

## Setting the Course

The Center's annual business meeting was conducted on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and members voted to continue the operation of the Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos as an International Centers for Spiritual Living society. Board of Trustees President Shelley Warzek conducted the meeting, which included a report of the church finances for the year 2009 by Treasurer Roberta Emerson, a review of the actions of the Board of Trustees, and discussion by the membership of community projects and activities to sponsor in 2010. Jo Preston and Roberta Emerson sought re-election to the Board, and were approved unanimously. The Board of Trustees for 2010 are Shelley Warzek, President, Jo Preston, Secretary, Roberta Emerson, Treasurer, and Cathi Clark.

Acknowledgements of the many individuals who served the church during the past year were made, and gifts presented.

Shelley advised the membership that the Board of Trustees contracted with Rev. Alice Carpenter to act as Interim Spiritual Director to provide spiritual support to the congregation and Board as a Minister, Practitioner and resource for administrative matters, to assist with the coordination of Sunday speakers, seminars and workshops, and to teach accredited Science of Mind classes.

## A New Order of Service

Our service now begins with a silent meditation at 10:00 am followed with songs of praise. At 10:30 am service begins with welcoming announcements, more songs, and then presentation of our guest speaker.

## A Serendipitous Experience!

Hold onto your hat – the Serendipity Singers are paying us a visit! This spirited group of singers will be joining us for service on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, raising the roof with their light-hearted music and uplifting songs. Led by director Pamela Landers and accompanied by pianist Frank Krause, these long-time friends of Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos will be joining us again after nearly two years absence from our Center. Invite your family and friends and join us for this very special Sunday.



## Dates to Remember

### March *The Balance of Nature*

- 7th: Rev. Alice Carpenter
- 14th: Rev. Jane Holt, Serendipity Singers
- 19th: Spiritual Cinema, 7pm
- 21st: Rev. Mary Jo Sparry
- 28th: B.J. King R.Sc.P, Vision Board Playshop

### April *All Things New*

- 4th: Rev. Alice Carpenter, Easter
- 11th: Rev. Lacy Atkinson
- 16th: Spiritual Cinema, 7pm
- 18th: Rev. Carolyn Douglas, Earth Day Video
- 25th: B.J. King R.Sc.P, Membership Tea

## Woven in Love and Leadership



Over 600 leaders from both International Centers for Spiritual Living and United Centers for Spiritual Living gathered in Denver during the week of February 14 to 19 for the inaugural joint leader-

ship conference of the two organizations, the first joint conference held in preparation for integration into a new third entity, the Centers for Spiritual Living, in 2012. Senior ministers, pastors, assistant, staff and focus ministers, board members, youth directors and practitioners gathered to ask questions and discuss the pending merger of the two organizations, conduct annual business meetings, and participate in workshops and spiritual practices together, all designed to focus on the elements of the teaching of the Science of Mind common to both organizations which split at a historic meeting in 1951.

Currently in review are 18 separate areas of consideration for creation of the new organization structure. Areas such as ministerial and practitioner training and licensing, structure of the leadership body, autonomy of the individual churches or centers, and review of curriculum will be considered. Representatives from both organizations have volunteered to work on teams to review each area, and recommend a "best practices" procedure for use in the new entity. By-laws for the new organization will be discussed and agreed upon at the 2011 Leadership Conference to be held in San Diego next February, and election of new leadership will be held at the Leadership Conference in 2012.

Ministers attending the conference from the San Jose area included Rev. Alice Carpenter (Los Gatos), Dr. Jay Scott Neale, Rev. Mary Jo Sparry, and Rev. Jane Holt (Fremont), Rev. David Bruner (San Jose), Rev. Carolyn Douglas (Milpitas), and Rev. Susan Moeller (Redwood City).

## Building a Healing Consciousness An Accredited ICSL Class

Ask any current or former Science of Mind student, and they will confirm that accredited classes are hands-down the most effective means of learning about



and applying the tenets of this teaching. Whether you are new to the teaching of the Science of Mind and just want to know more about Spiritual Mind Treatment, our form of affirmative prayer, or have been in the teaching for years and feel ready for a tune-up to refine your skills, the accredited Science of Mind offering, ***Building a Healing Consciousness***, is a perfect class to deepen your understanding of treatment, and strengthen your personal practice.

Join Rev. Alice Carpenter on Wednesday evenings starting April 7 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. for this eight week offering. Tuition for the class is \$110 paid in full, or students may make arrangements for weekly installments. Location for the class is yet to be determined. Prior registration is encouraged, and a sign up sheet will be available at the Usher table on Sundays. Students may also register by calling the church office at 408-286-1913.

## Vision Board Playshop Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Are you ready for change for 2010? Do you have a vision of how you want your life to look? Join B.J. King, R.Sc.P., and other members of Center for Spiritual Living-Los Gatos on Sunday, March 28, at 12:30 and create your personal vision board. Using the principles of "The Secret" and the "Law of Attraction", participants will dream weave ideas for their highest good and most successful life into their own personal treasure map. Cost for the playshop is \$10 for registration, and \$3 for materials. Bring your lunch and meet us in the social hall at 550 Hubbel Way. For more information, contact B.J. King at (408) 445-1712.

## 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: April 11th**



### **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: March 7th, April 4th**



### **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: April 18th**

## Upcoming Guest Ministers and Speakers (continued)



### **Reverend Jane Holt**

Rev. Jane Holt has returned to the Center for Spiritual Living in Fremont where she originally took her ministerial training, serves as a staff minister in teaching, speaking, event coordinating and facilitates spiritual empowerment workshops.

Her spiritual path started at childhood and finally twenty-five years later found Religious Science. She says, "This teaching made sense to me on all levels and changed my life when I began to apply what I was learning". Rev. Jane received her ministerial license in August of 2003.

Rev. Jane brings a wide range of skills and experience to her ministry. She has worked in profit and non-profit fields and in areas such as leadership development and is versed in many multi-cultural venues. She currently works as a Senior Health Educator and describes herself as a "Midwife to Life"

**Speaking date: March 14th**



### **B. J. King, RScP**

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: March 28th, April 25th**



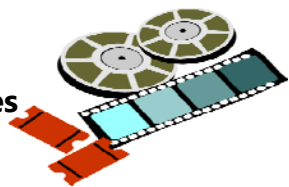
### **Reverend Mary Jo Sparry**

Rev. Mary Jo is an ordained Minister, serving as an Assistant Minister at the Center for Spiritual Living in Fremont. She has facilitated workshops at the RSI Asilomar Conference, and is often published in Creative Thought magazine.

Rev. Mary Jo has taught accredited Science of Mind classes, and speaks monthly at the 9:30 am Sunday service at Center for Spiritual Living-Fremont. Currently, Rev. Mary Jo is teaching SOM 300 for the fourth time and loves it. In addition to that, she is a Bay Area career consultant.

**Speaking date: March 21st**

## Spiritual Cinemas



### Where God Left His Shoes

**Friday, March 19th**

Frank lost his job. When and his family are evicted from their New York City apartment, they have no choice but to move into a homeless shelter. A nearby housing project has an apartment available immediately. The catch is that Frank needs a job in order to qualify.

The rest of the city prepares for Christmas while Frank and his stepson desperately roam the streets of the city trying to find a job by day's end so that they have a home on Christmas.

### Gran Torino

**Friday, April 16**

Korean War vet and retired autoworker Walt Kowalski doesn't much like how his life or his neighborhood has turned out. He especially doesn't like the people next door, Humong immigrants from Southeast Asia. But events force Walt to defend those neighbors against a local gang that feeds on violence and fear.

A donation of \$7.00 provides popcorn, beverage and an opportunity for spiritual discussion of the movie. Maps available at the Usher's Table.



### Blossom to Perfection

**Easter Sunday**

**April 4th**

The Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos will celebrate Easter this year in a most beautiful and seasonal way by once again incorporating spring blossoms as part of its annual service. Rev. Alice Carpenter will facilitate a congregational flower ceremony, and provide our Easter message. Harpist Verlene Schermer will join us, lending her beautiful voice and magical harp to inspire us in song. Members of the choir will be singing a selection of traditional Easter songs. The loan of your Easter lily for use in decorating our sanctuary would be most welcome. Plan to bring your friends and family and join us for this celebration of life, and of spring!

## Membership Tea

### *An Invitation to Belong*

You are invited to join us on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** for a membership orientation tea. Attendance to the tea is a prerequisite for membership to the Center for Spiritual Living Los Gatos (CSL-LG). If you are already a member, come and share your experience and thoughts on being a member.

One benefit of being a member of CSL-LG is the privilege of voting at the Annual General Meeting knowing that you can make a difference. There is something about an official membership card that says you are a part of a community. Being a member of CSL-LG brings a commitment of togetherness and a natural responsibility of helping to keep the Center vital and active.



Think of it this way, you have a best friend who has a large family. You know you are welcome in their home and you feel comfortable, however, you are still a visitor. But imagine if you were a member of the family. The feeling of closeness is immediate. As a friend, you are welcome to CSL-LG every Sunday and you probably feel comfortable, however being a member brings a sense of ownership along with a commitment to your own spiritual growth. You are then a part of a community and you welcome the opportunity of working together for it's well-being. Once you claim membership you gain a trusting unspoken spiritual bond that says, "I belong. I am home." And as soon as something is yours, you want to hold it close and take care of it.

Come and get to know us over a cup of tea and refreshments. Your questions will be answered by Rev. Alice and members of the Board of Trustees.

Sign up on Sundays at the Usher's Table.

## Earth Day Celebrates 40 Years

On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans began demonstrating for a healthy, environment. Coast-to-coast rallies took place and there were thousands of organized protests against the deterioration of the environment.

Celebrating forty years, Earth Day 2010 will mark an even greater concern for the world. It's never too late to bring renewed energy to our consciousness and

make personal commitments to change by taking steps to ensure an environment that is safe, clean and healthy benefitting Mother Earth and our future generations.



On Sunday, April 18, at 12 noon, join us for a showing of the video, *An Inconvenient Truth* in honor of Earth Day.

### Tips for saving our environment:

- Stop using plastic bags. The average number of plastic bags consumed is roughly 1 million a minute. Of that number, only 1 percent will actually be recycled, while the rest will either end up in landfills, out in nature or in the ocean. Why not opt for a reusable, heavy-weight, natural cotton bag? Most stores now have them available for a very small price. They are great and can be reused over and over.
- Stop using Styrofoam. As a plastic, Styrofoam is widely used in many products we use every day, but unfortunately it is one of the hardest plastics to recycle. The best way to protect the environment from the effects of Styrofoam waste is to stop using it
- Help improve our air quality. Leave your car home a few days a week and use public transportation, carpool or ride your bike.
- Switch your light bulbs to a more energy efficient type and turn them off when not in use. Install compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out and remember to dispose of them properly by taking them to a hazardous waste disposal facility.

- Set your thermostat a few degrees lower in the winter and a few degrees higher in the summer to save on heating and cooling costs. Think about solar heating your home.
- Reduce your water usage: take shorter showers, use a drip or a soaker for watering your lawn, run full loads in your washer. Wash clothes in cold water whenever possible, and use a drying rack or clothesline to save the energy otherwise used during machine drying.
- Recycle newspapers and magazines by sharing or donating.
- Bank online - save time and stamps too.
- Give up your disposable razors for the old fashioned safety razor. This is a great way to save money and the environment.
- Improve your indoor air quality - make your own cleaning supplies. You can make very effective, non-toxic cleaning products whenever you need them. All you need are a few simple ingredients like baking soda, vinegar, lemon, and soap.
- Use a water filter instead of buying bottled water thereby saving money and the environment from plastic bottle waste.
- Re-usable coffee filters - never having to buy or run out of these is an incentive in itself!
- Dispose of old medications properly by recycling through your pharmacy or a medical waste facility.

These are just a few energy saving tips. If you want to explore further, check out the Earth Day Network at: <http://www.earthday.net/>. This site is informative and will give you more suggestions for a "Green Generation<sup>TM</sup>".





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You are invited to join members of International Centers for Spiritual Living, United Centers for Spiritual Living, Agape, and Independent New Thought Centers from around the world in **Chicago July 26-30, 2010** for the One Family Summer Conference.

To be held in the Marriott Chicago Downtown, the conference features presentations by Michael Beckwith and Rickie Byars Beckwith, workshops with Glenn Morshower (The Extra Mile TV series) and Rick Tamlyn (The Bigger Game model of success), and a candid "Spirits in Rebellion" presentation from five Presidents of International Centers for Spiritual Living, including Dr. Kenn Gordon, Dr. Candice Becket, Dr. James Golden, Dr. Arleen Bump, and Dr. Frank Richelieu. Rev. August Gold and Rev. James Mellon, pastors of two of the fastest growing centers in the New Thought Movement, will join forces, bringing the week to a climactic experience of divine evolution.

Information regarding the conference is available on-line at [www.newthoughtnewworld.org](http://www.newthoughtnewworld.org), or can be picked up from the Usher's Table on Sundays. **Register by March 31, 2010 and you will save \$100 off the conference package fee, and your children will attend FREE!** Conference packages include admission to the full conference, a dinner banquet, and four nights at the Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile.

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