



# Newsletter

Awakening Humanity To Its Spiritual Magnificence

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July—August 2010

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## Navigating A True Course

Consistent with its intention to put Spirit first, our Center continues to navigate a true course toward renewal, rejuvenation and growth.

As the summer warms and ripens, our Center continues to engage a variety of speakers to share the fruit of their spiritual insight and wisdom with us. Please help us extend a warm welcome to our newest presenters, Karie Hillery and friends from Santa Cruz, Rev. Linda Reppond of Golden Colorado, and Rev. Harriet Topczewski from Fremont Center for Spiritual Living. Students in the “New Earth” class are moving through the book chapters and the life-altering practices introduced through the class curriculum. Rev. Carolyn Douglas will present another Hour of Power workshop in August - the last scheduled workshop for the summer. In August, we will present the monthly Spiritual Cinema outdoors, extending the invitation to everyone in the neighborhood to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, and appetites, and join us for an All American supper while we watch the highly acclaimed film, *Avatar*.

The Center’s new sign at the front of the building was completed and installed since our last newsletter, and it looks great. Thank you, Market Share! Our landlords have remodeled the two bathrooms at the Center, installing new fixtures, paint, and beautiful tile flooring in each restroom. The landscape project stalled a bit with the injury/convalescence of one of the Landscape Team members, but plans will soon be back on track to complete the project, and your participation invited through donations for specific landscape elements, including plants, rocks, and materials. Also welcome is the donation of your time and energy for landscape cleanup and “spring cleaning” days at the Center to be scheduled during these next two months.

Please join us on Sunday and meet our guest speaker. ,or come to one of our special events and bring a friend. We would love to see you, no matter how long you’ve been away.

With love and blessings,  
Your Board of Trustees

### ***Dates to Remember***

#### **July - *When Freedom Calls***

4th: Rev. Alice Carpenter  
11th: Karie Hillery & Friends  
16th: Spiritual Cinema, 7pm  
18th: B.J. King, R.Sc.P  
25th: Rev. Alice Carpenter  
*Cool Summer Salads Luncheon*

#### **August - *Exceeding Our Expectations***

1st: Rev. Linda Reppond  
8th: Rev. Lacy Akinson  
15th: B.J. King, R.Sc.P  
20th: Spiritual Cinema, 8pm  
22nd Rev. Carolyn Douglas  
*Workshop: Creating a Consciousness of Wealth Through Gratitude*  
29th Rev. Harriet Topczewski

## Welcome New Members

Join us in honoring new members Pat Fort and Carrie Scott who recently became a part of our church family.



We feel privileged to have you join us and we honor you for your thoughtful decision to become a member of the Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos.

Pat Fort is interested in animals and currently has a cat, dog, guinea pig and three birds. She is an avid reader and enjoys non-fiction books, biographies, and stories about people. She is also interested in alternative medicines, organic vitamins and natural, healthy foods.

Carrie Scott is helpful as a member of the hospitality team and brings snacks for after service. Carrie is interested in art and has an art business where she provides fine art to people who want something new and different. (See her ad in our newsletter.) Most Sundays she is at church with her canine companion, Callie. Say hello to Carrie and Pat next time you are at church.



## Cool Sumer Salads

On Sunday, July 25th, immediately following the service, join us for our

Cool Summer Salads Event.

The Center's Board of Trustees will provide a wide variety of cool summer salads for a donation of \$7. Homemade bread sticks, gourmet bread and crackers will accompany these tasty creations. Beverages and a delicious dessert will also be provided.



Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the book table before and after Sunday service.



## Karie Hillery and Friends "She's The Earth"

On Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, international recording artist Karie Hillery will perform as our guest musician and guest presenter for the day. Highlighting the interconnectedness of all cultures and belief systems, Karie's music and message are designed to inspire a deeper respect and love for the Mother Earth.

Karie's career started at age 14 when she began performing in productions of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Godspell*. Her singing career took her to Europe for several years, and then back to California where she settled near the redwoods on the North Coast. Writing, singing and traveling from north to south, Karie has a total of seven CD's, and numerous video clips on You Tube. She recently relocated to the Santa Cruz mountains so she could more easily visit with and care for her mother.

Karie visited our Center in 2003, and having connected with us at a heart level, has stayed in touch over the years. She continues to perform at Religious Science and Unity Centers throughout the state and we are delighted to welcome a great musician and wonderful friend to our Center.

## Creating a Consciousness of Wealth Through Gratitude August 22nd

Join Rev. Carolyn Douglas in another powerful workshop, where you will have the opportunity to acknowledge and cultivate the gift of gratitude in your daily life experiences. This workshop is based on the teachings of Rev. Diane Harmony's *5 Gifts for An Abundant Life*. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall at noon - bring your lunch and enjoy Rev. Carolyn's teachings in a way that only she can provide. The cost is \$25.00, which includes materials and registration fee. See you there.

## Upcoming Guest Ministers and Speakers



### **Reverend Lacy Atkinson**

Rev. Lacy Atkinson is an assistant minister at the Center for Spiritual Living in Fremont. He has been a minister since 1999 and was ordained in 2004. He is a regular speaker on Sunday mornings, has taught accredited classes and has led the 4-T, Keys to The Kingdom and 5 Gifts classes the past several years. He has served with the International Centers for Spiritual Living youth, adult, and teen groups. Being a retired Deputy Fire Chief of San Jose, Rev. Lacy has executive experience in addition to his years as a Religious Science minister.

**Speaking date: August 8th**



### **Reverend Alice Carpenter**

Rev. Alice received her ministerial training in Redding where she served as Staff and Assistant Minister for two and a half years. She became Pastor of the Center for Spiritual Discovery in 2001 and was ordained in 2004. Rev. Alice served as co-chair of the RSI Asilomar Conference in 2005. She retired as Pastor of the Center in December 2007 but continued as a member of the Board for the Los Gatos Center for Spiritual Living until February 2008.

She currently serves as Chairman of the Church Chartering Committee for International Centers for Spiritual Living, and continues to provide guidance and spiritual support to the Los Gatos Center, as well as instruction in Science of Mind principles.

**Speaking date: July 4th, July 25th**



### **Reverend Carolyn Douglas**

Rev. Carolyn Douglas has followed the philosophy of the Science of Mind since 1984. She was licensed as a Practitioner of Religious Science in 1992, and received her Masters of Divinity from Holmes Institute School of Conscious Studies in 2001. Rev. Carolyn received her first Letter of Call to New Perspectives Corporate Chaplaincy in 2001. She received a Letter of Call for Assistant Minister to the FireLight Church of Religious Science and Science of Mind Center in 2002. In 2003, Rev. Carolyn received her Letter of Call for Senior Minister to the FireLight Church of Religious Science and Science of Mind Center. The FireLight Church is now known as Illuminate Spiritual Center, San Jose. Rev. Carolyn was ordained in May 2004.

**Speaking date: August 22nd**



### **Karie Hillery**

International recording artist Karie Hillery has spent her life bringing her uplifting music to every imaginable venue worldwide. Her work as a musical “peace ambassador” has grown to include speaking engagements combined with musical performances. Designed to empower and increase awareness, Karie’s presentations highlight the interconnectedness of all cultures and belief systems, and inspire a deeper respect for the Mother earth.

**Speaking date: July 11th**

## Upcoming Guest Ministers and Speakers (continued)



### **B. J. King, R.Sc.P.**

When I walked into First Church of Religious Science 26 years ago, the first words I heard spoken by Dr. Scott was, "Something great and wonderful is happening today and you are a part of it." I knew I had found my right place to be one with a loving, supportive GOD. I felt called to become a Practitioner and began that course of study. I am in my 19<sup>th</sup> year of being a licensed Practitioner and I am so grateful I answered the call. I have been honored to pray and counsel with individuals and families, present motivating workshops, facilitate classes, being a guest speaker at other churches.

**Speaking date: July 18th, August 15th**



### **Reverend Linda Reppond**

Rev. Linda Reppond has a passion for living and a love for young people that is evident in all she does. In her role as the Managing Director of International Youth and Family Ministries for United Centers for Spiritual Living, she works to support youth, creating new programs and supporting our churches as they build strong youth and family ministries. Prior to ministry, Rev. Linda had a rich career in non profit management, serving as Executive Director of such agencies as Special Olympics Washington and YouthCare, a runaway and homeless youth center in Seattle, and the National Runaway Switchboard in Chicago. She received her masters degree from Holmes Institute for Consciousness Studies and was licensed as a minister in the August, 2007, and ordained in February, 2010. She and her husband, Walter, have two grown children and live in Evergreen, CO.

**Speaking date: August 1st**



### **Reverend Harriet Topczewski**

Rev. Harriet discovered Religious Science in the early 1990's. After hearing about the teaching she was very excited and went in pursuit of a church. In the outskirts of Chicago she found the Oak Park Church, where Reverends Harriet and Christopher Smolka became her first teachers.

In 2001 Harriet decided it was time to make some changes by relocating and moving into the ministry. After doing her treatment work at Asilomar, she attended service at the Center for Spiritual Living - Fremont, and decided to relocate to California to continue her studies.

Today Harriet is a staff minister, volunteer chaplain at Washington Hospital, and corresponds with prison inmates who have an interest in the teaching. She also has over ten years experience in Recreational Therapy with older adults and is finding ways to incorporate spirituality into senior programs. She works for a non-profit senior day health center where older adults get to re-connect with themselves.

**Speaking date: August 29th**

## Great America & Gilroy Gardens

Summer is here and the Center for Spiritual Living - Los Gatos has discount tickets for two major theme parks in the bay area; Great America and Gilroy Gardens.

Great America is a family theme park and is open for another season of fun and excitement. New for 2010 is Planet Snoopy, a themed children's area featuring Snoopy and the entire PEANUTS™ Gang. Also there is an all-new SNOOPY ROCKS ice show. The show is filled with extreme fun and has everyone dancing in the aisles. Back by popular demand is the All Wheels Extreme, sports stunt show featuring jumps, flips, and tail whips and is a major hit with teenager's and adults alike. Special coupon discounts of twenty three dollars per person admission good through October 31<sup>st</sup>.



Gilroy Gardens another family theme park is featuring its tenth anniversary and is offering savings of eighteen dollars off each general admission ticket

when presented with the special discount coupon good through November 28, 2010. Admission includes use of all rides, shows, and attractions in operation on day of use except for special pay events or concerts.

You don't have to fall down the rabbit hole to find a wonderland. It's known that Gilroy Gardens has mushroom swings and twirling garlic cloves, a mosaic of flowers, and one of-a-kind-trees woven into different patterns and designs. Gilroy Gardens is a world of its own for you and your children to explore. A world where seeds of imagination are planted and where nature makes more surprising twists and turns than the rides.

With acres and acres of fun and excitement at the two theme parks your family, friends and neighborhood kids will have tons and tons of fun this summer. Spend a day at a place where laughter and curiosity is a way of being and pick up your discount tickets good for admission up to six people on the ushers table at Sunday service and join in the fun!



## Namasté Book Store

New selections of music and books have arrived in the Namasté Book Store and are available at the church. This month we are featuring a wide selection of classical music CDs, donated by Margo Hinnenkamp and Emery Zaczowski, as well as July's and August's featured book *The Amazing Power of Deliberate Intent*.

Coming soon to the book store will be a selection of cards, bookmarks, puzzles, and games for your enjoyment and to keep you busy with summer activities check out our discount coupons at the usher table.

Come and browse our selections and as always if you don't see a particular book be sure to ask Roberta Emerson. She can always order it for you. Books may be purchased before and after Sunday service. See you there.

## Why Spiritual Cinema?

“Spiritual” refers not to religion but to the unseen devine essence that is the life force itself.

Spiritual cinemas provide important messages about life, love and the world we live in. These inspirational films celebrate life with positive, motivating messages that illumine and inspire social transformation. They perform a great service in that they are a mirror that reflects back to us life situations with which we can identify.

These films can help our inner development. They can be uplifting, hopeful, heartwarming and even move us to soul searching. These are Spiritual Cinemas! Here at the Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos our goal is to provide entertainment and perhaps a lesson that we can learn and grow from. We offer Spiritual Cinemas every third Friday of the month.

## Spiritual Cinemas



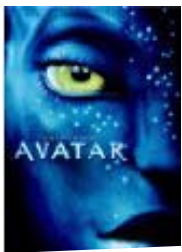
### **Invictus**

**Friday, July 16th**

Clint Eastwood directs this inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar to help unite their country.

Newly-elected President Mandela knows his nation remains economically and racially divided in the wake of apartheid. He believes he can bring his people together using the universal language of sports. He encourages South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match. There is lots of action in this movie as a big name cast shows their best talents.

Movie starts at 7pm. Cold drinks, popcorn and candy will be available for a donation of \$7. See you there!



### **Avatar**

**Friday, August 20th**

Jake, a paraplegic ex-marine, finds a new life on the distant planet of Pandora, only to find himself in a battle with humankind alongside the planet's indigenous people.

After being separated from his team, Jake is rescued by Neytiri, a Na'vi princess, who brings him into her tribe. As Jake becomes one with the tribe and begins to understand the secrets of Pandora, his conscience is torn between his new adopted world and the wheelchair-bound one awaiting him when the connection to his Avatar body is broken.

For a special summertime treat, we will be showing this great movie outdoors under the trees, **starting at 8pm**. Bring your lawn chair and appetite. There will be hot dogs, potato salad, chips, beverages, cup cakes, and our traditional popcorn - all for a donation of \$10. Come enjoy our version of *Hot August Nights*.

## Summer Conference Offerings in the Very Near Future

The summer conferences are designed to offer something for everyone: new cities to explore, new and dynamic speakers – the rising stars in the New Thought community, workshops by successful spiritual leaders, and the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals from around the world. And now there are TWO!

### **New Thought! New World! One Family!**

**All in Chicago July 26-30**

Join members of International and United Centers for Spiritual Living, Agape, Unity, and Independent New Thought Centers in the heart of the country for an inspiring, deeply spiritual, and unifying conference experience. Enjoy a full week of New Thought family, leaders and musicians presenting talks, workshops incredible musical performances, kids and teen programs, meditation, body works, and one-on-one spiritual counseling. Spend a fabulous week with your spiritual family that will feed your soul. For additional information or schedule of activities and speakers, go to the conference web site at [www.newthoughtnewworld.org](http://www.newthoughtnewworld.org)

### **Making All Things New**

**Asilomar Conference August 1-7**

You are invited to join the Centers for Spiritual Living August 1-7 for their annual Asilomar Conference in Pacific Grove. This year's event promises to bring a fresh perspective to the activities, speakers, and workshops of Asilomar, while maintaining the same exciting music, programs and environment.

Join respected ministers from both United and International Centers for Spiritual Living, and take a "big leap" with the keynote speaker, Dr. Gay Hendricks. Enjoy the natural beauty of the Asilomar grounds, meet new friends and connect with old friends, and walk on the beach. This transformative week will recharge your spirit and give you a charge to make all things new. Day passes will be available, so consider spending a day enjoying all the conference has to offer. For additional information or registration go to [www.cslasilomar.org](http://www.cslasilomar.org)

***It's About Time***  
***By Margo Hinnenkamp***

There is always enough time:  
 Time to enjoy life.

There is always enough time:  
 Time to love myself unconditionally.

There is always enough time:  
 Time to savor the magic of the moment.

There is always enough time:  
 Time for those things that are really important.

There is always enough time:  
 Time to feel grateful and to feel radiantly alive in every instant.

There is always enough time:  
 Time to slow down, to center myself and to know that I am Spirit alive and well in this body in this spot on earth and that Life is very good.

There is always enough of everything for me, including time.

And so it is.

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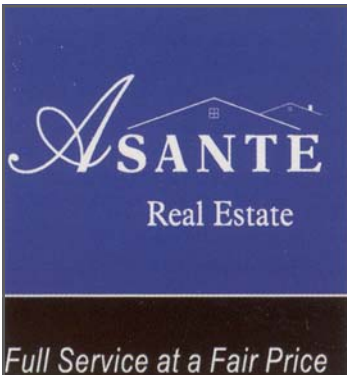
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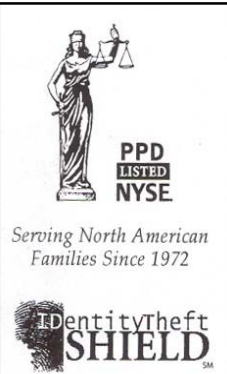
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