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IN BRIEF
CONVENTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

THIS YEAR the majority of the NSAC Board of Directors decided not to publish the annual convention issue, but I thought the readers who could not attend would like at least a brief review and a few pictures.

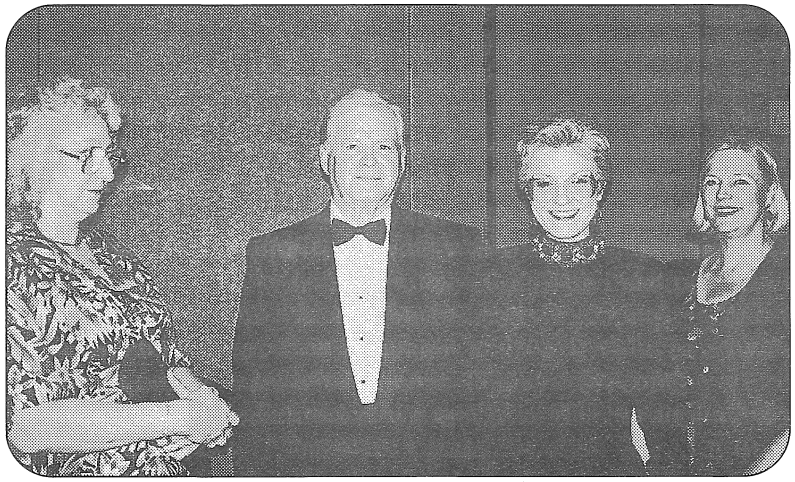
The 104th Annual Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 22nd through October 25th, 1996, was hosted by the Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC, the Reverend Catherine Stewart, NST, pastor. Our compliments to the fine group of Spiritualists from Las Vegas who made us all feel so welcome and who handled the convention affairs so wonderfully. I heard someone comment maybe we could have the convention in Las Vegas every year. The look on some of the workers faces did not seem too excited to promote this suggestion. Conventions are expensive and a lot of hard work.

We arrived with air conditioning and left in sweaters with the heaters going when an unseasonal cold spell rolled down from Alaska and enveloped the West. Still, some delegates worked up a sweat as they pulled the handles of the slot machines during the breaks from the business sessions. There was never a dull moment.

The meeting and greeting actually began on Sunday afternoon, October 20th with a very nice welcome reception sponsored by the Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC. Rather than just cookies or cake they served finger sandwiches with fresh fruit and punch. It is a fun reunion time, with lots of talking, lots of hugging, and lots of laughing.

Sunday evening the NSAC Board of Directors conducted a Devotional Service. It began with a beautiful Mental Healing Service by the Reverend Alfred A Conner, NST with commissioned healers offering laying on of hands healing. This was followed by a Worship Service: Chairperson, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, Address by the Rev. Cosie Allen, NST, and Clairvoyance by the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST, the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, the Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, the Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, and the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST. Two harmonious duets were sung by Martha and Darrell Ghan.

Monday morning found the delegates and guests at a Seminar: Scientific Aspects of Spiritualism. This was sponsored by the four NSAC Service Clubs: Spiritualist Healers League, National Spiritualist Teachers Club, Ministerial Association and the Licentiate Ministers and Certified Mediums Society. The Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST was the chairperson. Presenters and topics were varied. The Aura and Kirlian Photography demonstration and lecture by Maria Plasencia was most enjoyable and the delegates were delighted at the samples of auric photography and the variety of colors and shapes around an individuals head. Bits and Pieces of Scientific Studies and how they affect us, presented by this writer, contained a variety of current scientific research focusing on the body/mind connection and the power of prayer and meditation. The Rev. Margaret Dent, an author, TV and radio personality, told of Spiritualism in Australia and how she has worked with science. Her stories were so wonderful that the audience was sorry when she had to stop because of the time. Paul Cook talked about Spiritualism and the computer, telling the attendees of the NSAC Board decision to go online – www.nsac.org. The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST spoke of Electronic Phenomena. He had been in contact with Sarah Estep, president and founder of the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomena inviting her to the Seminar. She had a conflicting engagement but shared a tape that Mr. Baker presented with many fine examples of spirit voices. Elsie FeatherSong spoke about energy and showed slides of spirit photography.



Rev. Sharon Snowman, NST, Chester Wittich, Rev. Brenda Wittich and Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST.

The Annual Banquet, held on Monday evening, is a wonderful social event that is looked forward to at each convention. The delegates and guests, adorned in fashionable attire, assemble to dine, dance and listen to welcome addresses, and honors to Spiritualists who have served the religion. This year music and entertainment was provided by Aulikki and Seppo Plaami.

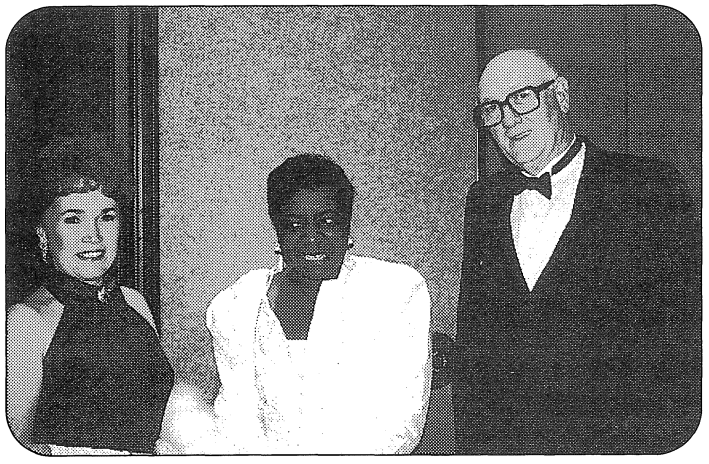
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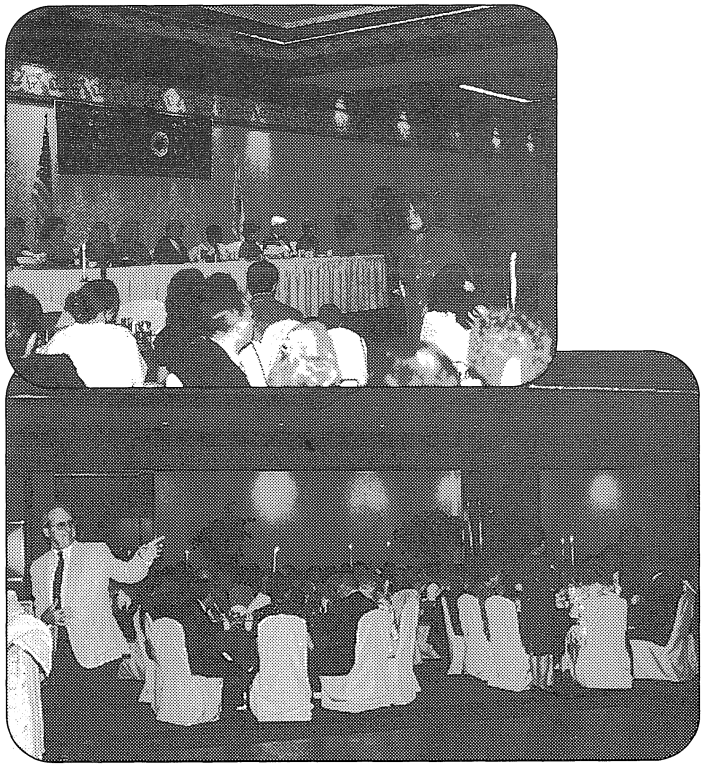
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Rev. Lelia Cutler, Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST and Rev. Cosie Allen, NST.



Rev. Jeannie Lerch, NST, Marrice Coverson and Rev. Alfred Conner, NST.



ment Award was given to the Rev. Catherine Margiotta, pastor of the Church of the Infinite Spirit, Newington, Connecticut. The Lifetime Service Award was given to the Rev. Velma Gasber, pastor of First Spiritualist Association, Way Memorial Temple in Wheeling, West Virginia.



Rev. Velma Gasber

Each morning, Tuesday through Friday, there were NSAC Service Club meetings. The new elected officers of these clubs are pictured here. The secretary and president are also listed most months on page 15 of this issue, and on page 13 of the regular 36 page monthly *TNS* magazine if you should desire to contact them. There are many services that the clubs perform, but one that some NSAC Members don't know about, is that each club offers



MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Rev. Sandra Dawson, NST, Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, and seated, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST (Pres.), and Rev. Janet Travis, NST.

a scholarship to our educational courses. Promoting further study in the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism is extremely important to our religion.

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NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST TEACHERS CLUB

Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Rev. Pat Smith, NST (Pres.), Rev. Louise Perush, NST, and Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST.



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Rev. Harvey Horstman, NST, Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST (Pres.), Sandra Cook, NST, and seated, Elsie FeatherSong, Rev. Janet Tisdale, NST, and Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST.



SPIRITUALIST HEALERS LEAGUE

Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Rev. John Young, NST, Rev. Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, and seated, Sandra Cook, NST, and Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST (Pres.).

Each day the business meetings were opened with an Invocation, a patriotic song, the Flag Salute and the Fanny Allyn Salute. The only reports which were read to the delegates this year were the President's, Secretary's, Treasurer's, and appointed committees. The other reports were handed to the delegates upon registration. The reason for this is that the convention was scheduled to redraft the Constitution and Bylaws, now just called the Bylaws, and this was a big, time consuming undertaking. The proposed redraft had been in the works for two plus years, with the past parliamentarian Jane Klaussman, the current parliamentarian Ms. Betty Green, legal council, Jeff Lucas and the NSAC Bylaws committee, the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, chairperson, all spending countless hours on the draft. Copies of the original Constitution and Bylaws, additional proposed Bylaws and proposed changes were sent to all churches so that the delegates could familiarize themselves with the two forms and the suggested alterations before the convention. Many of the discussions were lively, but time limits kept us moving forward.

A lovely addition to the Convention was a marriage ceremony held just before the Tuesday evening Worship Services. Nancy Parry and John Tremblay were joined in Holy Matrimony by the Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST. The Rev. Louis Potter gave the closing prayer. Elsie FeatherSong and Merlon Cole stood up for the happy couple.



The Newlyweds: Nancy and John Tremblay, with Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST.

The Healing Service on Tuesday was led by the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST, with musical duet selections by Martha and Darryll Ghan. The Chairperson for the Worship Service was the Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, the inspired speaker was the Rev. Brenda Wittich and the Clairvoyants were the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, the Rev. B. Anne Gehman, and Fran Richardson. Joyce Huston sang a solo, played the trumpet and led the congregation in the singing.

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The Rev. Brenda Wittich

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY THE REV. BRENDA WITTICH, PRESIDENT

To The Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 104th Annual Convention:

Greetings,

I wish to welcome the delegates and guests to the first NSAC Convention held in Las Vegas. Words are inadequate in expressing my appreciation to The Spiritualist Desert Church for the endless hours it has taken to make this a successful convention and for being an attractive spiritual light in a city filled with neon lights.

As most of you are aware, the NSAC Secretary was not in the office for approximately seven weeks due to an illness. I was in the office from March 12 through March 29 to maintain the functioning of the organization and prepare the information folders for the National Board for the Spring Board Meeting and upon my return home, prepared myself.

Through the directive of this President, there has been the greatest outreach program to our auxiliaries by Board members during the past two years than at any other time in our history. I have traveled extensively for the NSAC, as I would not ask any Board member to do that which I, myself, would not do. This Board can no longer be accused of being in an ivory tower and unmindful of what is occurring within the organization.

The President is charged by the Constitution and Bylaws to report on the state of the organization and to make recommendations for its future welfare. I would be very pleased if I could report the organization has grown stronger this past year, but I can not. To paraphrase H. Norman Schwarzkopf, "Failure is contagious; success is infectious. Our organization will never get better unless we're willing to admit that there is something wrong with it." The problems within the organization are the responsibility of all of the membership and the involvement of the total membership is necessary to ensure practical solutions. If we are ever to have harmony within our organization, we must all work toward eliminating the injustice which is created by the importunings of special interest groups.

One of the solutions to our problems is being addressed in this Constitutional Convention. Our current Constitution and Bylaws has been a patchwork of changes causing difficulties in locating a specific topic without having to read several sections. The need for a complete revision has been apparent for many years. With the assistance of the NSAC Attorney, Jeff Lucas, our former Parliamentarian, Jane Klausman, the NSAC Board and a former Board member, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee has prepared a Complete Revision. Everyone is given its protection and is subject to its restraints.

The question of previous members of the NSAC having been expelled from membership through the Disciplinary Proceedings serving NSAC auxiliaries has presented problems during this past year. Misinformation has teemed throughout the organization. The current Bylaws, Article IV, Section 8 (C) states; "An expelled member shall not be allowed to serve any society under the auspices of the NSAC." There is no truth to the rumor that an edict has been issued by the NSAC Board or myself stating that members of the NSAC can not serve other Spiritualist organizations, nor an edict forbidding members of other Spiritualist organizations serving NSAC auxiliaries except those who have been expelled from the NSAC through the Disciplinary Proceedings. The NSAC Attorney along with Jane Klausman had assisted in drafting the Disciplinary Proceedings. The current NSAC Parliamentarian, Betty S. Green and mentor of our former Parliamentarian, Jane Klausman, has rendered her professional opinion on this matter and has stated, " . . . the C & B can be amended by the delegates at Convention by a 2/3 vote (Constitution Article XVI, Section 1) provided that the notice requirement stipulated in Section 2 of the same Article has been complied with; however, until it is changed, the current documents are in effect. In view of the above references, it is my opinion that under NSAC's current Constitution and Bylaws, any expelled NSAC member cannot subsequently serve any NSAC Auxiliaries under the auspices of the NSAC."

The NSAC Board has not determined that Reiki Practitioners and/or Reiki Masters are in dual membership. The Reiki Healing Technique is still under investigation by the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence. The dual membership is effective when any member acquires an ordination certificate or any other certification through another religious organization, not with his/her Reiki Degrees. Many NSAC members who have studied Reiki and other alternative healing methods are retaining their NSAC membership. The NSAC Board continues to encourage the membership to study and broaden its spiritual education.

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The Rev. Sharon L. Snowman

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY THE REV. SHARON L. SNOWMAN, SECRETARY

To The Officers, Delegates and Guests Assembled at the National Spiritualist Association of Churches 104th Annual Convention:

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 104th Annual Convention.

There have been no repairs or alterations necessary during this past year for the General Office in Lily Dale.

The NSAC office has been able to cut expenses during this past year and still maintain service to our auxiliaries and expand our Book Store. In an effort to meet the needs of the Churches and to expand our Book Store, we have added the following books and materials to our booklist.

The following have just been reprinted and are back in circulation and available through the NSAC Book Store: *Swan on a Black Sea,* Cummins; *Autobiography of Emma Hardinge Britten,* Wilkinson; *The Torch of Knowledge,* Findlay; *The Science Art and Future of Spiritual Healing,* Miller; *Silver Birch Speaks,* Psychic Press; *Guidance From Silver Birch,* Psychic Press.

New additions to the Book Store and much in demand are: *Facts about Orthodox Religions and Spiritualism Explained,* Wakefield; *Color Psychology and Color Therapy,* Birren; *They too Know a Thing or Two,* Collins; *Minestra's Vision - A centenary Collection of Grace Cook's Writings,* Cooke; *Bang Sisters and their Precipitated Portraits,* Swan; *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success,* Chopra; *The Way of the Wizard,* Chopra; *The Healers Pathway,* Greenbank; *Gospel Fictions,* Helms; *Nobody Wants to Listen - and Yet!,* Lodge; *Beyond Skepticism all the Way to Enlightenment,* Martin; *Living in Two Worlds,* Roberts; *The Universe of Spiritualism,* Newman.

The NSAC Book Store has once again had a very busy year. The income this year from the sale of books, NSAC Manuals, Spiritualist Hymnals and supplies, totals $36, 263.00. Last years total sales was $41,347.00.

We are down in sales from last year by $5,084.00 which is attributed to the loss of sales at Convention last year through the lack of a full Book Table. As you can see from the figures, this loss had not been recouped during the year as was hoped. The NSAC Book Store is the only source of year round earned income for the NSAC. Expenses for the purchase of books and materials for this year was $15,558.84. Last years expenses totaled $23,719.08. This office has made a concerted effort to cut down the amount of stock held in order to curb expenses and still provide for new and interesting titles and information. Purchases for the Book Store are down by slightly over $8,000.00. At present our inventory value stands just under $112,000.00. Last years inventory was valued at just under $106,000.00.

Two thirds of the increase in inventory is attributed to supplies such as Clergy Cards, Certificate Renewal Cards, Membership Cards; Pressure sensitive labels for the Definitions and Principles; the Free Literature *Healer's Do and Don't* and *Medium's Do and Don't,* which are printed by an outside source, NSAC Letterhead stationery and the *NSAC Year Book.* Of course, the only return is from the donations or sales of the Year Book. The remaining one third of the increase reflects the actual increase in book stock throughout the year due to new titles. Also please realize that a good portion of our Book Store stock comes from books which the NSAC itself has published and ordered in large quantities to obtain more feasible prices.

Two years ago, the NSAC had purchased a system from Bell and Howell which will place all archival records on microfilm. This system came complete with a reader printer for daily use. Once the task of placing all of the archives in order had been mostly completed, we begin microfilming over one hundred years of letters, records, periodicals and books.

The microfilming of our archives would establish a more permanent system of archival protection and will allow in-depth and cross filed research without unnecessary handling of the archival documents. Many of these documents are very old and fragile and in need of this type of preservation effort in order to preserve our history for posterity and to make these materials safely usable.

Mrs. Kincaid who had been employed as our archivist and had been fully active in placing our records in order as well as the microfilming of these records has been laid off due to the financial situation of the NSAC. Therefore the work on the archives and the microfilming of these valuable records has been placed on hold for the time being. It is my hope that we will be able to bring Mrs. Kincaid back at some time in the future to complete this necessary work before some of these valuable documents are lost to us forever.

Some difficulties may have been experienced during

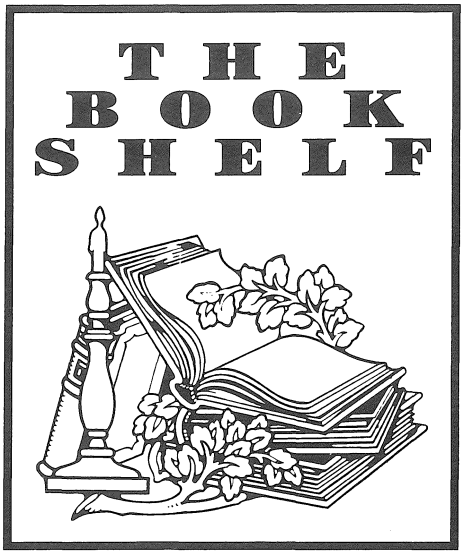
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WHEN YOUR ANIMAL DIES

By Sylvia Barbanell

"Do not mourn the loss of your pets more than you can help. It will distress them when they come to see you. Animals have simple, unquestioning minds; they are rather like children in their natural acceptance of the love you bear. They will not understand your grief because they reason that, not only are they alive and well, but are by your side. It will distress them to see your tears, for they cannot understand your reasons for shedding them."

So says Sylvia Barbanell, who has studied – and presents – the whole case for animal survival. "Remember," she advises, "the pet you have lost for a while will awaken to perfect health, with all ills vanished. One of the first things he will do will be to return to



prove to you what a fine fellow he has become again. Help him to realize you know he is present by giving him a word or two of encouragement. Speak to him in the old accustomed way he knows so well. He will often visit you. Let him know that a welcome still awaits him.

"You may not have the psychic power to see the dog who has returned, so full of health and vigour. You may not be able to feel the presence of the cat who, with regained well-being, will rub her sleek, complacent form against the human who always lavished such loving care upon her. You may not hear the song of the pet bird whose notes of gladness have taken on an added sweetness. You may not be fortunate enough to see your animal every time they visit you.

"Nevertheless, be happy in the knowledge that, if the tie of love still binds, your 'dead' pets will be there to greet you when the time comes for you to rejoin them."

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1997 SITES and DATES

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Lily Dale, Spiritualist Camp
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June 15 thru June 27, Classes 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Instructors: Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST and Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

OAKLAND AREA, CALIFORNIA
August 18, 9:00 a.m., Orientation;
Aug. 18 thru Aug. 28, Classes 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Instructors: Rev. Betty Nauratil, NST and Rev. Donald Nauratil, NST

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Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Camp
Mt. Pleasant Park
September 6, 7:30 p.m., Orientation;
Sept. 7 thru Sept. 19, Classes 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Instructors: Rev. Cosie L. Allen, NST and Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST

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Class size is limited. Early registration is necessary. A deposit of $50 is required sixty (60) days in advance with full payment required thirty (30) days in advance. Complete information for the site will be sent upon payment of a deposit. If eight students are not enrolled for a session thirty days in advance, the session may be cancelled.

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WHY PASTORAL SKILLS?

BY THE REV. CHARLENE KLEINSCHMIDT, NST, NEW YORK

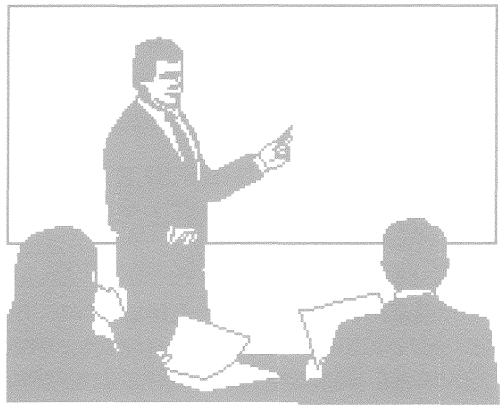
Pastoral Skills is a required two week residency course needed so one may be ordained.

Before I took this course, I was one of the biggest advocates for breaking it down, condensing it or holding it on weekends. After completing the course, I am even more convinced of the importance of the single concentrated 2 week session. The material is far reaching and has a structured progress that would be, at best diluted, at worst lost, in a different format.

You are touched on so many levels throughout this training. You will read material that may disturb you. Some discussions may entirely change your understanding about crisis situations and social problems. Examples of situations with which you may be faced are presented. While gut reaction may trigger one response you will be shown why ethically you cannot respond in that way. You will be taught how to distinguish when you should suggest professional help to another and to recognize when it is beyond your expertise. You may come face to face with your own unknown prejudice or complexes.

There is much to be gained by being present in an intense academic environment during this period. The students practice mock services and critique fellow classmates. There is a bond that grows with the concentrated required studies. Between classes there is a heavy focus of studying and homework to be completed. There is also time to become better acquainted with people from other areas of the country and to build friendships. If this were diluted, I believe it would be to the student's detriment.

I well understand the frustration many of you face in this situation, where two weeks are a precious commodity. I've been there. I had an employer that refused me the two weeks repeatedly yet, when it came time to downsize I was suddenly quite disposable. I was fortunate that I lost my job to downsizing, for it opened the door for me to choose to take the course by working temporary positions around it. It was difficult financially, but it was worth it.



Think of this challenge as an opportunity to explore what you wish to gain and choose to give to the ministry. You may discover that at this time in your life personal demands and choices make dedicating yourself to full time ministry unrealistic. No mistake about it, once you are ordained you will find yourself ministering to others in a variety of situations. Be prepared, even if you are not pastoring a church, to be called on frequently, not only by Spiritualists, but by others who feel they can trust you because you are a minister. They believe you have been trained to handle personal problems and dilemmas. Pastoral Skills will give you some basic training. Certainly, you won't learn everything in two weeks, but you will be much better prepared. Pastoral Skills is not a fancy title for 10 easy lessons. Pastoral Skills is only a beginning of the training you should be willing to accept in order to be effective in your ministry. It helps one to gain an even greater understanding of what the ministry means, demands and offers you.

We need to put into perspective what the Pastoral Skills course is designed to do. It is not a dish of pablum prepared to simply get you through the requirements for the next step in your ministry. It is meat and potatoes which require dedicated action and reaction on your part. While it may seem excessive and demanding, if you have not taken it, I can tell you from personal experience it is a small price to pay to become the best you can be in your ministry.

I ask you not to limit your thinking, as I did, but to listen to Spirit's guidance, to weigh your choices carefully and if it is right for you, to take a leap of faith. But, before you judge and think you know sufficient reasons for the course to be shortened, altered or diluted, as I did, look into what is truly offered and understand why the intensive two weeks course is needed.

We need a ministry fully prepared to deal with the challenging issues in our society today. Giving full credit to those of the past that dealt with the issues of their times and did not have the benefit of this training, it is time we recognize and support a better education for those now entering our ranks. This is the time to make our voices heard in the mainstream and to prepare ourselves for fulfilling the demands of an educated, qualified ministry.

IN BRIEF, CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS *(Continued from page 5.)*

WEDNESDAY EVENING the Healing Service was led by Sandra Cook, LM, NST. The Worship Service was chaired by Marrice Coverson. A moving Commemorative Service was conducted by the Rev. Catherine Stewart. The evenings address was given by the Rev. Frances Scher reminding the attendees of their personal responsibility. The Clairvoyants were the Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, the Rev. Ann Otzelberger, NST and Si Baynes, LM. Leon Ireland was the musician soloist playing the saxophone and singing.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY SERVICES needed to be cancelled so that the difficult review and decisions could be reached on the Bylaws. Soloist Aimee Chalfant was scheduled for the Thursday evening service and she was requested to sing before the evening meeting began. Her lovely operatic voice brought a standing ovation and a request for more. It was a special and spiritual way to begin the work session.

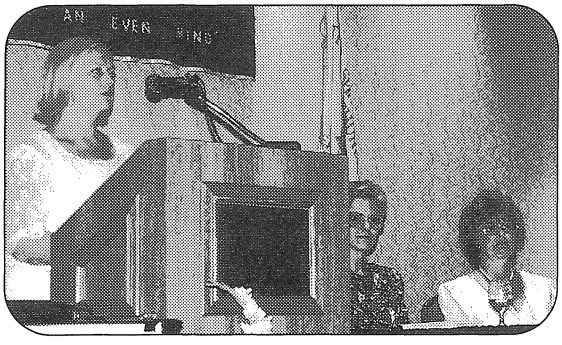
Last year a report by the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence on reincarnation was postponed until the 1996 convention. The Constitution and Bylaw revision was taking so much time that the Rev. Bernard Baker agreed to condense the hour report to twenty-five minutes. It was very interesting and a report on it will be printed in *TNS* next month for those of you who did not have the opportunity to hear it.

The Convention Site was discussed. Two locations presented proposals for next year: San Francisco, California and Springfield, Massachusetts. The delegates voted to have the convention on the East Coast next year in Massachusetts with the convention scheduled for October 26 – October 31st. Minnesota withdrew its bid for the 1998 convention. Future proposed sites are: 1999 at Indianapolis, Indiana. 2000 in Connecticut and 2001 in Denver, Colorado.

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON at 1:30 the chairperson of the Credentials Committee, the Rev. Pat Smith, NST conducted the role call of the delegates. The final count was 9 board members, 169 delegates and 35 proxies. The Election of Officers was then conducted. For the office of treasurer, the Rev. Lelia Cutler, NST and the Rev. Alfred A. Conner, NST were nominated. Mr. Conner was elected. Two trustee positions were scheduled for election: the Rev. Barbara Thurman, NST, the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST and Ronald L. Spencer were nominated. Mr. Baker was elected. The next trustee position, Ronald L. Spencer and Frances M. Richardson were nominated. Mr. Spencer was elected.

Immediately following the elections the President of the NSAC, the Rev. Brenda Wittich read a statement of resignation. The President felt that again the delegates

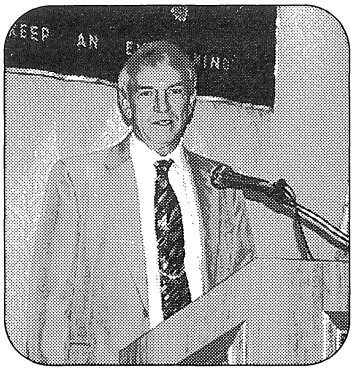
TUESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



The Rev. Pamla Ashlay, NST, the Rev. Brenda Wittich, and the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST.



The Rev. Catherine Stewart led the Memorial Service. Carnations were handed out by Bennie Dunlap and Susan Russum.



The Rev. Gene Pfortmiller led the Mental Healing.



Fran Richardson and the Rev. B. Anne Gehman.



Healers meditate and prepare themselves for laying-on-of-hands healing.

had elected a board where the majority were in opposition to the President. She stated that the discord among the Board of Directors and the lack of support she had received as the President of the Organization had caused her to decide that she was not and could not be an effective leader and accomplish anything positive for the NSAC. She said that she felt she was losing her Spirituality with all the dissension. Spirituality is her goal in life so she decided to resign in order to devote her time to recovering her inner attunement.

Delegates were shocked and tears were evident throughout the hall. The new treasurer, Alfred Conner, announced that he was in support of the president and if she resigned he would also. Trustee Bernard Baker came forward tending his resignation and Secretary, Sharon Snowman also resigned. Many speeches followed praising the efforts of the president and requesting her to reconsider. As the line to speak, praise Mrs. Wittich, or to resign continued to grow, the Rev. Brenda Wittich did reconsider with the stipulation that the other board members that had resigned would also reconsider – which they did. She then delivered a speech informing the delegates that she needs a board that will work with her and not against her so we can get the Organization going forward again. The President asked the delegates to mandate the elected board to work together and to support her and the NSAC. A dinner recess was called to cool emotions and restore balance.

THE EVENING SESSION completed the revision of the Bylaws and they were accepted by the delegates. A thank you was issued to the pianist Patricia Chalfant, the Sergeant-At-Arms, the Rev. Gene Pfortmiller, NST and the Rev. David Burr, NST, the Recorder, Sandra Dawkins and the Convention Hosts from the Spiritualist Desert Church, NSAC who had been so friendly and helpful.

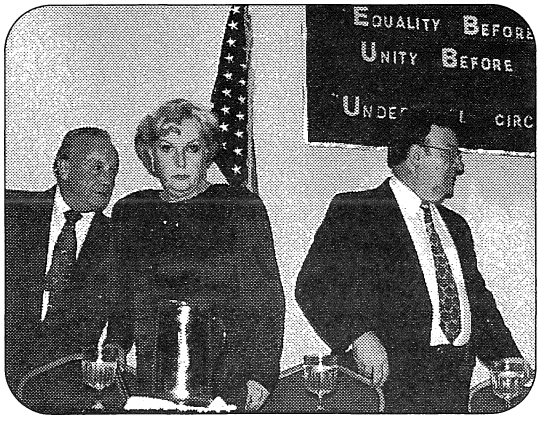
Following adjournment the ways and means conducted a drawing and auction to raise additional funds to pay for the convention expenses. Tired delegates said goodbye until next year.

A Prayer For The New Year

by the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST

May this year bring us all:
Enough success to stimulate us,
Enough failure to maintain humility,
Enough abundance that there is extra to share,
Enough joy to keep the smile on our face,
Enough trust to help us change,
Enough friends to share life's experiences,
Enough compassion to serve others,
Enough inspiration to aid our growth,
Enough wisdom to make the right decisions,
Enough meditation to give us peace,
Enough love to push away our fears,
Enough quiet time to commune with God.
Have a Blessed New Year!

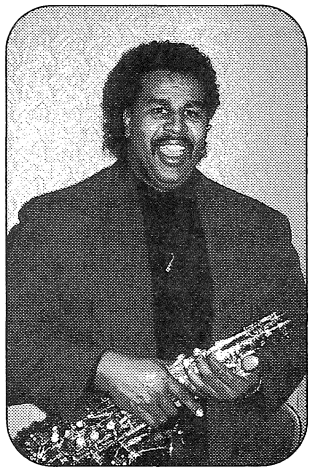
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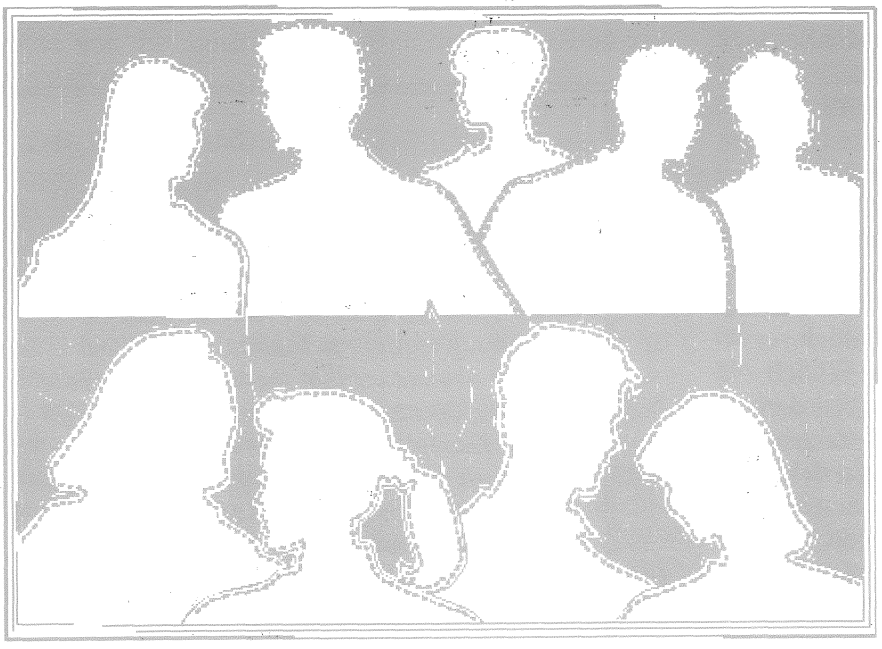
THURSDAY EVENING SOLO



Pianist, Patricia Chalfant and Singer, Aimee Chalfant.

Our Higher Self

BY ELIZABETH HARRIS, DSNU, CANADA



Whatever people may say, it cannot alter the fact that the Great Spirit is in all, the Great Spirit is all, and all is the Great Spirit.

– Light from Silver Birch

One of the richest and most exciting experiences of our physical existence is getting acquainted with our Higher Self – the spark of the Divine energy within – our spiritual body – allowing it to come into it's own, to manifest and grow.

For, by doing this we can become transformed. We can look at life through new eyes, with refreshing confidence and assurance.

As we are all unique, with individual aptitudes, each of us will approach this in our own way. But, the first thing we must realize is that we are all spiritual beings – now and forever. We do not suddenly become spiritual beings at some later time when we die. For at dying, our spirit bodies simply escape from our physical bodies – similar to discarding overcoats we no longer need.

We have right now, within us, all the spiritual qualities we will ever have. The spirit body may be lying dormant and unknown within us, nevertheless, latent in every living human body lives this divine spirit.

Again, it is the spirit within which makes us divine, which distinguishes us from the lowly beasts in the fields. Once we become aware of this spirit body within, (our Higher Self), once this spirit is fully awakened and consciousness begins to grow, then we know who we are and why we are.

For consciousness gives us the ability to see ourselves as others see us and have empathy for others. It lets us imagine ourselves in someone else's place, and to ask ourselves how we would feel and what we would do if we were in this other person's place.

No matter how poorly we use or fail to use or even abuse these abilities, they are the part and parcel of our ability to begin to love our neighbor, develop morals, see truth, create beauty, pursue ideals.

To carry out these potentials and be a person is what is meant by the saying, 'man/woman is fundamentally of the same nature as God.'

For it is the spirit body within which inspires us to always reach for the highest and best of which we are capable – to grow, develop and evolve. It is the spirit body within which directs us to help our fellowman. It is the spirit body within which makes us loving, kind and unselfish.

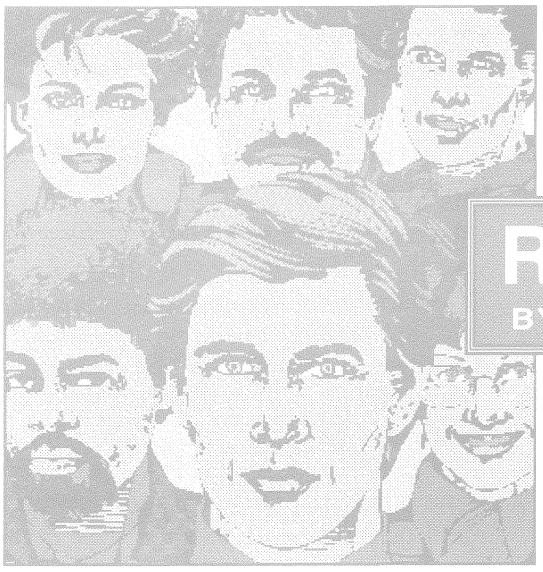
The great Spiritualist pioneer, Rev. Stainton Moses in his inspired book, *Spirit Teachings* tells us: "The spiritual body is the object for training, to develop and fit it for its life in the spheres of spirit. This Being, temporarily enshrined in an earthly body, is a conscious, responsible intelligence, with duties and responsibilities, with capacities, with accountability, with power to progress. The incarnated spirit has its conscience, frequently undeveloped of inherent right and wrong.

It is the hidden spring. If it is working right, the external acts will be done. He who fulfills these acts according to his ability, with honesty and sincerity of purpose earns his legitimate reward in happiness and progression."

However, not only human beings, but every organism struggles for one and only one central compulsion in life, to fulfill it's potentials, to grow, develop and evolve. The acorn becomes an oak, the puppy becomes a dog. But our task is more difficult, because we must do it consciously.

Moreover, our spiritual growth and development is never automatic,

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RESOLUTIONS?

BY INGRID CHOUINARD, ARIZONA

As each year comes to a close and we are caught in the joy and bustle of the holidays, the reality of the new year sets in. This usually happens between Thanksgiving dishes and the writing of the Christmas cards. It is then that we have fleeting thoughts of the new years' resolutions we made last year, or was it the year before ... oh, well, here's a new year to try them again. So as we are addressing a Christmas card to Aunt Betsy, our pen seems to take on a life of its own as it scribbles in the corner of the Christmas card list ... "get more exercise!" A few cards later we add ... "clean out spare bedroom closet." It's not until nearly the end of the Christmas card list that we also start scribbling resolutions for our partner (like cleaning the garage).

All these good intentions we have for the new year somehow get filed away with the Christmas card list, only fleetingly to be remembered on Superbowl Sunday. Where is your list? Here it is January and we are faced with more big decisions such as: should we leave the tree up until Valentines day? ... You start reasoning: I could leave all the red bows and just add hearts, then maybe Easter ... No! never mind, we'll take it down. It is about this time, (the tree must go) that nasty list of resolutions creeps up in your mind again.

Well, I have a solution – guilt free – guaranteed to work! Once and for all, get rid of your New Years resolutions. Don't even make a list, don't burden yourself with the agony. When January comes, do something for someone else – volunteer your time (you'll get your additional exercise) or clean that garage for your spouse, or go out of your way to say Hello to that grumpy neighbor.

Just look around and each week without contemplation, do a random act of kindness, no matter if it's big or small, you will get a large return from it – spiritually speaking that is. So this New Year, resolve the resolution situation forever and quit taking on the guilt of forgotten good intentions. Try taking the advice of a popular sports equipment company which has based their entire advertising campaign on the slogan ... "Just Do It!" ...

Have a blessed and Happy New Year.

OUR HIGHER SELF *(Continued from previous page.)*

for we must plan and choose. We must make choices, for individuality is an important side of consciousness.

We are progressive beings. Always growing from the lower to the higher – always moving toward the light. There is no summit to be attained for life is infinite. As our spirit body unfolds, in ratio, we realize there is more to be achieved – the more we have accomplished, the more we realize there is further unfolding and progression to be made. But, we can't go higher spiritually until we are ready.

When we become aware of our Higher Self we realize in our hearts that goodness, truth, justice and beauty are 'eternal values' and 'principles.' The fact that our minds accept these values and principles, shows that we have intuitive knowledge that they are expressions of God.

Again, through knowing we have the spark of the Divine within, we realize we are not isolated individuals, but members of a vast brotherhood of spirits, incarnate and discarnate, all linked together, having a common origin in God.

Therefore, to reach our capabilities and spiritually progress, we must develop the Divine within us – our Higher Self – our spiritual body, and make its will, our own will, and through this, develop a closer relationship with the Divine Source of All. We must live in harmony with this Divine Power, feel this loving energy enfolding us, know that a cloak of protection is around our shoulders so that we can look fearlessly into the future.

This is the essence of earth life for each of us.

SPIRITUALISM FOR THE CONGREGATION

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST, MAINE

Spiritualism is not just a belief system that is practiced on Sundays or special religious holidays. It is a three-hundred and sixty-five day a year way of life.

The thoughts and actions you did yesterday, the thoughts and actions you are doing today, and those of tomorrow, will be the base elements that will mold your future life. As our seventh Principle of our Declaration of Principles so well states – We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual and that we make our own happiness and unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

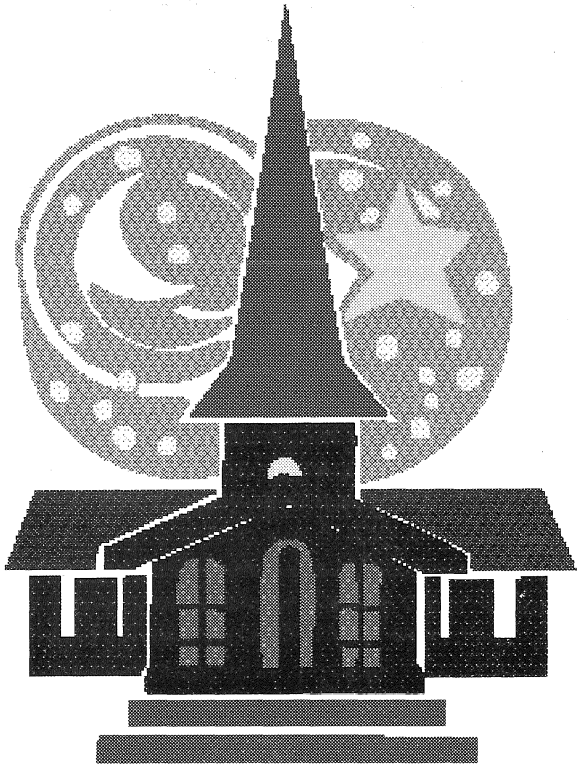
The old saying that there 'is nothing for nothing,' is very true. We pay for everything in life, there is no free ride, although it may at times appear that way for some. But eventually their thoughts and actions catch up with them. The jails are full of these people, whether they have swindled the public, lied while holding public office, or committed other crimes, or they may be suffering from poor health as the result of some deviation from Natural Law. At times their actions may not show up in this material life, but will designate their conditions in the spiritual existence. There is no escape from Natural Law, just compensation for deeds committed, negative or positive. It is most likely that the majority of us operate on a balance between negative and positive thoughts and actions. But how much better life could be if we could make a dedicated effort from this day forth to direct our lives in a very positive direction. One that would inspire others to follow the same path, one that would create a chain reaction, that would eventually make this earth a peaceful and beautiful place to live. Then we would have a true Heaven on earth.

Why is it that something so simple to do, is so hard? If one lived by our Declaration of Principles and dedicated themselves to abide by them each day upon arising in the morning, what a great life we would all have.

Spiritualism, if we let it, can give us a great life, if we but open our minds and hearts to it. We do not have to wade through endless books, classes and seminars, unless we want to go deeper into its philosophy, but just try to live a good, healthy, productive life as a Spiritualist. If we attend church and with a thorough understanding and practice of the Declaration of Principles, that is really all that is needed.

Spiritualism does seem to attract those that may have lost their way in life, or have searched other beliefs systems and not had their needs fulfilled. Then after experiencing the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism, they feel that they need to absorb it all in one mouthful. They want to become Mediums, Healers, and platform workers all at one time before they really understand the subject. Their eagerness is to be commended, but in their eagerness, they often harm Spiritualism in their lack of true understanding, or as I call them, ninety day wonders, that when they find out that all these abilities are not push button affairs, they quickly tire, and drift on to something else instead of really taking their time to fully understand the Science, Philosophy and Religion. I always try to explain that the study of Spiritualism should be taken slowly and enjoyed without upsetting other life routines, for it is a belief for all eternity, and shouldn't be hurried.

Although Spiritualism always needs workers that will take their time to fully study the subject and become certified in their chosen area, just general church maintenance help is often just as important for the good of the church. We also need the congregation. The congregation of the orthodox churches do not expect all their members to be students, in fact, the majority would not want to, and it should be the same with Spiritualism. All do not have the time to study deeply, but they can enjoy all the benefits of Spiritualism by just attending church services and enjoying its loving and helpful philosophy, with the added bonus of a verifiable message from a loved one on occasion.



With this thought in mind we must try to make our services as bright and cheerful as possible, so that when the congregation leaves, they feel they are refreshed spiritually, ready to face the stresses of the coming week.






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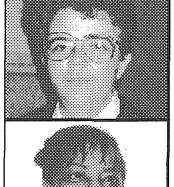
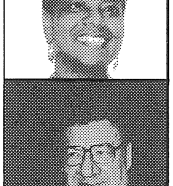
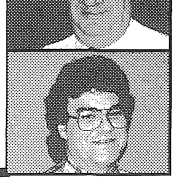
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PHOENIX - Church of the Living Spirit, NSAC
2641 W. Union Hills Dr. (at the Wyndham Garden Hotel); Mailing address: 3521 W. Topeka, Glendale, 85308-2325; Co-Pastors, Rev. Gene & Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, (602) 581-5544; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Call about Classes Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Gene Pfortmiller; Secy., Shelia Mazar, (602) 507-6108.

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ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
1300 Grand St. (Home of Truth); Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546; (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 12:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Sundays; Pres., Emma K. Hoblitt; Pastor, Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

ARCADIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation
34 E. Huntington Dr., 91006; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Located inside LOOK WITHIN bookstore. Enter from parking lot behind building. Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Winston Lumley. Info. contact Teddie Harringer, (818) 791-9212.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines
Direct Mail to 461 Grass Valley Hwy., #19, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Class 12:00 p.m.; Fri. All Message Serv. Church phone (916) 823-1816.

LONG BEACH - Spiritualist Society
3212 E. Eighth St., 90804; Sun. Serv. 5:00 p.m.; Awareness and Advances classes, phone (310) 927-7079.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, NSAC
149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres. Robert J. Wolverton, 1070 Crestview Dr., San Carlos, 94070, (415) 598-0111; Secy., Angela DiBerardino, (415) 964-6350.

SACRAMENTO - Central Spiritualist Church, NSAC
2500 Marconi Ave., Suite 210, 95821-4855. Mailing Address: 4800 Auburn Folsom Rd., #63, Loomis, 95650-9328; Sun. Serv. 10:00 am.; Classes Tues. 7:00 p.m., last Tues. of month Healing and All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Denise E. Bell; Pastor and Secy., Rev. Sandra G. Dawson, NST., (916) 652-4568.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
732 N. Sierra Way. Direct Mail to: 27124 Cole St., Highland, 92346; Sun. Serv. & Healing 11:00 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (909) 862-4376.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple, NSAC
3324 - 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; All Message 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Arthur H. Iman, (510) 521-6650; Secy., Donald W. McFarland.

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SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church
1901 Franklin St. (Corner of Clay) 94109; Sunday, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sept. thru May; Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Service, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN FRANCISCO - San Francisco Spiritualist Society
1832 Buchanan (between Bush & Sutter); Sun. Serv., 6:00 p.m.; (415) 761-9222; Co-Pastors: Rev. Rosemarie Mallia, (415) 563-3040, and Rev. Barbara Thurman, (415) 924-1106; All mail to Secy., Rev. B. Thurman, 200 Marina Vista, Larkspur, 94939.

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; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232-0310, (209) 293-4795.

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
1550 San Leandro Blvd., (Deaf Comm. Center) 94577; Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Reg. Serv. 10:45 to 12:00; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil, (510) 283-1449; Pres., Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577, (510) 483-5630; All mail to Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549.

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; Pastor, Sandi Cook, NST; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:40 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 6:30 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Monday and Thursday evenings 7:00 p.m.;Call for information on the Rev. Foard Memorial Library.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers
7417 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite "R", 91405; Sunday Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Mailing address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 8901 Eton Ave., Sp. 39, Canoga Park, 91304, (818) 701-7633.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness
1939 S. Monroe Street, 80210; (303) 692-4287; Sun. Healing Service 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School/Lyceum and Worship Service 10:30 to 11:30, Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered. Pastors, Dorothy Haskins, L.M.; Asst. Pastor and Pres., Patricia Schott; Pres., Patricia Schott; (303) 973-9993; Vice Pres., Bruce Thompson; Treas., Don Larsen; Secy., Alex Lilley, 311 Bannock St., 80223, (303) 698-0354.

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NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church
2 Moore Court, 06320; (860) 440-3150; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Tues Healing Class open to the public 7:30 p.m., Thurs. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Susan Ferency, 2 Moore Ct., 06320; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of The Infinite Spirit
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; Summer services June & July only, dates to be announced; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Mary Ann Noddin, 174 Daley St., Forestville, 06010, (860) 582-7385; Secy., Joan Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp at Pine Grove
June - early Sept. Services, Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 p.m. For a program listing all Summer activities, call (860) 739-2157 or write to: Secy., Rev. Virginia J. Berg, 1280 Class Ave., Holbrook, NY, 11741-3902.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
P.O. Box 939, 06360; 29 Park St. (off Main St.), (860) 886-8522; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Children's Lyceum; Closed the month of August.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., NSAC
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Sept. thru May; service every other Sunday June, July, August; Lyceum Classes every Sun. before service from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., children and adults, all welcome. Pres., Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (860) 742-7846; Licentiate Minister, Clinton Cady; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup, 06354, (860) 564-5976.

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WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m., (202) 333-5114; Pres., Carol Vierbuchen Gallion, 114 Wilmar Pl., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180-4527, (703) 281-7149; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

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ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, NSAC
3210 N. Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857-1043); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Adult Lyceum 10:00 a.m. first Sun. of each month; Co-Pastor and Pres., Rev. Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707-3805, (407) 834-5378; Co-Pastor and Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

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BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633-1614; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617-6929; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, 60419-1236, (708) 841-1792.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.
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CHICAGO - The Church of the Spirit
2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-01101, (312) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; All Message Serv. on the first Wed. of each month 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Dr. Alan Tenczar.

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 Sunday; Pres., Helen Lopotowski; Secy., Judith Galar, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Washington Spiritualist Temple
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636, (312) 436-0366; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Lyceum every third Sun.; Secy., A. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, 60628, (312) 995-1911; Pres., Joseph Guice.

LE ROY - J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church
102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., 61752, (309) 962-9076; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, 61761, (309) 452-1738.

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GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., NSAC
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, P.O. Box 4278, 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 p.m.; Dinner every third Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS - First Spiritual Science Church
519 South Leeds Ave., 46203-1419; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:30 a.m., Worship Serv. at 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Night Serv. 7:00 p.m.; 5th Sun. of each month is All Message Service and dinner; 3rd Sat. of each month is reading day; Pres., Rev. Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, 46224-2140, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Mary E. Galloway, 6709 Southeastern Ave., 46203-5837, (317) 359-7229.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church, NSAC
6225 N. Carrollton Ave., 46220, (317) 255-4902; Sun. Healing Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Worship Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Readings on 4th Sat. of each month from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Meditation class Mon. evenings at 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 W. County Line Rd., Camby, 46113, (317) 831-2499; Secy., Pam Estes, 545 W. 73rd St., 46260, (317) 253-8458.

MICHIGAN CITY - Spiritual Science Church, NSAC
314 W. Coolspring Ave., 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 1:45 p.m.; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Mrs. Lorraine Carley, 303 W. Front St., Buchanan, 49107.

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CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church
5416 - 6th Ave. So., P.O. Box 123, 52732-0123, (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Dev. Class every Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during months of July and August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton Reed, (319) 243-9738; Secy., Richard Turner, 229 - 20th Pl., 52732.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp
Mt. Pleasant Park, P.O. Box 75, 52733-0075; 1997 Camp Season, July 5 through August 16; Pres., Harvey Horstman; Secy., Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST, (319) 242-8460.

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006; Sun. Serv. at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bonnie Horstman, NST.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802, (319) 324-9659; Laying on of hands healing Sun. 1:30 p.m.; Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Classe Sat. 10:00 a.m.; Pres. & Lyceum Conductor, Anita Buchholz; (Closed during July and August.); Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. 13th St., 52803-4240, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Nancy Speer.

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MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
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AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Healing & Worship Serv., 10:30 a.m.-Noon; For classes and Spiritual Fairs, phone for information; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Margaret M. Tracy, (207) 623-7264; Secy., Virginia Norris, R-1, Box 91, Canton 04221, (207) 597-2600.

BANGOR - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, NSAC
114-118 Harlow St., 04401; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Please call for information about classes to be held in the fall and seminars; private readings are available, please call for an appointment; Pastor, Debbie Locke, (207) 474-2960; Pres., Nedra Foster, RR2 Box 6820, E. Holden, 04429, 843-6065; Secy., Betty Simpson, RR2 Box 5055, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp
Located at Lakewood Village, Rt. 201, six miles north of Skowhegan; For information: 74 Central Ave., Waterville, 04901-6214, (207) 474-7723; July-Aug. schedule to be announced. No accommodations for rooms, camping or meals. Pres., Zella Longley, (207) 465-3310; Secy., John Davidson, (207) 877-2204; e-mail jdavidso@mint.net.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritual Camp, Assoc.
Shore Road, Northport on Penobscot Bay; Camp Session mid-June through Labor Day. A different featured medium each week. Serv. at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.; Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. and Sat; Seminars Monday 7:30 p.m.; All-day workshops Sat.; Accommodations and meals available. For a program or information: (207) 338-3029; P.O. Box 311, Lincolnville, 04849-0031.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Church
Shore Road, Northport; Services 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp from April to Nov. and in Belfast from Nov. to April; (207) 338-3029; Pres, Jean E. Bower, 159 Northport Ave., Belfast 04915, (207) 338-1355; Secy., Carol Fricke.

PORTLAND AREA - Portland Spiritualist Church
719 Main St., (Unitarian Universalist Church), Westbrook; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551 PTS, 04102; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Carter; Secy., Diane Warming, (207) 871-9334.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

MEDFORD - Medford Spiritualist Church, NSAC, Chapel of Peace
Sunday Services held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 147 High St., 02155; 5:00 p.m. Healing Service, Sermon and Spirit Messages; Pastor, Rev. Ida J. Donadio, 235 Winthrop St., #7711, 02155, (617) 393-0130; Secy., Carol Ann Wendell, 190 High St., 02155, (617) 396-0900.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Co-Workers Camp
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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, (508) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 777-4268.

SOMERSET - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton
In Masonic Hall, 145 Pleasant St., Somerset 02726; Mailing address, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725; Sunday Serv., Healing and Church Service at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations (617) 447-0791; Pastor Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Georgette Biscari, 49 Anthony St., Acushnet, 02743, (508) 994-9145.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Worship Serv., 1st Sun. after Labor Day until last Sun. before June at 3:00 p.m.; Summer Serv., Tues. at 7:00 p.m.; Developmental Classes, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Carolyn J. DaPonti, (413) 783-2541; Secy., Anne Gamache, 324 Boston Rd., 01109.

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• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., March-May and Sept.-Nov.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp
1 1/2 miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31 North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June-Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple
97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Church Serv. 10:45 a.m.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Nikki Potter, 1584 1/2 W. Barnes Rd., 49251, (517) 676-6136; Silver Star-Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Nikki Potter and Elda Goddard.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, NSAC
340 North Lapeer Rd., 48371; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue; All mail to Secy., Kathleen Bentley, 504 Worthington Dr., 48371, (810) 814-9172.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1 1/2 blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stanley Gutt, (810) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 15, 1997 through Sept. 7,1997; Annual Retreat July 13-18, 1997; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church
1414 E. Ninth St.; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3652, 55803-3652; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. Summer); Pres., Sharon Szukis; Secy., Mickie Brown; (218) 724-6554.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Warren, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 529-0781.

MINNEAPOLIS - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
Services held at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays in the Lake Harriet Community Church Bldg. at 4401 Upton Ave. S., 55410; Pastor, Rev. Toni Ferdelman, NST, (612) 572-8940.

ROCHESTER - Third Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church
911 - 11th Ave. N.W.; Mailing address: P.O. Box 7312, 55903; Services Mon. 7:00 p.m.; (507) 775-6358.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church
411 Main St., 55102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Joan LeDuc, 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116, (612) 225-4609 (church) or (612) 699-4858 (home); Secy., Maureen Florés, c/o 2169 Scheffer Ave., 55116-1255; Minister, Rev. Paula Kuether, (612) 529-0530.

• MISSOURI •

KANSAS CITY - The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, NSAC
3724 Red Bridge Rd.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Mailing address: Secy., Edna Rowland, 601 S. Ward Rd., Apt. D, Lee's Summit, 64801, (816) 525-0902.; Pres., Ann Winn.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ann L. Magner, 1327 Mystic Seaport Dr., Fenton, 63026, (314) 225-6949; Secy., Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 Connecticut St., 63116-3905, (314) 773-0106.

• MONTANA •

BILLINGS - Winds of Change Spiritualist Church
928 Broadwater, Ste. 107, (406) 254-2863; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Open Circles, Fri. and Sun. 8:00 p.m.

• 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, NSAC
1018 E. Sahara Ave., 89104; Mailing address: Box 82134, 89180-2134; Tel. or Fax (702) 257-7506; Sunday Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes, Tues. evenings; Pastor, Rev. Catherine Stewart, NST; Secy., Brandi Wien.

• NEW HAMPSHIRE •

SALEM - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.
Masonic Hall, 109 Main St., Rt. 97; Mailing address: P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147; Year Round Services; Children's Lyceum Sunday 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; Regular Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wed. classes 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Wingood, L.M., (508) 454-4163; Secy., Mrs. Mary Lou Marion, P.O. Box 2089, 03079-1147, (603) 887-2557.

• NEW JERSEY •

MERCHANTVILLE - Stow Memorial Foundation
Herbert Schneider, 107 W. Maple Ave., 08109.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009, (609) 767-1651; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Capital District Spiritualist Center
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Thurs. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Church is open all year; Secy.-Treas.,Diane Van Wormer; Pres. and Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, 12065; Sunday Serv. 10:30 p.m., held at Clifton Common Community Center, Vischer Ferry Rd., Clifton Park; Year-round Spiritual Philosophy Classes; Circles Fri. 7:30 pm.; Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church
97 Riverside Dr., 13905.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, NSAC, Inc.
37 Hart St., 11206; Serv. 1st & 3rd Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Asst. Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Martino, Jr., NST, Hillside Ave. Bldg. 7, Apt. 7, Rockaway Boro, 07866; Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle Rd., 6-C, 11218, (718) 282-8542.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple
29 Temple Pl., 14052, (716) 652-5018; Sun. (except Dinner Day) 1:00 p.m. Lyceum Classes adult & children; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture & Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Dinner Day 3rd Sun. of month; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture and Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Dinner followed by All Message Service; Secy., Tracey Spencer, P.O. Box 314, Delevan, 14042, (716) 492-2069.

ELMONT - New Horizon Spiritualist Church, Inc.
261 Elmont Rd., 11003,(516) 354-1395; Services every other Sunday 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Milagros G. Rivera; Secy., Ismael Rivera; Pres., Dorothy Chusid.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park, 14752.

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LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church
Sun. Serv. Healing 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June) 10:30 a.m. Alternate Sun. Lily Dale Auditorium (July & Aug.), Lyceum 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-June); Karen Payne, Director; Church Pres., Bruce Kaus; Secy., Karen Payne; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - A Sanctuary of Infinite Spirit, Inc., NSAC
Healing & Worship Service, Sun 11:00 a.m. at the Smithtown Masonic Temple, 34 River Road, Smithtown, NY; Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (516) 588-3150; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Nancy Lloyd, (516) 736-1058; Mailing address: 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741-3902.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, NSAC
15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Healing Serv. each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Worship Serv. at 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen, (516) 447-2141; Asst. Pastors, Rev. Catherine Snell, NST, and Rev. Janet Travis, NST, (516) 724-8025; Secy., Ed Freidlein; Mailing address, P.O. Box 1150, West Babylon, 11704.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. Evening Message Service, 2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Tom Hyldahl, (716) 359-2996.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 253, Ashley, 43003.

ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp
P.O. Box 24, 43003.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church
4230 Main Ave.; Sun Serv., 2:00 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; Pres., Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056; Secy.-Treas., Dorothy A. Benes; Services are held starting with the 2nd Sunday in September and continue through the last Sunday in May. The Book Shop is open every Sunday. Church is not in session during June, July, and August.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC
2272 Newgate Ave., 45420, (513) 256-2129.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church
667 Henry St., 43302-6137; Sun. Serv., 2:30 p.m., Thurs. Message Serv., 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302-4020, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Miriam Mansur, c/o church..

• OKLAHOMA •

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church
2348 N.W. 36th St., Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pastor, Juanita Oyer; Pres., Charlotte Griffin, 1306 S.W. 38; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial, NSAC
1123 Oak St., 18102; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Ludwig L. Zernicek, LM, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772; Pres., Sharon George, 202 N. 8th St., 18102, (610) 434-3454; Secy., Susan Zernicek, P.O. Box 329, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804-0329, (908) 479-1772.

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church
809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4-M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church
423 S. Broad St., 19147, (215) 735-9630; Lyceum Sun., 4:00 p.m.; Serv., 5:30 p.m., Wed., 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121, (215) 232-9219.

• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Executive Offices: 5213 Chestnut Lane, Bellaire, 77401.

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Devotional, healing & message service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.; Dr. Jean Hamner, LM, CM, CH; Elaine Fernandes, CM, (512) 458-3987.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church
802 S. College Ave., P.O. Box 1152; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Lunch 12:00; Second Service 1:00 p.m.; Third Sun. of each month; Pastors, Mrs. Frances Brown, Licentiate & Medium, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188, and Rev. Evelyn Muse, NST, 1104 Susan Dr., Edinburg, 78539, (512) 383-2510; Secy.-Treas., Connie Cannon, (817) 697-2296.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas
Best Western Market Center, 2023 Market Center Blvd.; Study Class 2nd Sun – 10:45 a.m.; Services the 4th Sunday each month; Pastor, Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, (214) 331-8236; Pres., Elizabeth Ann Council, (214) 218-7220.

GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, NSAC
2323 Avenue "N", 77551; Pastor, Martha L. Garrett; Secy., Douglas Smith.

HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science
2115 Turner St., 77009.

HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit
8010 Wier, #1, 77093-6138.

SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, NSAC
5914 Glenhurst, 77033.

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, NSAC
1627 Pan Am Express Way No.; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy., Ruby Thornton Robertson, Rt. 2, Box 380N, LaVernia, 78121, (210) 217-4901; Treas., Elizabeth Dolyak, 19211 Sandyglen, 78240, (210) 641-6589.

TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, NSAC
1300 W. 4th & Ferguson, P.O. Box 1113, 76574; Servs. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., every Sun.; Pres., Jennye Lou Swanson, 12316 Fay St., Manor, 78653, (512) 251-5425; Pastor, Mrs. Frances Brown, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin, 78704, (512) 447-2188; Corr. Secy., Libby A. Miller, 164 S. Valley Dr., Georgetown, 78628-9710.

• VIRGINIA •

FALLS CHURCH - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, NSAC
222 No. Washington St., 22046 (at the Women's Club), (703) 242-8823; Healing Service each Sunday 10-10:30 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 10:30 a.m., September through June; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Christine Krithades; Secy., Rita O'Connor; All mail to President at 8725 Stockton Parkway, Alexandria, 22308.

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, NSAC
307 W. 37th St., 23508.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, NSAC Assoc.
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (206) 927-2050; Pres., David R. Chapman, Sr.; Secy., Denice L. Chapman, 1200 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354, (206) 952-6753.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth, NSAC
1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Sun. Serv., 11:00 a.m.; Lyceum, 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Lillian Johanson; Asst. Teacher, Sabrina Chapman; Pres., Fred Klontz, (206) 627-3874; Secy., Jean Ringena, (206) 627-3874.

MILTON - Church of Spiritual Unity
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 25th Ave. Crt., 98354; Secy., Nikki Williams, (206) 952-4196.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association
(Way Memorial Temple) Broadway & Maryland Sts., located on Wheeling Island; Sunday Lyceum, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship Serv., 10:45 a.m.; Message Serv., 1st and 2nd Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Healing Serv., 3rd and 4th Wed. at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Gasber, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003; Parsonage, (304) 233-5795; Church, (304) 233-5065; Secy., Sue-Beth Warren, 87 Fernwood Ave., 26003, (304) 242-6032; Lyceum Conductor, Melvins Taylor, Rd 1 Box 120, Triadelphia, 26059.

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• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Church Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Manilla Kochanski, (414) 474-7332; Secy., Mrs. Diane Palen, 3349 No. Golden Lake Rd., Oconomowac 53066, (414) 567-1126.

WONEWOC - West Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp Association
304 Hill St., 53968, (608) 464-7466; 94th season opening, June 19 through Sept. 17, 1993 (Near WI Dells); Please call Ilene Geier for pre-season information, (608) 464-7466.

• CANADA •

BRITTEN MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CANADA
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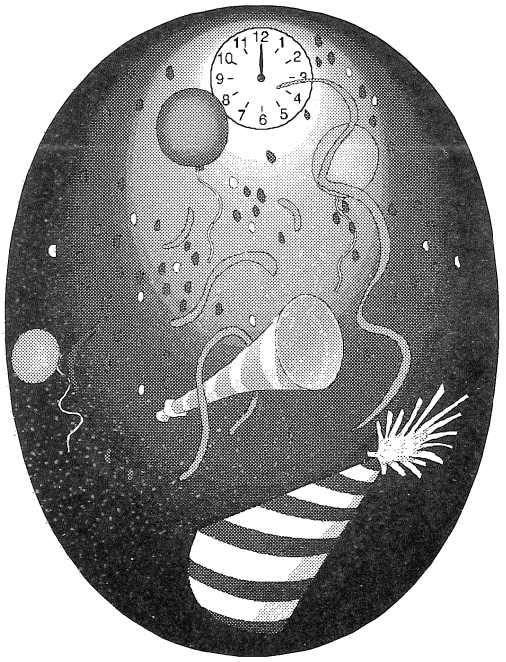
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SPIRITUAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP
Office, 1974 Maisonneuver Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec, H3G 2N3.

SPRINGDALE CHURCH
30 Merritt Rd., Toronto, Ontario M4B 3K5; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing & Messages, 7:00 p.m. Address and Spirit Messages; Tues., 8:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing, Clairvoyant Messages; Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Healing and Open Development Circle; Fri. 8:00 p.m. Meditation and Open Circle; Pastor, Rev. Doreen Bauld, (416) 759-3958.

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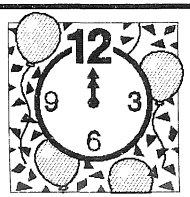
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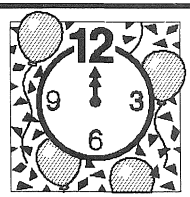
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			1 My Spirit is something greater than my intellect.	**2** Every creative act is a spiritual act.	**3** My life flows with a Divine purpose.	**4** I have reverence for all life.
5 My loving heart is known through its activity.	**6** There is new meaning to my desire to help.	**7** I aspire to grow spiritually and lovingly.	**8** Self-examination leads me to release that which I do not need.	**9** I can pray anywhere and everywhere, for anyone and everyone.	**10** The core of my personality is love.	**11** The circle of life brings me back to the Source.
12 My divine Self shines forth Spiritual qualities.	**13** Infinite silence reveals the mysteries of life.	**14** I pray for unfoldment and truth.	**15** Bless my invisible helpers and loved ones.	**16** All creation is from and of the Divine Source.	**17** I evolve to a new, higher consciousness each day.	**18** My soul's desire is to be more God-like.
19 There is no limit to my spirit and my mind.	**20** God's nature is to be creative and I reflect this creation.	**21** Using Spiritual Law is the power and force for growth.	**22** Nature blesses us with the seasons, each beautiful and needed.	**23** I pray for our world, for my family and friends, for peace.	**24** Personal spiritual evolution helps the earth's spiritual evolution.	**25** Eternal Love is a vital necessity of life.
26 My inner seed grows through service to others and to God.	**27** The Law of Spirit reaches out to all creation.	**28** Emergencies are what awaken the soul and give birth to newness.	**29** God is unlimited Light and expresses through me, as me.	**30** Being natural is flowing with Universal Energy.	**31** Joy is my goal for it is a true expression of love.	

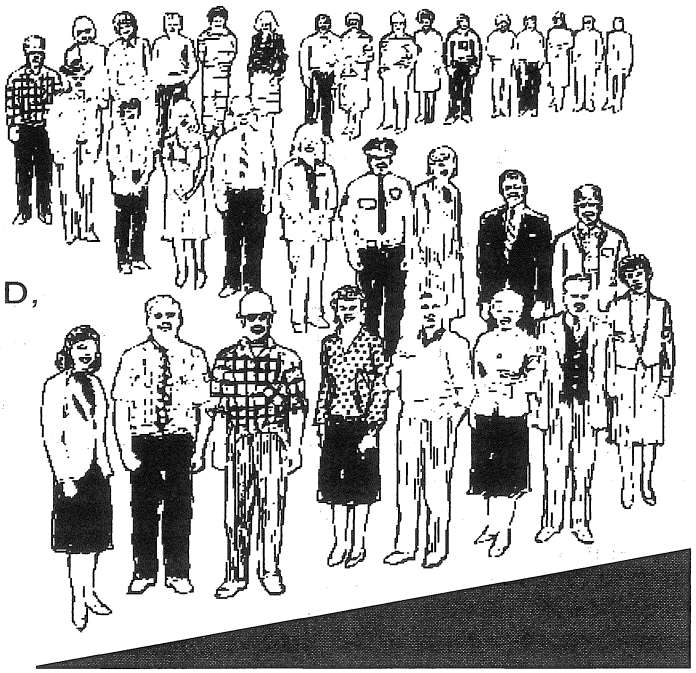


Happy New Year!



NEW BEGINNINGS

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Beginnings!!! What a wonderful place to start. When you view each moment as an opportunity for a new beginning, a larger breadth of possibilities open up for you. What you choose today really does make a difference in your lives tomorrow. As you look anew at your life and promise to use your creative imagination to better your conditions, you must appreciate the small things that can become a pathway to a greater accomplishment. It is time to press out beyond your imagined limits. It is your turn to make up your life. Approach life like an artist and co-create your own path with the God within you.

Soften the judgements and sharp definitions that keep you separate from all that is around you. Give others the freedom to be themselves.

Look for companions who are willing to search for themselves and if you love someone, listen very hard for that person's unique but equal truth. Accept your partners limits and stay or go based on your own.

Life is a series of opportunities to act more consciously. Risk the truth with those you love and consciously give them the gift you would want for yourself. The love of your life will love and accept you, share your adventures and show you your folly.

Slow down, there is nothing more precious than now. Begin and see what is in front of you, rather than what you learned is there. The place in which you find yourself isn't nearly as important as where you place your attention while you are there. To live your life fully, you'll have to stay in the present and face your experience.

You can make the effort to be conscious of the motives behind your actions, because you have absolute freedom to choose in every instant. Once you release your expectations about the future, there is only now! What are the steps that you need to take so that your life will flow more simply and effortlessly? To design those steps you need to take the time to remember what is important to you in this life. Listen to your God within you.

The destination is "to be" and not to arrive somewhere else. You can start by reducing the distractions in your life and make room for subtle moments. Express yourself honestly and directly and let the cards fall where they will. Avoid saying yes when your answer should be no. Before you speak or act take time to find your center. Rid yourself from the responsibility of making others happy. Always walk away with your self respect. Avoid people who still prefer that you pretend.

Let yourself be willing to recognize and accept the truth in front of you and base your actions on it. How you live your life is your true spiritual practice. Spiritualists express this in our seventh principle. "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." Once you discover your own true self, you can find your place in everything. To become a good person, become yourself, because to be yourself will be more fun than anything you have ever done before.

Live your life with integrity, never forget who you are. Strive for complete congruence between your inner and outer lives. Gladly greet each of the changing seasons of your life. The more spontaneous you become, the more alive you will feel. You can always open more and there is always more to open to. Each life defines itself. Your eyes and ears can guide you through the apparent, your feelings and intuition must lead you through the mystery. Always be ready to take the next clear step you see. The future won't match your illusions. Yet you need to take time to notice how amazing your world truly is. As we stand poised at the start of new beginnings, let us pause and see the possibilities before us, knowing that beginnings begin within ourselves. Catch the rhythm and join the dance. Be Joyous!

WORLD SPIRITUALISTS MEET IN SPAIN

The 1996 International Spiritualist Federation Congress took place recently in the Spanish city of Barcelona. With a record number of countries represented, ISF President Lionel Owen applauds a "forward-thinking and constructive" event.

More than 130 delegates and visitors enjoyed a blend of good company and a busy schedule of events at the 24th International Spiritualist Federation World Congress.

The week-long event took place in the four star conference hotel Avenida Palace in the heart of the beautiful Spanish/Catalan city of Barcelona, towards the end of September.



A record number of 22 countries were represented at this year's events and ISF President Lionel Owen welcomed people to a well organized event with its twin themes of healing and trance mediumship. Tutors, lecturers and demonstrators from several different countries took part and an atmosphere of harmony and mutual support was quickly established.

"It was truly a wonderful experience to watch people from so many different countries blend together in harmony and love as the week progressed," the President said and he added that although English, the official language of the ISF, was not the first language of many of those present. "I am full of admiration for the way in which so many people who do not speak English fluently, were able to understand one another and make themselves understood in our strange language," the President commented on his return from Spain.

With the joint themes of healing and trance mediumship, groups were arranged to allow a more indepth approach to be undertaken in both subjects. The President also remarked on the harmony generated within each of the groups which was "a tribute to both tutors and students alike," he said.

Lectures and demonstrations on a variety of subjects were held throughout the week while spiritual healing was provided twice a day by a team led by Peter and Midge Watson. Music was prominent with the beautiful singing of Candace Hopkins, U.S.A., Laura Owen from England and the combination of singing, piano playing and mediumship from the multi-talented Paul Meek from Germany.

Away from the spiritual programme, visitors also enjoyed the chance to take in the sights and sounds of the beautiful city of Barcelona joining a 'bus trip around the historical and architectural sights of the city.'

The Congress programme was arranged by ISF Vice-President Marjory Kite, to whom the president paid special tribute for her hard work in organizing the various activities.

The president also commented on the "high standard of debate" amongst delegates taking part in the Congress Business Meeting. It proved to be "the highlight of the Congress," he said. Of the six motions submitted for debate at the meeting, only one concerned matters of rules and administration. "The rest were about the work the ISF should be doing in the future to further the work of the spirit!" The president added, "I was immensely proud to be in the chair at such a forward-looking and constructive meeting, which I hope will set the pattern for all future Congresses."

The President of the British Spiritualists' National Union, Judith Seaman, made the following observations about the Congress Business meeting:

At the business end of the curriculum, a meeting attended by 62 individual members, one national group delegate and nine regional group delegates, saw for the first time a new postal voting system introduced for elections. Also for the first time this year, proxy votes were carried by individual members.

One of the highlights from the reports given was one relating to a ten day visit to Hungary by an ISF Teaching Team. The team was very well received with over 1500 people attending the various classes, lectures and

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WORLD SPIRITUALISTS MEET IN SPAIN *(Continued from previous page.)*

demonstrations. Many of those attending had striven particularly hard to save up the small attendance fee. One particular lady had eaten only dry bread for her mid-day meal in order that she could be present.

The report also revealed that a small, but strong group from Germany have been spreading fear in the minds of some Hungarians, so the visit from the ISF gave a much needed new concept of Spiritualism. There is much poverty in Hungary and the Hungarian representative explained that he had been able to attend Congress only through the generosity of others. He thanked the ISF for their work and said that another visit is planned soon. He spoke of how Spiritualism thrived in Hungary between the two world wars but then collapsed. He told Congress that literature is needed to "spread the news again and overcome the black magic ideas which prevail in some areas."



He then went on to tell a wonderfully moving story of healing concerning a five-year-old child who was born blind. Doctors said as the child had no optic nerves his sight could not be restored, yet a message was received from Spirit that it could be achieved and, after several months of healing the child was able to see.

Congress was told that funding is desperately needed to finance teaching teams to visit other countries, including Israel, New Zealand and Japan.

President Lionel Owen reported on his visit to Japan as guest of honor of the Japanese Psychic Science Association (JPSA) on the occasion of their golden jubilee celebrations. He included details of a special service at a Shinto Shrine, where the Priest included prayers for the ISF and the ceremonial was most impressive. At the celebrations themselves, the president presented to the president of the JPSA from the ISF, an illuminated certificate prepared by one of Britain's leading calligraphers. It now occupies a place of pride in the offices of the JPSA. The Japanese method of developing mediumship differs from Western teaching methods and Lionel reported on teaching he carried out whilst in Japan. The JPSA are keen to experiment with mediums trained in different ways and have extended an invitation to the ISF to facilitate this. Congress were told that the JPSA greatly values its membership of the ISF.

The president paid tribute to all the officers and members of the Executive Committee for their work. Vice-President Marjory Kite was re-elected unopposed and Mr. Asko Palomaki from Finland, was elected to the committee for the first time – and on his birthday, too!

Members agreed to set up an international advisory council of volunteers to research Spiritualism in countries with little or no representation within the ISF. It was decided that the scheme should begin with Russia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

Philosophical issues were vigorously discussed, in particular Spiritualism's status in different countries and the need to generate a wider understanding of the philosophy of Spiritualism across the globe. Congress also decided that efforts should continue to find an affordable and well located venue in the United States for the 1998 Congress because that year Modern Spiritualism would be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in the U.S.A. and the ISF celebrating its own 75th anniversary.

All in all, a very interesting and stimulating Congress for all who attended.

Jest Joking . . .

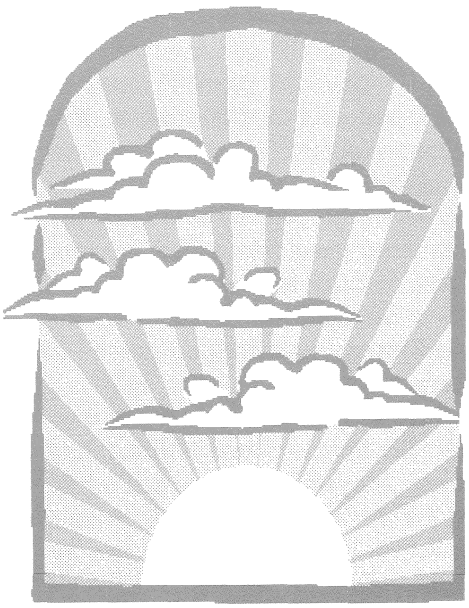
✎ "A woman is like a teabag – only in hot water do you realize how strong she is."
– Nancy Reagan

✎ Slogans seen on sweatshirts: "I put the *FUN* in Dysfunctional." "Plays well with others." "Life's three L's: Love, Laughter, Laundry."

✎ Dr Brian T. Clifford of the Pentagon announced at a press conference in 1982 that contact between U.S. citizens and extra-terrestrials or their vehicles is strictly illegal and is subject to a $5,000. fine and the guilty automatically will be jailed for one year. This law, Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal regulations was adopted on July 16, 1969 by a government that says that UFO's and extraterrestrials do NOT exist.

✎ "The pursuit of perfection often impedes improvement." – George Will in *Newsweek*

The 78th Anniversary



This month *The National Spiritualist, (TNS)* celebrates our 78th anniversary as the official publication of The National Spiritualist Association of Churches (NSAC). There have been many changes since that beginning and the dedicated efforts of numerous sincere Spiritualists have kept *TNS* alive and well.

TNS is often referred to as *The Summit.* The reason for this is that Stow sisters of Summit, New Jersey had bequeathed a large amount of money to the NSAC, for public relations and publications. In their honor *TNS* had included a caption under the title that read, "The Summit of Spiritual Understanding," which quite naturally caused *TNS* to be referred by a shortened version *The Summit.* Even in the current version we still include the word *Summit* under the proper name of *The National Spiritualist.*

Originally, *TNS* started simply as a paper that was only eight pages in length. This quickly changed to a larger paper of sixteen pages, and then, just five months after its beginning, to a magazine.

Thinking about this upcoming anniversary, I remembered an article I had read many years ago that was written by the Rev. Verna K. Kuhlig for TNS in 1949. The article contained wonderful historic information that was most pertinent to this occasion, as follows:

The National Spiritualist

Verna K. Kuhlig

The National Spiritualist, official organ of the National Spiritualist Association, was first published January 18, 1919, in Chicago, Illinois, with business office at 749 Oakwood Boulevard, where the editor, Dr. George B. Warne resided. Mrs. Minnie C. Warne was business manager and remained so until 1930.

Dr. Warne, President of the National Spiritualist Association was elected to that office in 1907, saw the need for an official organ to strengthen the organization as it would be the means of keeping in touch with auxiliary societies, and to present the teachings of Spiritualism as a Science, Philosophy and a Religion educationally to the members of the Association, to the world . . .

On the transition of Dr. Warne, Mr. Joseph P. Whitwell became President of the National Spiritualist Association and was responsible for the publishing of the paper. With the issue of March 1925, Mr. James Abbott became the editor and Mr. Whitwell, the associate editor.

In March 1926, Mary Ridpath Mann edited *The National Spiritualist* and in that capacity until October 1930, at which time Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell became managing editor and Miss Ava Whiston the business manager. Miss Whiston, who also organized the National Spiritualist Booster Club in 1934 was called to the Higher Life in October 1936.

Since October 1936, Miss Verna K. Kuhlig has been business manager and recently was appointed associate editor. Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, who retired as President of the National Spiritualist Association in 1944, became President Emeritus and continued as editor, following the same principles since its inception in 1919 . . .

The National Spiritualist is sent monthly all over these United States, to many Public Libraries, Canada, England, Australia, India, and many other countries all over the world. The *Spiritualist Manual, Spiritualist Hymnal,* both revised and republished several times, Annual Year Book, Healing Prayer with interpretation, *Preface to Spiritualism, Lyceum Manual* and leaflets containing the Declaration of Principles with other valuable information are all published by the National Spiritualist Association through the office of *The National Spiritualist.*

In the columns of *The National Spiritualist* each month, the various departments of the association are represented with the monthly message of the President, Rev. Charles R. Smith; Bureau of Propaganda, edited by

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# of TNS!

BY THE REV. BERNARD F. BAKER, NST



Current Editor & Business Manager: Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller & Rev. Bernard F. Baker.

Elizabeth Harlow Goetz; the Quiz Corner, edited by Rev. Victoria Barnes, M.D., Superintendent of the Bureau of Education; Spiritualism Abroad which has been edited for many years by Mr. Palmer Emerson; the Lyceum Department represented by its National Superintendent, (Rev. Miss) Verna K. Kuhlig; the Junior League represented by its various members.

Thus on this Centennial Celebration, *The National Spiritualist* is in its thirtieth year of publication. It brings its message of Truth to the world, as recommended and endorsed by the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America.

Starting with the April 1948 edition, this magazine is now issued in different form, the size now being 7 7/8" x 10 3/4".

Several changes have taken place since the Rev. Kuhlig wrote this article. Since that time the various editors have been the Rev. Robert J. Macdonald (1950), Florence Macdonald (1973), the Rev. William A. Clark (1974), the Rev. William F. Melick (1976), Herbert Ray Worth (1983), the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST (1990).

Also since that time the various business managers have been Betty Crews Brown (1949), Mrs. Marjorie M. Melick (1976), the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST (1990).

In 1990, the NSAC Board decided to move *TNS* to Phoenix and named me, the Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST to act as the Business Manager. At that same meeting the NSAC Board agreed that the Rev. Sandra Pfortmiller, NST would be selected as the Editor, and we published the first issue from Phoenix in June, 1990.

Under the new management, several different approaches and business methods have been implemented. These have proven to be successful from both a financial and editorial aspect.

To contrast the editorial quality it is significant to note that not a single issue has been missed in the almost seven years that *TNS* has been in Phoenix, and most of those years 13 issues have been sent out. Some of the many enhancements that have been added under the current management are:

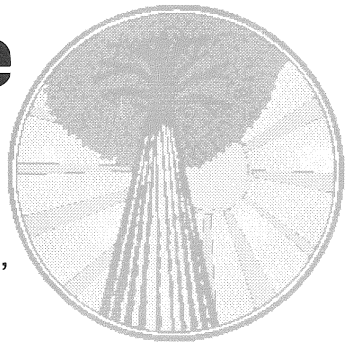
- free basic listings for all NSAC auxiliaries
- many special features such as the Calendar Corner, Affirmations, etc.
- coated paper
- NSAC Board members names, addresses, phone, fax numbers and photos
- new cover format
- International distribution and articles from Spiritualists all over the world
- a special NSAC Convention issue had been produced and given gratis to our subscribers since 1990 but, by directive of the majority of the NSAC Board, one will not be produced this year.

In 1993, the NSAC National Board instructed us to increase the cost of *TNS* to $1.50 per issue in response to the rising costs of postage and paper and other materials. This increase has helped to keep the actual cost or subsidization to the NSAC quite reasonable, even though each copy does average almost three dollars each to produce!

The aim of *TNS* has always been "to so conduct it that substantial Spiritualists shall have little opportunity to be ashamed of its appearance or of either its advertising or reading material. Its object is to promote the teachings of Spiritualism and strengthen the influence of the N.S.A." The only thing that has changed with this statement in all of these years is the initials from "N.S.A." to the current NSAC.

We are constantly seeking ways to improve *TNS,* and surely welcome any positive suggestions. Both Sandy and I want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of our readers and contributors, for the wonderful support that has been given us since we began this **labor of love** for our beautiful religion.

The Tree of Life



BY
MERRY BROWNE,
KENTUCKY

THE GREAT TRUTH OF LIFE divined by saints and seers through the centuries that **God is all there is** has begun to be seen by the secular sciences. David Bohm, one of the world's foremost scientists said: "Life and mind is infolded in everything".

Science is but a step away from realizing that the consciousness in everything, from a stone to a star, is consciousness of the Creator. This quantum leap from belief in matter to mind will end the world as we knew it (or thought it) and a new age will have begun.

This is but the first stage of infancy, however, and much must be learned as we proceed to grow in this new understanding of life. The Creator Plan of Life is all about us as a child's picture book and we must learn to read it. Gazing upon a giant oak tree in its full maturity, seeing its fullness condensed at points and falling from it to lie at its feet as what we call acorns, is to realize the Transcendence and Immanence of the Creator. The oak has not become less than its original state by involving itself to acorns. Nor does the Creator become less by Involving at points to Creation.

As the Persian Poet, Rumi, so aptly put it, "God sleeps in the mineral, dreams in the vegetable, stirs in the animal and awakens in man". Man-stage of consciousness still contains some animal traits which by the Law of Cause-Effect (Sowing-Reaping) results in undesirable consequence experiences. This was but a metaphysical axiom until medical science in its testing laboratories began to show it scientifically true. Read Redford Williams, M. D., Director of Behavioral Medicine Research Center, Duke University, latest book, *Anger Kills.*

When consciousness evolves to higher man it outgrows animal traits and develops more God-like qualities. To know our potential and dwell upon our eventual essence hastens the growth process which insures, via the law of cause-effect, our future health and happiness. This is the purpose of behavioral medicine, to change unloving thoughts, feelings, words and deeds to loving ones to effect healing to health.

Both Gerald Jampolsky, M.D. and Bernie Siegel, M.D. state that this change in consciousness heals. They have witnessed this metaphysical truth for the world.

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

In this column we list Favorite Sayings to Live By. Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.

"All religion relates to life,
and the life of religion is to do good."
– *Emanuel Swedenborg*

"I don't know what your destiny
will be, but one thing I know:
The only ones among you who
will be truly happy are
those who have sought and
found how to serve."
– *Albert Schweitzer*

"Letting go of any conflict
is really just growing
beyond the need for it."
– *Unknown*



During the NSAC Convention telegrams and cards signed by delegates were sent to the Rev. Joseph Sax, the Rev. Joseph Merrill, the Rev. Evelyn Muse and the Rev. William Buchholz, Jr.

These well wishes and expressions of encouragement are deeply appreciated.

Thank you!

I and others within the NSAC share grave concerns for the finances of the organization. This year the NSAC has expended over $125,000 in professional fees, which include attorney fees; an audit of the NSAC Books and quarterly work done for the NSAC; the convention stenographer; minutes from the 1995 Convention and the parliamentarian. Our attorney fees have risen due to the cost of acquiring Serenity Spiritualist Church in San Rafael, California and Temple Heights Spiritual Camp in Northport, Maine. The cost involved with the Serenity acquisition will be reimbursed to the proper accounts upon the sale of this property which is listed at $749,000 and the net will be invested with Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company. Attorney fees, utilities, and property taxes have risen due to the difficulties at Temple Heights Spiritual Camp.

The Serenity litigation and the issues raised by Temple Heights emphasize the importance of the policy begun in 1994 which ensures that NSAC Board members visit member auxiliaries. These visits are critical to the continuation of the NSAC. These visits have proven valuable in resolving potential disputes before they become entrenched problems more costly and disruptive to the organization. The Serenity litigation was not about the ownership of property. It was about the reputation of NSAC Spiritualism in the community and NSAC's entitlement to tax exempt status, both with the IRS and with the State of California. Since 1987, Serenity had become a closed community of just a few individuals who engaged solely in the accumulation of assets for the benefit of one or two individuals. A $60,000 RV was used twice and then sold, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a $20,000 computer. The members also accumulated over $30,000 in laser disc movies for viewing on their movie night. A $700,000 mansion, not a church as advertised to the contributors, was built as a residence for one or two persons. Since 1989, the membership paid all personal bills for the one resident of the home and provided him with all housecleaning and maintenance services. Later, commercial and private land was purchased in Arizona with the intent of selling the San Rafael property to finance construction of a home and income producing properties for one or two members. The list went on and on. Once the assets were accumulated, local contributors and members of the community who attended services were shut out. Under the circumstances, the Board had no legal alternative but to follow through with the litigation. To have condoned the actions of Serenity Association would have exposed NSAC as an organization to potential liability for misuse of contributions, would have jeopardized NSAC's federal and state tax exempt status, and could very easily have exposed individual Board members, past and present, to personal liability for malfeasance of office. The problems were surfaced when an NSAC Board member attempted to make arrangements for a visit under the program referred to earlier.

Because of the financial crisis, several motions were made in June to limit the reimbursable expenses of Board members. The majority of the NSAC Board determined to limit these expenditures by eliminating reimbursement for fax lines, fax phones, fax cartridges, copy paper and other such incidentals and having reimbursements for telephone calls, with the exception of the President, Treasurer and NSAC office, be held to a limit of $50 per month unless otherwise specified by the President. I voted no on these motions because I do not believe we could place limitations on some Board members who are not salaried, if not all Board members. Based upon these decisions, on June 20, I sent a memo to the NSAC Board voluntarily asking the NSAC Secretary, Bookkeeper and Treasurer to reduce my gross pay from $950 per month to $750 per month which brought it to the amount which was given previous to the 1995 Convention. This was to be done until we met at pre-convention Board meetings where it could be discussed. I have decided to continue at the lower amount. This is a personal decision without request or expectation of others to follow suit. Years of non-communication with and neglect of our auxiliaries have once again caused this organization unnecessary expenses. In my conversations with members of the organization, a suggestion was made regarding our finances which I am recommending to the delegation for consideration later in this report.

The measure of a civilized society is how it treats its children and its elderly. The Bureau of Lyceums needs the support of all members of the NSAC. Our children are our future and need to feel they are a part of our organization. It has been suggested by the President of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association that some thought be given to having a child care/Lyceum program for children who could accompany their parents to the NSAC Convention. In having this available to the membership, it would make it possible for more people to attend the convention. The Superintendent may wish to investigate this suggestion, discover its feasibility and report to the NSAC Board and the convention body next year. If this suggestion is feasible, it will be another step in bringing the younger generation into NSAC Spiritualism.

The Crystal Foundation Scholarship Fund has been invested through Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company. The NSAC Board has determined to grant one $500 scholarship per year to an applicant in the College of Spiritual Science. The Board decided to grant a scholarship from the interest income only. After observing the income from this investment over a period of time, the Board may increase the number of scholarships granted. Anyone interested in applying for this scholarship may contact the NSAC office for an application.

The NSAC Awards were granted through the Bureau

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT *(Continued from previous page.)*

of Public Relations to the Reverend Velma Renollet Gasber for *Lifetime service* and the Reverend Catherine Margiotta for *Outstanding Achievement.*

The NSAC had a very small parcel of land in Bremerton, Washington on which we continued to pay property taxes. This parcel was too small to be used for any building purposes and was located in a deteriorating neighborhood. In early 1995, the Board was approached by the City of Bremerton and asked if we would donate this land for use as a small park for the neighborhood children who had no place to play other than in the street. The NSAC Board donated this land to the city and on September 27, 1996, this park was dedicated with the mayor and park director present. The NSAC was represented by Jeff Lucas, NSAC Attorney. The park department has placed a permanent plaque in a large stone which says, "Property Donated For This Community Park by National Spiritualist Association of Churches 1996." This would have normally been presented in the Bureau of Public Relations Report, but the information on the dedication was received too late to be placed in this report.

My recommendation to the delegation is as follows:

The President appoint a committee of four professional business people, inclusive of the NSAC Treasurer by virtue of office, to examine where we have been, where we are and where it appears we are going financially. This committee will present a short-term and long-term financial plan to the NSAC Board and delegates at the 1997 NSAC Convention. This committee must be sensitive to the issues involved and work in harmony to formulate these plans to assist the NSAC in resolving our financial problems. The Stow Foundation is unable to carry the full burden of the NSAC due to the restrictions of the will.

In closing, I present the following quote from Ina Potter, Registered Parliamentarian, "The progress of the group is the sum total of the development and advancement of the individual members of the group, and the growth of the group is the stimulant for the improvement of the individual."

Reverend Brenda J. Wittich
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT *(Continued from page 7.)*

this past year in obtaining Free Literature from the NSAC office. This drop is attributed to not only the loss of staff but also to the fact that the copy machine at the office, according to the automatic counter, has ran over two and a half million copies in the time that we have had it. This averages out to 625,000 copies per year. It is simply worn out. The copier was purchased by the Stow Memorial Foundation and needs to be replaced. The everyday work load of the office is more than the machine is capable of producing and we are seeing more and more breakdowns and constant repair. Even with a new copier, I believe the time has come to look into the possibility of having at least the larger pieces of the Free Literature printed by an outside source. However, we then would no longer be able to distribute these pieces at no cost.

As the NSAC is the only Spiritualist organization to distribute any form of literature regarding Spiritualism, this fact in itself presents a quandary. The Free Literature program is vital to our Public Relations program and assist us in creating a greater understanding and public image for our Religion. The Free Literature has produced many inquiries for contact with a local church, subscriptions to *The National Spiritualist* and *Spotlight* magazines along with many inquiries as to enrollment in the Morris Pratt Institute study course and the NSAC College of Spiritual Science degree program.

The work of the National office is intensive to say the least. In addition to the day to day business concerning the auxiliaries and the Board, it is the National Office which produces for distribution all of the free literature with the exception of two pieces. A few of the newer pieces of the Free Literature have been submitted to the NSAC office copy ready. However, in most cases, we do the typing, layout formatting and produce these in-house. This is difficult at times as we do not have the programs in our computers to produce these readily. Books which are published by the NSAC are also typed into the computer by hand at the office. This allows us to more readily make changes but when a large revision is occurring, the manuscript needs to be totally retyped. These include the *NSAC Manual, Lyceum Manual, Betty Crews Brown Books, Peggy Barnes Jefts books, Public Relations Handbook, Constitution and Bylaws, Church Handbook,* etc. It has become a very real need to obtain a scanner for use in producing these massive projects. A master copy with a computer disk sent to the printers for the *NSAC Manual and Lyceum Manual* has proven to reduce our printing costs by two to three thousand dollars. The other books just listed are again produced and distributed through the NSAC office and are not farmed out.

The printing of the Free Literature and these books had formerly been completed by *The National Spiritualist* when it was in Indianapolis. When *TNS* moved to Phoenix, this work was transferred to the NSAC office.

In addition to this, we print, bind and distribute the *Spotlight* magazine on a monthly basis. This had formerly been printed and distributed by the Bureau of Lyceums. The NSAC Office is also the home office for all affairs and records of the College of Spiritual Science. Until such time

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as this college is able to sustain itself, all records, books, etc., are handled through the NSAC office. We also produce the monthly mailing for all auxiliaries, operate the NSAC and CSS Book Store, record all of the financial transactions for the NSAC and tend to the daily affairs of the NSAC and Board.

Turning once again to the statistical report of the NSAC, nineteen certificates have been issued within this past year:

Ordinations Conferred: Rev. Sandi Jane Deckinger, *California;* Rev. Antoinette Ferdelman, *Minnesota;* Rev. Delaney Lauderback, *California;* Rev. Harvey Horstman, *Iowa;* Rev. Donald McFarland, *California;* Rev. Janet Tisdale, *Arizona;* Rev. Joyce Young, *Minnesota.*

National Spiritualist Teachers Degrees: Sandra Cook, *California;* Antoinette Ferdelman, *Minnesota;* Donald McFarland, *California;* Janet Tisdale, *Arizona;* Harvey Horstman, *Iowa.*

Licentiate Certificate (4): Sandra Cook, *California;* Jeane Irene Hamner, *Texas;* Harvey Horstman, *Iowa;* Christene Krithades, *Virginia.*

Certified Medium (2): S. Lynn Haluga, *Connecticut;* Drew Vogt, *California.*

Commissioned Healer (1): Barbara Starr, *West Virginia.*

Four examinations will be given at this Convention by the NSAC Board. One for Ordination and three for National Spiritualist Teachers Degree.

Four Honorary Life Memberships have been granted within this past year: Rev. Cosie Allen, Rev. Pamla Ashlay, Jean Hamner, and Bruce Lehrer.

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

Ordained Ministers who have passed this year to the higher life are: Rev. Brian McCotter and Rev. Edward Lucas. These wonderful workers will be sadly missed by all of us and we are eternally grateful for their help, guidance, inspiration and the love and many blessings they have so graciously shared with us all.

We have had four churches close this past year due to various difficulties: the San Bernardino Valley Spiritualist Church of Hesperia, California; Serenity Spiritualist Church of San Rafael, California; the Circle of Light Spiritualist Center of Amsterdam, New York; and the First Spiritualist Church of Cicero, Illinois.

We have issued one new charter this year and we wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to The San Francisco Spiritualist Society of San Francisco, California which chartered through the California State Spiritualist Association of Churches on February 14, 1996. Our congratulations go to this new church and our gratitude for all the hard work that went into the formation of this new affiliate. It is truly a pleasure to welcome this church into membership with the NSAC.

We have had four churches which did not turn in Annual Reports this year after many attempts to obtain these: The Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, Lakewood, Colorado; The Winds of Change Spiritualist Church, Billings, Montana; The Capital District Spiritualist Church, Schnectady, New York; and The Second Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church, La Cross, Wisconsin. These auxiliaries will not be able to seat delegates at this convention according to the *NSAC Constitution and Bylaws.*

During the church year of 1992-1993 our records show a drop in membership of 162. During 1993-1994, we lost 296 additional members and from 1994 to 1995, 276 members. As of last years Annual Reports we show a membership total of 2,258. As a whole, this organization needs to address the steady decline in members as well as implementing Public Relations programs which will bring in new members. Many of these losses are attributable to churches leaving the NSAC or closings.

At present we have twelve Spiritualist Camps but only a few of these are on solid ground financially. With some, obtaining workers who will draw the public seems to be a problem. The restoration of current buildings and in some cases the erection of new facilities are needed. Many more though are facing financial problems and are struggling for existence.

As many individuals first learn of the Spiritualist Churches through these Camp programs, the upgrading of our Spiritualist Camps can only produce a greater influx to the NSAC Churches throughout the National.

As individual members of the NSAC, your personal support, given to your local Spiritualist Camp is vital to the existence and future well being of these places of enlightenment and knowledge. Every Camp, no matter what their financial situation will welcome an extra pair of hands to assist with normal operations.

Many individuals from throughout the country who have never attended a Spiritualist Church visit our Camps. In the National office, we can always tell when the Camps have opened if for no other reason than the phone calls that are received from individuals who have visited a Camp and return home looking for a Spiritualist Church near them.

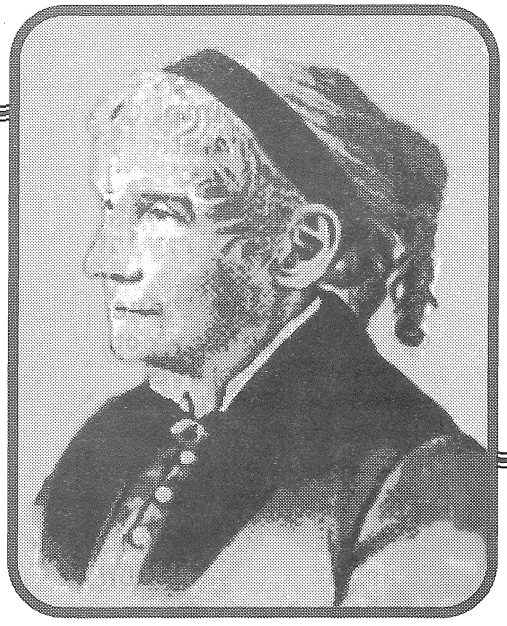
These camps serve the public need and eventually bring individuals into memberships in the various churches.

In closing, I am sure that we all would like to gratefully acknowledge the work of our Host Church, The Spiritualist Desert Church of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the tremendous work they have completed and are still performing to assure us a beautiful and memorable Convention.

Rev. Sharon L. Snowman
Secretary

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE – *Reformer Or Spiritualist?*

BY PRISCILLA M. CLOUGH – (Taken from *TNS, November 1976.*)



HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

"Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh, When the bird waketh and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight, Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with Thee."

Hymn by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Every human being created was meant to serve his or her purpose for the good of humanity. Spiritualism gained just such an instrument in Harriet Beecher Stowe. Born in 1811 into a strong Calvinistic household she grew up to become a firm advocate of the Spiritualistic doctrine. "Hattie," as she was known to friends and family, was five when her mother, Roxana, died of *galloping consumption.*

Her father, Lyman Beecher, was a Congregationalist minister in Litchfield, Connecticut, the town where "Hattie first saw the light of day." How could anyone foretell that this daughter of a "firm and rockbound faith" would eventually free herself from a belief so binding.

The Calvinistic faith damned the followers of all other religions to Hell and eternal darkness. This was not the creed which a woman of Harriet's mold would uphold to the end of her life. She would eventually broaden out into the waters of a more humanitarian faith.

The daughter of a minister, the wife of another, mother of three sons who in turn became ministers, and sister to seven, she was bound to follow a moral career in her writing.

At the age of 12 she wrote "Can the Immortality of the Soul Be Proved by the Light of Nature." This gave a glimpse of what the future held.

She was to marry Calvin Stowe, a plump, somewhat plain looking widower. His interest in Harriet developed as an instructor who taught her how to see "visions" beyond the range of the human eye.

Her husband had been subject to visitations since childhood. At the age of four in Natick, Mass., he had seen a "pleasant looking human face" appear over the half door of his room. He said the image seemed to be a lad older than himself . . . an image named Harvey. In other hallucinations he told her of another night he witnessed a "bluish skeleton" sharing his bed. "I remember observing a multitude of animated and active objects which could see with perfect distinctness moving about me, and sometimes, though seldom, hear them making a rustling noise, or other articulate sounds: but I could never touch them. They were in all respects independent of my sense of touch and incapable of being obstructed in any way by the intervention of material objects; I could see them at a distance and through the floors and all the ceilings and the walls of the house from one apartment to another, in all directions without a door or a keyhole or crevice being opened to admit them."

Harriet Beecher Stowe turned to Spiritualism at the loss of her son, Henry, who died through drowning. Soon after his passing, the Spirit World again made its presence known when a guitar which hung on the wall resounded without human touch.

In regard to her famous book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin,* Harriet stoutly maintained that it was written not by her but by spirit. "But it all came before me in visions, one after another, and I put them down in words." This was the story that fired that nation and some say caused the Civil War. Who could foresee just how much weight *Uncle Tom* carried.

Harriet was acclaimed by Heine, George Sand and Tolstoi. She was accepted by crowned heads and the common folk alike. She rose from a poor, unknown housewife to a high position of wealth and worldwide influence.

The leading advocates of Women's Rights of the period, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton, sought her support. Harriet was an ally of many.

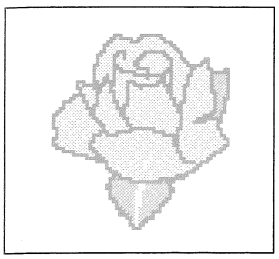
Her belief in Lady Byron, the abused wife of Lord Byron led her to write *Vindication of Lady Byron* which caused a storm of protest in England. It met a similar fate in the United States. She always chose to defend the under dog, the slave, and the underprivileged . . . regardless of

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What happened in JANUARY throughout the years?

DECEMBER 24, 1996

Happy Belated Birthday to **Marrice Coverson**, whose birthday is December 24. Marrice is kind of shy about her birthday, but we finally found out when it is – was. It is interesting that we have two NSAC Board members who celebrate the same birthday. Blessings to both Jeannie and Marrice.



JANUARY 1, 1997

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and may it be a year of positive spiritual action and opportunities for growth, both individually and for our Spiritual Organization.

JANUARY 1919

Dr. George B. Warne, as the first editor of ***The National Spiritualist*** published the first paper, as the voice of the National Spiritualist Association.

JANUARY 15, 1873

Is the birth date of **Dr. Le Roi Crandon**, a surgeon in the Boston, Massachusetts area and a psychical researcher. The mediumship of his wife, Mina Stinson Crandon (Margery), convinced him of the truths of Spiritual Communication and converted him to Spiritualism.

JANUARY 15

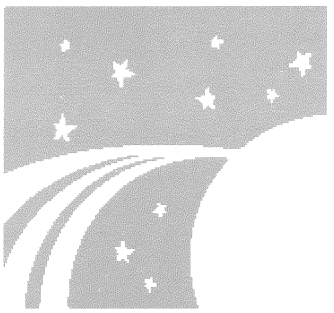
Martin Luther King's birthday. It was a message of peace, yet equality, that was brought to the people.

JANUARY 25, 1863

The **Children's Progressive Lyceum** was established by Andrew Jackson Davis at Dodsworth Hall in New York City, New York. January 25th has been set aside as NSAC Founder's Day. The first edition of its magazine, ***The Spotlight*** was published January of 1947.

JANUARY 29, 1688

Emanuel Swedenborg was born in Stockholm, Sweden. As a philosopher, scientist, theologian and mystic, Swedenborg was a forerunner of Spiritualism with the understanding that life is continuous and communication with those in the next realm possible.



PERSONALITIES *(Continued from previous page.)*

the opposition!

While in Florence, Italy, Elizabeth Browning encouraged Harriet in her acceptance of the supernatural. She was convinced that the "Witch of Endor" was a spirit message demonstrating transference from beyond.

She attended her last public appearance when she was seventy, where she was honored by John Whittier, Dr. Oliver Holmes and a host of other notables who endorsed her success of the negro emancipation.

Harriet was an ardent admirer of Robert Dale Owen, who was an outstanding Spiritualist prophet of the period.

In light of today she has been compared to Pearl Buch, Jane Addams, Willa Cather and Eleanor Roosevelt. Sarah Orne Jewett was another ardent admirer.

Over thirty books and numerous children's articles on travel and poetry attest to her versatility.

In Mandarin, Florida, in 1860, Mrs. Stowe found a restful and congenial atmosphere in which to spend her remaining years. After 1884, her mind clouded, and Lucy Larcom wrote of her that her autumn years were peaceful. She died in 1896 and is buried in Andover Chapel Cemetery.

Among her contemporaries were James Russel Lowell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Greenleaf Whittier, William Dean Howells, Francis Parkman, Julia Ward Howe, Henry Adams, A. Bronson Alcott and Nathaniel Hawthorne and the editor of the Atlantic Monthly, James Fields.

In the provincial book, *Men of Our Times,* she wrote on the patriots, Lincoln, Grant, Garrison, Sumner, Chase, Henry Wilson, Governor of Mass., Farragut, John Andrew, governor of Connecticut, Colfax, Speaker of the House, Frederick Douglass, slave Sheridan, Gen. Sherman, Howard, Wm. L. Buckingham, Wendell Phillips and her brother, Henry Ward Beecher.

Sources of Information: *Harriet Beecher Stowe,* by John R. Adams, copyright 1963, Twayne Publishers; *Life and Letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe,* by Anne Fields, Houghton Miflin & Co., Boston, 1898; *Life of Harriet Beecher Stowe,* by Charles Edward Stowe, Houghton Miflin & Co., 1890.

Reports from Iowa



Carl Davis, Rev. Buchholz, Thora Phillips, Vi Ramsay, Becky Schellenger, and standing, Anita Buchholz, Wendy and Jason Kresin.

The Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa, had a grand twenty-fifth Anniversary the weekend of August 23, 24, 25, 1996. It was also the opening of the church after the summer camp season.

August 27, 1971, was our first meeting as a Spiritualist Church. It met in Fefevary Park with Wm. Buchholz, Sr. as our president. He has now made his transition as has our first vice president Ira Starling, treasurer Florence Starling and others. The only remaining officer of that first board is Secretary Anita Buchholz, but other members who attended were Wm. Buchholz, Jr., Jack Anthony, Ruth Lueythe and Thora Phillips.

On Friday evening, August 23, 1996, the 25th Anniversary as a NSAC Chartered Church was celebrated by a most enjoyable potluck dinner, during which people recounted wonderful stories that had taken place during the history of the church.

Carl Davis was our guest speaker at the Sunday worship service, speaking to a packed church. Following the service the ladies of the church served a lovely anniversary cake decorated with a huge sunflower to the church members and guests. Clusters of balloons beautified all the doors and the secretary's office. A lovely huge ceramic angel was given to the church by one of our members.

Another member started the Bill Buchholz Memorial Fund in memory of our first president. A special service in his memory was conducted the last Sunday in September, as the anniversary of his transition is September 28.

In addition to the above, James Taylor, Jr. was welcomed back into the church. He now lives on the grounds of Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association in Clinton, Iowa, so only a few of the older folks knew him. He cares for his invalid father and he and his parents were part of our church before his parents became too handicapped to make the trip. His mother made her transition and the Rev. Buchholz conducted her committal services recently at a Davenport cemetery.

Transition of Hazel Hopkins

Hazel Hopkins, one of the charter members of Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa, graduated to the Higher Life on Friday, August 30, 1996. She was a lifetime Spiritualist, teaching her family the ways of the Angel World from behind closed doors as it was not accepted in the area where she lived.

Her life was guided by the Spirit friends, who helped her and quite often gave her an apport which she would discover on her dresser when she woke up in the morning. She visited a medium in Chicago once to be greeted from Spirit with, "Hello, how did you like the little doll I left on your dresser?" It was a small Chinese doll she had just received. The Spirit continued, "I am with you often as I help you in the florist shop."

One time she received an apported bracelet of bells from her message bearer, Tinker Bell, and a little doll with angel wings who looked like the guide.

There are many stories I could tell you about this fine woman who taught Spiritualism behind the lines, because you see she was my mother and the grandmother of the Rev. Wm. E. Buchholz, Jr. Rev. Buchholz handled her Committal Service at the Rock Island Arsenal Cemetery. Besides her grandson, Bucky, she has a son who preceded her in 1922 to the Spirit Land and has grown up to be a doctor in that realm. She has one son, Henry, of Davenport, one daughter, Rosemary, of Peoria, and lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Our daughter Karen and grandson, Joseph Codena, completes the rest of our Spiritualist family here who helped care for her in her final time in the physical expression.

A cute story of her mediumship happened at the nursing home. An aide was caring for her when the aide's boyfriend, who also worked there, walked in to get the dirty clothes. Hazel told him, "You're lucky to have a nice girl like her, you take good care of her." As soon as the young man could, he asked the girl, "Did you tell her about us?" It was against the rules of the nursing home for employees to date, so the couple had told no one.

She answered, "No, that woman just seems to know things other people don't!"

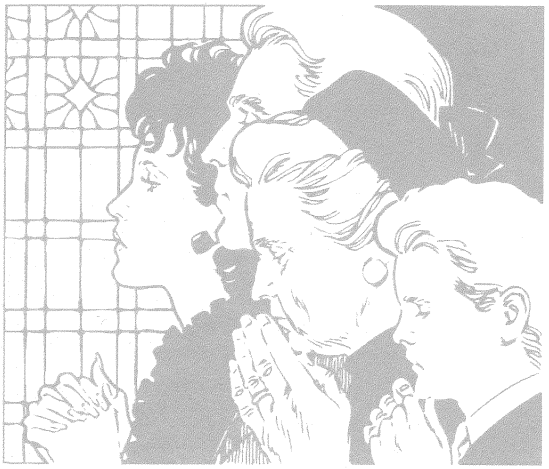
As I made her funeral arrangements, I visualized a coffin with bones in it and heard her say, "Anita, go bury the bones. I'm leaving and I'm not coming back." Then I saw her spirit leave. That was shocking to witness, but it sure brought home to me a good lesson that life is indeed continuous. She was 93 and a Spiritualist to be proud of.

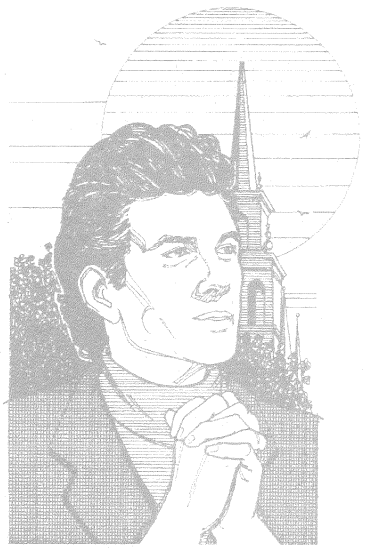
Wishing

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Do you wish the world were wiser?
Then suppose you make a start
By accumulating wisdom
In the scrap book of your heart.

Do not waste one page on folly;
Live to learn and learn to live.
If you wish to give men knowledge
You must get it ere you give.





The New Year

By J. D. Templeton

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,
Fresh from the hand of God.
Each day a precious pearl to you is given
That you must string upon the silver thread of Life.
Once strung, can never be unthreaded, but stays
An undying record of your faith and skill.
Each golden minute link you then must weld
into the chain of hours
That is no stronger than its weakest link.
Into your hands is given all the wealth and power
To make your life just what you will.
I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months
Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.
All that I have I give with love unspoken
All that I ask – you keep the faith unbroken!

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of individuals and that we make our own happiness or unhappiness as we obey or disobey Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in all sacred texts are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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