

## ***Affirmation of the Month***

I am always loved. I know that the world is a safe and secure place for me because I can never be separate from Good. I am grateful. And So It Is.

## ***Announcements***

***Board Meeting:*** The next Board meeting will be January 12, 2014. All are welcome.

***Co-op Number:*** Don't forget to use Michelle Marier's Co-op number when getting gas as the rebate is coming back to the Center. **29857**

### ***Thrifty Foods Gift Cards:***

Please see Pat Alfke Wright if you do not have a Thrifty Foods Gift Card. When you load up your card and use it to buy groceries, the Positive Living Centre receives 5% of everything you spend!

***Rainbow Kitchen*** is looking for containers to send food home. Please bring in your sour cream, margarine etc. containers and Bonnie will ensure that they get them.

***Pastoral Care Cards:*** Do you know someone in our congregation who is ill or in need of a pick me up? Contact Jeni Hillier at 250 598-8802 or [j.hillier@shaw.ca](mailto:j.hillier@shaw.ca). She would be happy to send a card.

***Please note:*** From time to time we will take pictures or videos of people at services or events to put on our Website or Facebook. Please let us know if you do not want to be included in this.

## ***Positive Living Centre of Victoria Centre News for January 2014***

### ***Minister's Note***

How wonderful to celebrate the New Year with the certain knowledge that it is bringing each of us new experiences, new friends, new ideas and new opportunities. It is such a joy to have the New Thought teaching in our lives and know that we are the architects of our good.

On December 29, 2013 we said good-bye to Rev. Kim Fairrell. We had a lovely retirement dinner where we celebrated the seven years that she served us. Rev. Kim enjoyed over 30 years in Ministry and her wise counsel guided many grateful members of our Centre. We thank her warmly for her loving Ministry and wish her well. You will be glad to know that she has said she will be pleased to be a guest speaker once in a while!

This year as you write out your personal New Year's resolutions, take the time to also write out your vision for the Positive Living Centre. Ask yourself not only what it is that you want to create in your own life, but how do you envision the Positive Living Centre and its future? Visualize that future.

Each of you is a unique manifestation of universal creative energy. It is our collective vision for the future that will be a powerful magnet of attraction for our new Minister and the PLC's evolution.

Taking on the role of part-time interim Minister for the Positive Living Centre, I look forward to working with our Board, the Candidating Committee and all of you.

Love is the most powerful energy there is. As each of us loves the Positive Living Centre for the wonderful changes that New Thought teachings have made in our lives, it is that love that infuses all of us and the Centre.

I know that the New Year overflows with blessings!  
Love and light! Rev. Joanna Drewry

## ***President's Remarks***

Well, we start a New Year after a full Holiday Season, and saying our farewells to Rev. Kim. The process now begins to find a new Minister and the Candidating Committee is busy with that. The Board has accepted Rev Joanna's offer to assist us in our transition ensuring our spiritual leadership needs are met. The Board has appointed her Interim Minister, and her contract runs until April 30, at which time we will be reviewing our progress. Rev. Joanna will be working part time for us and is not candidating for the position on a permanent basis. We are so blessed to have our needs met while we move forward in our search to find someone who will best meet the needs of our Community. I am sure we will have much to report on, and maybe even vote on, at our AGM in February. Thank you all for your support at the Centre.

Happy New Year,  
Bonnie Youngman

## ***Events***

***Tithing Sunday:*** January 12<sup>th</sup>

This is the day we give 10% of our yearly donations away to other charities who are doing good works in our community and beyond. We invite a representative from each group to come and take a few minutes to tell us about themselves. The process is always so uplifting and we can be heartfelt that as a small but mighty Centre we are able to give with such generosity. This year the following groups have been chosen to each receive over \$800: International Association for Transformation (please see article about our sponsored children), 1 UP Single Parents Resource Centre, PEERS (Prostitute Empowerment Education Resource), and Friends of Music.

## ***Coming in February***

***Special Guest Speaker & Meeting:*** February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rev. Dr. Kenn Gordon, Community Spiritual Leader for the Centers for Spiritual Living, and co-pastor of the Centre for Spiritual Living in Kelowna, B.C., will be our Guest Speaker. After the service, at 12:45 p.m., he will be pleased to meet with the Board, Candidating Committee, Members, and all those of the congregation who are interested, to discuss the possibility of the Positive Living Centre becoming affiliated with the Centers for Spiritual Living. <http://csl.org/>

***Annual General Meeting:*** February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Please join us after the service for our Annual General Meeting. All are welcome, however only those who have been members for at least 60 days prior to the meeting are able to vote. A light lunch will be served.

## ***IAT and our sponsored children in the Philippines***

Thankfully the area of Kalinga, in the Northern Philippines, was not directly hit by the typhoon. This is where IAT has been situated for over 30 years. However, the heavy winds and rain flattened the crops and people quickly started running out of food. Our Centre held a fundraiser and sent our \$800 tithe early, along with another \$2,065.00 which was raised by the congregation. We are truly blessed by our tithing. Our now University students, Grace Abay and Dexter Pingi, send Christmas and New Year greetings with wishes for blessings from the Creator for our very best. Grace is busy with her studies in Agricultural Engineering, and is always helping her family. Dexter continues to get excellent marks, and is taking on more responsibilities as he matures in his approach to life. Thank you to each and every one of you for your help in supporting this so vital project.

Blessings and Peace, Pat Alfke Wright