes concerning our finances, and it has been a real challenge during the past year with the economic slide and seesaw action. Our funds have suffered during the downturn in the economy, but Peter has kept us on track to financial security through practicing fiscal responsibility. Peter will also be presenting a mini workshop on audits in connection with his Treasurer's report.

Our attorney, Mr. Jeffrey Lucas, has been of significant help during the past year. We have had several situations requiring his attention, and he will address them during this convention. We have had "right-of-way" issues with the Edgewood Spiritualist camp in Milton, Washington, and an "easement for sewer lines" issue with Camp Ashley in Ohio. Some properties have needed work or replacement, and Jeff is available to help in all these situations. A property located in Detroit, Michigan has been the subject of a legal search. It was discovered that the property deed was in the name of the NSAC, and the property was not being used for a church at the present time. Since the building needed a lot of work, it was decided to try to sell it and turn the liability into a liquid asset. We also have a property in Philadelphia, which is to be sold, and the funds invested until a replacement location can be found. These legal situations needed immediate action. In accordance with our Bylaws, Article VI, section 2K, the board acted by a majority vote to sell portions of the Edgewood property for city sidewalks, an easement for the Ashley property, and the sale of the Detroit and Philadelphia properties since lack of action would have caused irreparable harm to the NSAC and the respective auxiliaries. The decisions were supported by written legal opinions and Parliamentary opinions by our NSAC attorney, Jeffrey Lucas and our NSAC Parliamentarian, Betty Green. Proper documentation was received in written form from the auxiliary affected. If you have questions on these actions, our attorney and/or our Parliamentarian can address them.

It is delightful to announce that we have three new churches chartered. Welcome to the Church of Joyous Living in Charles Town, West Virginia; the Spiritualist High Desert Church in Sparks, Nevada; and the Celestial Spiritualist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, we lost two churches during the past year. The Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas, Texas had been struggling for several years, and they finally decided to close. We are saddened that The Inner Light Spiritualist Church of South Portland, Maine left the NSAC, but we wish them well for their future success.

Our board members continue to be active and have helped several auxiliaries avoid litigation through offers to mediate their differences. As we continue to keep Spiritualism as the focus in our churches, and not individuals, the need for litigation has diminished. Mr. Lucas also helps with our scholarships that are funded by the DeMarco Trust.

Our educational arms are working very diligently to expand their rosters of students, and offer additional opportunities for continuing education. The Center for Spiritualist Studies has undergone some changes and some challenges, but they are in the process of updating the catalog and their courses. The staff at the Morris Pratt Institute is constantly working on new courses and updating existing courses. Look for the flyers in your monthly mailing for these educational opportunities. If you have not taken the Pastoral Skills course, make it a priority for your educational program. People may be attracted to our churches to get a message from spirit loved ones, but they stay because they find something they believe. Our educational arms give the opportunity to learn more about our wonderful Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism.

The Long-Range Planning Committee has been very active during the year, and we are very excited about the second CD, which has been completed and is available for purchase at this convention. It is a collection of familiar hymns that can be used to lead church congregations in singing. This is in addition to the CD completed last year of piano and harp music to be used for meditation and healing music. Carla Gee and her sister, Toynette Wong Johnson, have donated their time and they had a composer working with them. Get your own copies at the book table. Sonny and Carla Gee have worked with a producer, at a low cost, to produce these two different recordings, and we are delighted with the progress of this project. Both recordings are being produced in a professional studio in San Francisco. Sales will allow the committee to raise enough money to start work on the "Public Relations Advertising" and other goals to benefit the NSAC auxiliaries.

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The suggestions from our delegates that we include additional learning opportunities at our conventions has been adopted, and the workshop by Dr. Gary Schwartz at this convention is an example of this expansion of educational presentations. We are truly thankful for The Rev. Janet Tisdale who worked diligently to obtain the services of Dr. Schwartz and facilitated this presentation. She has been working on a surprise for next year's convention in Houston, and it will also be a quality educational experience. We are also continuing the student service at this convention, giving our students an opportunity to gain affidavits for working as mediums and healers. We need to support and encourage our students—they are our future.

The Procedures Committee, under the direction of The Rev. James Ehrhart, has been working on a Procedures Manual, and he needs our help. The manual is in draft form, but still needs information from some of our departments and committees. See the draft copy at the book table, and please supply the needed information for your department or committee if you have not done so. This Manual will be available for future departments and committees to reference when new people are involved. It always helps to have something in writing when you take on a new task or accept that new responsibility. Thank you for your help and support in this project.

Again, The Rev. Carol Brown, Director of the Outreach Department reports that the Outreach Program has received inquires from thirty-six (36) states and numerous other countries during the past year. Congratulations, Carol, for a job very well done. We are now tracking inquiries from all fifty (50) states and eighteen (18) countries.

The education of the public would include the work of our Department of Phenomenal Evidence, our Department of Publications, our Department of Public Relations, and the Department of Lyceums. If you are interested in helping any of these Departments, please fill out a department application form and turn it in to our Secretary, The Rev. Sharon Snowman, or to the President.

We are excited that the Fox Cottage property in Hydesville, New York is in Phase II with the building completed. The Rev. Cosie Allen will bring you up to date on this project. Those who have not purchased a "paver" will have an opportunity at this convention to have a part in this very special project honoring the birth of our beloved Spiritualism.

The NSAC awards presented this year are: The Rev. Verline Eldridge of the National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc. in Norwich, Connecticut received the Lifetime Service Award; The Rev. LaVerne Pemberton of the Church of Spiritual Unity in Milton, Washington received Teacher's Award; and The Rev. Janet Tisdale of the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC in Glendale, Arizona received the Outstanding Achievement Award. We have many exceptional workers in our organization, and we invite you to nominate them for awards next year. They are selected at the Spring Board Meeting in April, so have your nominations in early.

As we continue to work together for our "Growth Through Education", we are creating and expanding our character and are truly representative of our theme for this convention. We know that "our character is the only passport to the Spirit World." We continue to work with spirit in our lives, learn from interaction, and grow from each experience. Thank you to each and every person present and each and every member of the NSAC and the religion of Spiritualism.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Lelia E. Cutler, NST, President ✦

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Significance of a Name

"A name is a kind of face whereby a person (or a publication) is known." The old maxim ran, "Names are things—they are certainly influences—impressions are left and influences are shaped by them."

Can you recall another publication of established repute in the United States that flies from its masthead the word Spiritualist or Spiritualism?

The National Spiritualist employs no camouflage as to either its character or its purposes. Nothing was borrowed from the vocabularies of the mystically occult, nor from the lexicons of pompous philosophers.

– 2008 Annual NSAC Convention –

Secretary's Report

To the Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 116th Annual Convention at Phoenix, Arizona



Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST

Greetings:

As the Secretary of the NSAC, it is my pleasure to present the following report on the NSAC General Headquarters as well as the statistical report to the Delegates of this our 116th Annual Convention.

To the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC of Phoenix, Arizona, and to the Convention Committee, we extend our gratitude and wish to express our deep appreciation for all of your efforts. We realize that you are still busy tending to the needs of the NSAC delegates and visitors and will be doing so throughout this convention. Your labors so graciously given, make this a wonderful experience for all of the NSAC whether present or absent.

In the midst of all of the convention preparations, and at the same time, your host, the Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC is to be commended and congratulated on their acquisition and remodeling of a new church building. What a wonderful blessing to this congregation and what a grand achievement. Our prayers go out to you for a wonderful future and many blessings to all those who enter this new edifice.

At this time let us turn our attention to the report on the status of repairs and upkeep to the NSAC Office. Prior to the current economic situation, the front steps and new railings had been replaced at the entry of the NSAC Office. New windows had also been replaced in the mailing room and Secretary's office. Several smaller windows had been purchased but are being stored for the moment. These will be installed as the market stabilizes.

Two years ago, the NSAC Library had been reset in order of year of publication to accommodate a project of placing all books and periodicals on CD's. This was a project to be performed by two major universities who were searching for materials on the Antebellum period. The project failed and unfortunately our library was in a basically unusable position as the location of needed books or periodicals was extremely difficult. When The Rev. Marilyn Awtry heard of this she requested permission to reset the library in alpha order by author. She also made a computer generated inventory of all of the books and periodicals by author and title so they would be easily accessible by anyone. We owe a major debt of thanks to Ms. Awtry who donated two months of her time to reorganizing the NSAC Archival Research Library. When that task was completed, she continued the work started several years ago by The Rev. Sylvia Kincaid, our organization of the archival organizational and church records. These records begin prior to the formation of the NSA and move forward throughout the years to present time. There remains still more work to be done in the archives and Marilyn has asked to come back next summer to continue this work and her request has been met with approval.

The NSAC Book Store now sends 250 copies of it's book list by e-mail in addition to the mailings made to our Auxiliaries and to fill requests. If you would like to receive the book list by e-mail, please notify the NSAC Office and we will be happy to add your name to our list.

The Book Store has added nine new books this year: *Meditations to Empower Your Soul,* Rev. Miriam Bostwick; *Animal News From Heaven,* Rev. Miriam Bostwick; *Dead Rescue,* A "how to" book on Rescue Circles, Michael Evans; *Spiritualism – Worlds Oldest Religion,* Rev. Elizabeth Harris; *Talking To The Other Side,* Rev. Todd Jay Leonard; *History of Modern Spiritualism and Mediumship,* Rev. Todd Jay Leonard; *Slate Writing,* A "How To" Book, Ron Nagy; *The Psychic Life of Abraham Lincoln,* Susan B. Martinez; *The G.O.D. Experiments,* Dr. Gary Schwartz.

A new book, *A Brief History of the Fox Family* by The Rev. Delaney Lauderback is available on the Book Table at this convention and will then be available through the NSAC Book Store. This booklet is a designated Fund Raiser for the Fox Cottage Project and we would sincerely appreciate your support. Dr. Schwartz was available during pre-convention activities and Mr. Lauderback will be available for book signing during convention.

The *NSAC Spiritualist Hymnal* has become a fast moving book and is being sold to many Spiritualist Organizations as well as within the NSAC itself. Due to the heavy demand, we have printed additional copies of the *National Spiritualist Hymnal.* Carla Gee, as a fundraiser for the Long Range Planning Committee, completed a CD of some of the music from the Hymnal entitled *Raising Vibrations.* This has spurred interest as well as sales in the Hymnal outside of the NSAC and is beginning to raise sales in the CD as well. The former CD, *On Wings of Harps,* a CD of Harp Music for Meditation and Healing also remains on sale at the NSAC office and is enjoyed by many. These CD's were made as a fundraiser for the NSAC's Long Range Planning Committee, and have been sold in the United States and

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several foreign countries. One hundred per cent of all profits from these sales fund the NSAC's Long Range Planning Committee projects which are geared to benefit the auxiliaries of the NSAC.

Financials for the Book Store will be presented this year during the Treasurer's report.

It is our pleasure to announce the statistical report for this past year as follows:

ORDINATIONS CONFERRED: 6 – Rev. Tammi Jo Anderson, *Florida;* Rev. Leslie Chaillou, *Florida;* Rev. Bonnie Darby, *Indiana;* Rev. Stephanie Frobese, *Maine;* Rev. Jacqueline Reeves, *Indiana;* Rev. Alexis Rolnick, *West Virginia.*

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS DEGREES: 5 – Tammi Jo Anderson, *Florida;* Leslie Chaillou, *Florida;* James Stewart Ehrhart, *California;* Stephanie Frobese, *Maine;* Carol O'Hare, *Pennsylvania.*

LICENTIATE CERTIFICATE: 9 – Vickie Gay, *California;* Virginia Jones, *Wisconsin;* June Killmer, *California;* Richard McCarthy, *Arizona;* Frances Montgomery, *Ohio;* Susan Petersen, *California;* Elizabeth Simpson, *Maine;* Karen Wythe, *New York;* William Wythe, *New York.*

CERTIFIED MEDIUM: 2 – Christopher Owen, *Maine;* Patricia Wallace, *Maine.*

COMMISSIONED HEALER: 4 – Graham Connolly, *Maine;* James Stewart Ehrhart, *California;* Patricia Harrigan, *Virginia;* Christopher Owen, *Maine.*

Five examinations will be given at this Convention by the NSAC Board. One for Ordination and four for National Spiritualist Teacher Degree.

During this past year, the NSAC Board has approved re-entry into the NSAC for three former NSAC members: National Spiritualist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – *Ms. Susan Malloy;* First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Massachusetts – *Ms. Priscilla Nelson;* First Spiritualist Temple of San Francisco, California – *Ms. Kimberly Scherer.*

These former members have been made most welcome in their new church homes. We feel confident that these people will enjoy the fellowship offered and that they and their respective churches will be richly blessed through their combined endeavors.

The NSAC Executive Church, of Lily Dale, New York has approved two new members: The Rev. Raymond Jones of England, formerly with the Way Memorial Temple, *West Virginia;* Mr. Fred Anderson of West Virginia, formerly with the Way Memorial Temple, *West Virginia.*

Individual Student Membership in the NSAC has been approved for one new member: Ms. Pamela Loertscher of *Jacksonville, Florida.*

As to the statistical report of our auxiliaries, three new churches have officially Chartered since last Convention and it is a great privilege to welcome the *Spiritualist High Desert Church* of Sparks, Nevada; the *Church of Joyous Living* of Charles Town, West Virginia; and the *Celestial Spiritualist Church* of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania into the NSAC. We do pray that these new auxiliaries will thoroughly enjoy the fellowship, camaraderie and substantial support structure offered by the NSAC.

The NSAC has had one church close during this past year. The Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas, Texas has closed following seven years of attempts by various people and groups to reorganize. The Inner Light Spiritualist Church of South Portland, Maine has left the NSAC due to differences in theological ideas.

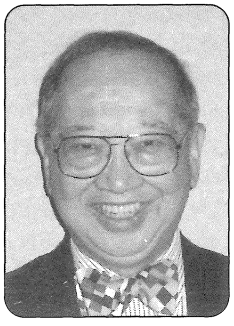
The Sunflower Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Iowa had been reported as closed last year and has since been reactivated. Thank you to all those who have stepped forward to assist in this reactivation.

During this past year, the NSAC Office received numerous requests for information on Public Speaking and Platform Decorum classes or materials that could be used for this purpose. As a result, we have three booklets available for this purpose and they are available at the book table: *Platform Decorum,* California State Spiritualist Association; *Platform Decorum,* The Rev. Ann Otzelberger; *Public Speaking and Platform Decorum Handbook,* a compilation by The Rev. Lelia Cutler, the Rev. Bonnie Darby and Sue Jalbert.

These booklets are invaluable to your students and as a refresher for your workers. As a result of your requests these booklets came into being and will serve many people for many years. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is a need. We are more than willing to assist in any way we can and stand ready to do so. However, we need to hear from you to set the wheels in motion.

As you can see, progress is still in the making and the NSAC is still moving forward. However, at this time our entire nation is in a state of unrest, the economy is difficult to say the least and its effect is happening in every state, city, organization, church and home. Be cognizant of what is around you but don't dwell on negative vibrations. Have faith in those who work with you from spirit. Don't let hope wither in the face of the present economic adversity but build on a positive outcome of prosperity for yourselves and your churches, and accept nothing less. Trust in those around you and believe that all things are in Divine Order. Let your churches be the guiding light to your members and your community. We need to face reality, but there is also a great need for unity and positive thought which can be fostered within the church and spread out from there to help those in need. Always remember that together you can move mountains – think of what you can do when unified to a common good.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Sharon Snowman, Secretary ✦



Spirit Works to Demonstrate The Truth

SONNY BING GEE – NSAC Trustee

A nervous student of Spiritualism stands on a church platform for the very first time, wringing her wet hands, pacing the floor, trying hard to make contact with spirit and give a meaningful message to someone out in the congregation. Her voice is hesitant and too soft, but the congregation leans forward to encourage and help her demonstrate her budding gift of mediumship. She senses an entity, identifies the gender and possible relationship to an eager recipient in the church, then quickly gives a meager description and lets go with a sigh of relief. That first demonstration will live with great meaning and excitement for this student medium because she has actually touched in with a spirit who is willing and anxious to make contact and give evidence of their continuing life in the Other World. This is an exciting first step that will lead to more wonderful and evidential contacts to come.

The demonstration of being able to contact the Spirit World and bring through evidence that our departed loved ones are still very much interested in our well being on the earth plane is the sacred duty of all mediums of the NSAC. But just as important is bringing forth the inspired teachings from the Other Side. The lectures and talks from our podiums speak of Universal Laws espousing and demonstrating a philosophy of personal responsibility. And through the understanding and application of the Natural and Universal laws, blessings of abundance, great good health and happiness are within the reach of one and all.

But nothing is as simple as all that. The greatest challenge and burden is being able to demonstrate our teachings by rising above our lower nature. We are each human, encumbered by hungers, desires, wants, needs and especially an ego that speaks and acts out at the most inconvenient of times. Which leads me to remembering a trance message from a wise one who states simply, "A master is someone who has taken the trouble and effort to master himself. It may take centuries." Ouch. But, then, we are teaching from our NSAC podiums that life is eternal and endless, and that life is endless education. And that service is the surest path toward progression.

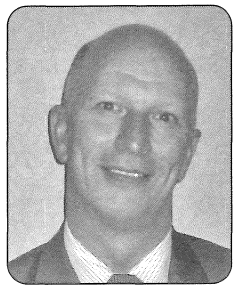
But back to the point about demonstrating the Truth. We can all argue about how many angels can perch on the head of a pin, or that my guides are wiser than your guides, or that my Indians are more powerful that your Indians, ad nauseum. It reminds me of having seen a back cover advertisement in a spiritual magazine with the telling headline: "If you're so spiritual, why aren't you happy?" In short, your life demonstrates your understanding and mastery of the Truth you espouse.

So, how can the NSAC inspire and help its members to demonstrate their highest spirituality? One of the best ways is to pull from its membership the best thinking and understanding and sharing them. And for 1,000 issues that is exactly what has been done through the *TNS Summit* magazine. Much wisdom and learning has been pouring out of these pages. And we must thank such dedicated and hardworking people as the Summit's present editor, Laura Lee Perkins, and Sandy Pfortmiller, the former editor. And thanks to Spiritualists across the country who are willing to sit down, write and share their understanding and experiences.

But those we must thank most of all, are the many Spirit Loved Ones who come close to inspire, influence and lift our thoughts and actions to turn toward the light. May we each be like our favorite symbol, the Sunflower, always turning it's head and attention to the sun. Blessings for your every effort to do God's will.

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The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where
we started and to know the place for the first time.
– *T. S. Eliot*



Healing Through Mediumship

THE REV. RICHARD P. SCHOELLER, NST – NSAC Trustee

Our *Spiritualist Manual* states:

"The purpose of life in the spirit world is to unfold the mental, moral and spiritual faculties; to study the works of nature, to help perverse and undeveloped spirits out of their low condition, to minister to earth's children, either through influence directly exerted or through the instrumentality of mediums, to enjoy fellowship of kindred minds and to share the sweetness of pure love; in short, to complete the individualization of the human soul."

When I read that and I contemplate it, I find I can't help but smile. These past 11 years since I have opened to my mediumship have proven to me over and over again the truth of that statement.

Recently I was at my parents' home, helping them with some work around the house. One of the chores my mother needed a hand with was in what used to be my childhood bedroom. My mother needed me to take apart the bed so she could vacuum underneath it, tighten the frame and turn the mattress.

With the mattress and box spring leaning against the wall and mom with her vacuum at hand – I felt the presence of her father stepping into the room. Grandpa passed in January of 1981. It never ceases to amaze me when I have the opportunity to see my family members who have passed.

Out of my mouth came one single word… "Oh!" My mother turned to look at me and asked, "Who's here?" My father was in the kitchen, and, upon hearing my mother, comes quickly into the room to find out just the same.

I proceeded to express to them that it was Grandpa Fred, my mother's dad – and I shared his message to my mother and to my father. It was a simple message of reassurance. My grandfather wanted my mother to know that she should "Stop picking on my father." Laughter ensued. She said that she does it for his own good, and then reported that her father was always "protective of my Dad." Grandpa proceeded to tell my mother that he was proud of her, that she was a good daughter, wife and mother. My mom got quiet – her eyes welled up. He finished his message to my mother with reassurance that he and Grandma were watching over my mother's brother and sending love and support to my mother's sister. My mother smiled and softened.

I turned to my father to express to him Grandpa's message. My grandfather expressed that he was proud of my father, that my father was a good father and husband. He continued by saying that my father has my grandfather's respect for the way he cared for and raised his family. With this my father started to well up with tears. Both of my parents said aloud, "We were just talking about the same thing the other day. We are really very proud of our children." With that my grandfather stepped back from his visit.

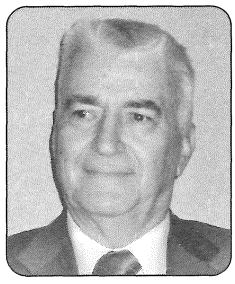
There are a number of reasons why this event was so significant and poignant. This 15 minute visit was filled with such healing. It occurred in my former bedroom. This was the same room I used to call my folks into each night for a few weeks at the age of six to tell them that I was "seeing people walking through the walls." Their response at the time was, "You are dreaming, go back to sleep." One night I screamed out loud, " Leave me alone!" - and they did until I was 33… when they came back and helped me to understand my ability.

Another reason why this event was so healing – my parents openly accepted the message and understand that the men and women they have loved come back to visit us, to, as it says in our *Spiritualist Manual*, "minister to earth's children, either through influence directly exerted or through the instrumentality of mediums." Never in my life could I have ever imagined that my parents would be open to such a communication. And it offers me hope.

To further show the healing that took place, growing up I was told "you are too sensitive, toughen up." There were times when I felt like I had to hold back my sensitivity with my family. Here I am as a 44-year-old adult male, letting my sensitivity flow in the very place I used to be told to "toughen up."

So I sat and thought about this a while. If a man who grew up in hard times, who became a drill instructor in the marines, who like most parents raised his family the best way he knew how, and a woman who had little belief in anything past this life regardless of her religious upbringing, who worked hard to provide a home, food and clothing for her family—if they can hear the message of one who passed through

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Role Models and Heroes

THE REV. BRADLEY GOSSELIN, NST – NSAC Trustee

Throughout our life we find role models and heroes to admire. As a child growing up my role model was my grandfather. He was kind, considerate, compassionate, sincere and very spiritual. He also listened. Growing up, I had many heroes. They were all adventurous, daring and contributed to make this a better country and a better world.

Shortly after I became a member of The First Spiritualist Church of Salem, I met The Reverend Joseph Merrill at the church's 100th anniversary. Joe was our keynote speaker and served our church that weekend. I had several opportunities that weekend and at future conventions to talk with Joe. I heard stories from our long time church members about Joe's days at the Massachusetts State Association. I found many of the same qualities in Joe that I had found in my grandfather and thus Joe became a second role model for me. As I studied the history of Modern Spiritualism and the NSAC, I found many individuals who fit the role of heroes. The love, dedication and hard work to bring this new religion and this new organization to the world by these individuals was and is amazing. However, of all, two stood out. They were maybe not as well known as some others, but to me, their contributions were outstanding.

They were Professors J. S. Loveland and Alfred Russell Wallace. Here are some reasons why I find their writings impressive. Most everyone knows that Professor Loveland wrote the first American book on Spiritualism, *The Esoteric Truths of Spiritualism*, and that he lectured across the country sharing these truths. In the archives at Lily Dale is a page from a letter written to the circle at Thomsons on November 15, 1852. It is believed that the medium who received this was Professor Loveland, and it has similarities to his future lectures and writings on other subjects. This shows how those in the Spirit World were coming forward to share their teachings and enlightenment with those on the Earth Plane. I feel it is as true today as it was in 1852. The page states:

"The Spirits have accomplished one part of their mission to the children of earth; they have succeeded in awakening the attention of men to the external manifestations. This, however, is only a small part of the great work they intend to perform. This opening of the external sense is only one type of the unclosing of the inner eye, or spiritual perceptivity, or it is the opening of the souls windows, through which the light of the Heavenly Spheres may shine into the darkened chambers of the soul. But we do not intend it shall shine in vain, but as light is always, more or less connected with heat, and as heat is expansive in its tendency, so we intend that this outbeaming and inshining light shall expand the interior of man's being.

Life in its lowest forms depends for development and continuance upon heat, not only so, but in its highest forms it is equally dependent. The life of the spirit depends for its beginning and development, upon the light of Divine Wisdom and the heat of Divine Love. Wisdom and Love conjoined work together through all the universe of God. The Spirits are striving to open the way for the inflaming of the hearts of men. Man has too long lived a mere outward life. We wish to enkindle the inner—the real life. We wish you to be men in understanding and not like children amused with toys, look upon our modes of efforts to arouse a slumbering world."

Another document from the archives is a handwritten letter to the National Spiritualist Association convention putting forth a form for a declaration of principles. It is as follows:

1. So the word principle signifies "the cause, source or origin of anything that from anything proceeds." Therefore, the primary proposition in any declaration of principles should include essentially all that follows; the succeeding propositions being only an explanation of the first. It will then have a logical coherence as the secondary statements will evolve naturally from the primary one.

2. The primary proposition should be self evidently true or universally conceded.

3. The basic proposition in my declaration that "Spiritualism is the science and philosophy of life" is universally conceded by Spiritualists in this country.

4. This proposition being conceded, a true definition of life must necessarily be a correct statement of the principle of Spiritualism.

5. In the declaration submitted I have, I think, made such definitions as cover the whole subject and present Spiritualism as the all embracing philosophy and religion of humanity.

6. Specific details or applications of principles to my great extent do not properly belong to such a declaration and I think those appended are ample. To narrow the scope of declarations to mere specific affirmations would

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the transition of life into the next life – how can it stop there? Healing and mediumship cannot stop there.

Throughout time humanity has explored existence. We have wanted to know that there is more to this world and our lives than what we perceive through our five senses. Spiritualism,with its healing and mediumship, helps to provide the answers to the deepest longings we hold in our hearts. ✦

Role Models and Heroes *Continued from page 42*

reduce us to the narrow limits of a sect warring with other sects, instead of standing on the broad platform of universal truth, including the whole of humanity. The propositions of this declaration are so nearly self evident and so easily demonstrated that we may safely conclude that they will never be superseded, but only be made more clearly comprehensible by the evolution of knowledge.

7. Trusting that you will submit such a statement of principles as will challenge the attention of the thinking world and prove a substantial basis where on to build the future commonwealth of enfranchised humanity. This helped us establish our Declaration of Principles, not as cast in stone or inviolate, but to give us a living set of Principles to adopt and adapt to an ever changing state of enlightenment. While Professor Loveland's contributions have been very extensive, I have selected two that have brought much to my growth and could only be shared in his own words.

Along similar lines Professor Wallace wrote in 1874 about the moral teachings of Spiritualism. While his contributions are very many, I find this particular piece to be enlightening and provoking much thought. I continue to find that so much of what was written in the late 1800s and early 1900s is the basis for so many current writings about spirituality and growth. Professor Wallace said that the theory of Human Nature is the outcome of the phenomena in their entirety and explicitly taught by communication, believed to come from spirits. He outlines this as follows:

1. Man is a duality, consisting of an organized spiritual form, evolved coincidentally with and permeating the physical body and having corresponding organs and development.

2. Death is the separation of this duality and effect no change in the spirit morally or intellectually.

3. Progressive evolution of the intellectual and moral nature is the destiny of individuals; the knowledge, attainments, and experience of earth life forming the basis of spirit life.

4. Spirit can communicate through properly endowed mediums. They are attracted to those they love or sympathize with and strive to warn, protect and influence them for good, by mental impression when they cannot effect any more direct communication; but as follows from clause (2) their communication will be fallible, and must be judged and tested just as we do our fellow man.

Professor Wallace then says that this raises many questions and difficulties to find answers. He makes references to the works of R. D. Owen, Hudson Tuttle, Professor Hare for answers. He then details an explanation of how the theory leads to a pure system of morality with sanctions far more powerful and effective than any which either religious systems or philosophy have put forth. What an explanation of personal responsibility!

Writing about Professor Huxley and The Dialectical Society, he talks about the denial of a spiritual source by scientific men. He writes the question of Huxley about possible effects of mental or physical without cause and that the results of gradual development and life long habit cannot be changed suddenly by any known or imaginable cause. Professor Wallace then states sorely that Professor Huxley is the last man to contemplate innumerable miracles as part of the order of nature and all for what?...merely to save these people from the necessary consequences of their misspent lives.

Professor Wallace writes of contrasting a system of natural and inevitable reward and retribution that depends on a development of mental and moral nature with that dependent on facts and beliefs set forth by all dogmatic religions. He then compares beliefs of other religions. Professor Wallace writes of a science of human nature which is founded on observed facts which appeals only to facts and experiment; which takes no beliefs on trust; which incalculates investigation and self reliance as the first duties of intelligent beings; which teaches that happiness in a future life can be secured by cultivating and developing to the utmost higher faculties of our intellectual and moral nature and by no other method. He closes by writing "for the cardinal maxim of Spiritualism is, that everyone must find out the truth for himself."

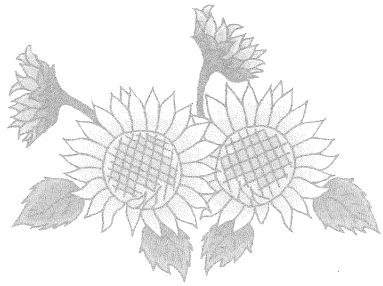
Professor Loveland and Professor Wallace have contributed so much to my understanding and personal growth, they are heroes to me. They have laid out a foundation of moral understanding and our Principles that shows that they were able to think deeply. Their explanations of Spiritualism as a Science, as a Philosophy and as a Religion contain such depth of thought that help expand our understanding of the definitions used by the NSAC. They have helped the foundation upon which Spiritualism was built, and for that I am eternally grateful. ✦

2009 Quotes to Bless Each Day JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 The spirit within nourishes... *Virgil*	**2** The soul alone raises us to nobility... *Seneca*	**3** The wealth of the soul is the only true wealth... *Lucian*
4 This body is tent for the spirit... *Rumi*	**5** The soul... is all peace and love. *Juliana of Norwich*	**6** Acts of love kindle and melt the soul... *St. Teresa*	**7** There is no death, only a change of worlds. *Chief Seattle*	**8** It is as natural to die as to be born. *F. Bacon*	**9** The body dies, but the spirit is not entombed. *The Dhammapada*	**10** God is a spirit, a hidden spirit, The Spirit of spirits, the Divine Spirit. *The Egyptian Book of the Dead, c.3000 BCE*
11 He who knows himself is enlightened. *Lao-Tzo*	**12** I think that all human systems require continuous renewal. We must move on. *J.W. Gardiner*	**13** A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature. *R.W. Emerson*	**14** The man who was made in God's image is the inner man. *Origen*	**15** God is a sea of infinite substance. *St. John*	**16** Without mysticism man can achieve nothing great. *A. Gide*	**17** The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. *Einstein*
18 A soul who is not close to nature is far away from spirituality. *H.I. Khan*	**19** Don't try to improve Nature. *W. Reich*	**20** Prayer is conversation with God. *Clement of Alexandria (150-211)*	**21** A single grateful thought raised up is the most perfect prayer. *J. Swift*	**22** Many bring their clothes to church rather than themselves. *Proverb*	**23** We are discovering our capacity for endless awakenings in a universe of endless surprises. *M. Ferguson*	**24** Speech is of time, silence of eternity. *T. Carlyle*
25 Listen to your inner voice, which nudges you gently. *W. Reich*	**26** My mind will not experience peace if it fosters thoughts of hatred. *Shantideva*	**27** God is the friend of silence. Trees, flowers and grass grow in silence. *Mother Teresa*	**28** Follow your bliss. *J. Campbell*	**29** Every step of today is your life of tomorrow. *W. Reich*	**30** Existence is a vehicle for contemplation, and contemplation is a vehicle for Joy. *G. Santayana*	**31** Spiritual union is found within nature. *Starhawk*

2009 Quotes to Bless Each Day FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 The highest wisdom is kindness. *The Gemara*	**2** The silence of the stars is the silence of creation and re-creation. *Chet Raymo*	**3** We are the children of our landscape. *Lawrence Durrell*	**4** The supreme reality of our time is the vulnerability of our planet. *J.F. Kennedy*	**5** A vision sets direction for thinking and action. *Edward de Bono*	**6** No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. *Aesop (c.550 BCE)*	**7** Strive to be happy. *Desiderata*
8 If we can really understand the problem, the answer will come out of it. *J. Krishnamurti*	**9** Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards. *S. Kierkegaard*	**10** Truth is a non-transferable ticket which only bears one name. *Yatri*	**11** In the midst of winter, I learned that there was in me an invincible summer. *T. Carlyle*	**12** Be firm in your acts, but easy in your heart. *Mr. Tut-Tut (17th c)*	**13** Being a human being is one of the ways of being a spirit. *Da Free John (Adida)*	**14** There is nothing on earth so curious for beauty as a soul. *W. Kadinsky*
15 Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal. *M.B. Eddy*	**16** Call the world "The vale of Soul-making." *J. Keats*	**17** The soul is the mirror of an indestructible universe. *G.W. Leibniz*	**18** Who is narrow of vision cannot be big-hearted. *Mr. Tut-Tut (17th c)*	**19** All love is sweet – given or returned. *P.B. Shelley*	**20** Life is a pure flame, and we live by an invisible sun within us. *Sir Thomas Browne*	**21** Know thyself.
22 Every day is my best; I shall never have this moment again. *Bernie Siegel*	**23** There is great happiness in not wanting. *J. Krishnamurti*	**24** Go into suffering as a meditation. Through watching the deepest roots of it, it disappears. *Osho*	**25** Mankind is interdependent, and the happiness of each depends on the happiness of all. *H.I. Khan*	**26** Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. *R.W. Emerson*	**27** The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved. You are. *Victor Hugo*	**28** Happy is he who has found the Truth. *Buddha*



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Abe Lincoln Returns

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In Spiritualism, we often discuss the Natural Law of Cycles. It is amazing how things reappear in different ways, but yet are recognized. Our country has brought to the White House a leader who presented himself as one to promote "Change." Anyone who has an interest in the why's and how's of change can certainly review the history of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln left an interesting legacy. Abraham Lincoln taught the nation the need for thankfulness by establishing the last Thursday in the month of November as Thanksgiving Day, and he said, "It is a day to give praise to our benevolent Father in Heaven." It was during his administration that "In God We Trust" was added to our coins. At his Gettysburg Address, the phrase "under God" emerged spontaneously. Ninety-one years later, Congress included the words in the Salute to Our Flag. One of his famous quotes when he left Illinois for the Whitehouse was, "I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosom until there shall be no longer a doubt that all men are created equal."

Not only did he bring a vibration of change for the world, he was also important to Spiritualism. The Laurie's of Georgetown were very close friends of the Lincoln's and introduced them to Henrietta (Nettie) Colburn Maynard, a fine Spiritualist medium. We are familiar with the story of his being enraptured with the mediumship of this young lady. As a result, she became a fixture in Washington, D.C. Many documents record Abe's participation in the séances in Georgetown as well as at the White House with Belle Laurie and Nettie Maynard. Since Lincoln never joined any church, the question often arises as to whether or not Abraham Lincoln was a Spiritualist? Nettie attempted to answer that question in her book *Was Abraham Lincoln a Spiritualist?*

We can give Lincoln credit for also bringing some change in Spiritualism. When Lincoln signed the Proclamation of Emancipation in 1862, it inspired Andrew Jackson Davis' mind. Davis thought it is time to emancipate the minds of the children from the slavery of dogmatic theology as set forth in sectarian Sunday Schools. Davis claims that in a superior state he saw an elaborate system of instruction or children unfolding before him. At once, he endeavored to create the First Children's Progressive Lyceum in Dodsworth Hall at 806 Broadway, New York, on January 25, 1863. Rightfully so, Andrew Jackson Davis is called the Father of the First Children's Progressive Lyceum.

About 1896, the NSA established their first Lyceum. Throughout the years, it grew in stature and numbers. It was discussed at length about a children's magazine just as we had *The National Spiritualist* for the adults. As a result, *The Spotlight* came into being. Perhaps it is time for us to take time to ponder on today—How many Lyceums are there in the United States today? Does your church have a Lyceum, Adult as well as Children's? Do you attend? Do you offer to help? If not building our tomorrow on the young of today, what other suggestion do you have to offer?

Abraham Lincoln was a man of moral power and one of greatness of character. Once again, change is coming to America. Perhaps as Davis was inspired by the Emancipation Proclamation to free the minds of the children, we should be inspired by the change today to move Spiritualism into the 21st century. Our story is emblazed in the pages of history, along with our philosophy and our religion. But, we have entered a new age, the dawning of Aquarius. Change is upon us! It is true that if you don't go with the tide, the wave is sure to wash over you.

Perhaps, the time is now upon us to review our terminology and bring it into alignment with the 'age of communication' that we so enjoy today. Perhaps we can ponder on how we can present our science of mediumship and other phenomena, making it more enticing by accurate proof of the continuity of life. Today, while table tipping may be an appropriate demonstration of the power of the unseen energy, it is basically of yesterday. Understand, it is not suggested that we put away the tables, the trumpets, the slates, spoon bending or psychometry, it is simply suggesting we also move in the world of today, leading us into the world of tomorrow! The new phases of phenomena such as electronic voice might be expanded upon. Perhaps we could expand our understanding of healing as the theories of yesterday and magnetic healing become revitalized in the new world of the energetics of magnetism. Perhaps in séances of this century, we should seek guidance from the Spirit World to enhance our ability to be in tune with the times – It is the 21st century! ✦

Declaration of Principles

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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: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
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 soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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