

A couple of weeks ago, toward the end of my Sunday talk, I had everyone stop and write down on a sheet of paper something they really want to manifest in their lives. When finished, I had them fold the paper in four and to pass it to someone else in the congregation. That person, in turn, was instructed to hand it to someone else as they left the building that day. That way, no one would know which message belonged to whom. Then everyone was asked to meditate and to know for the person whose paper they had received that manifestation was on its way.

It was a simple procedure and it is my earnest desire that everyone followed through with their commitment.

As I thought about it today, I considered the process of meditating and knowing for another that his/her dream is coming true. It's an act of pure, selfless service.

Moreover, how wonderful to be meditating on someone else's good rather than being caught in our own desires that can sometimes bring with them feelings of what we don't have rather than what we have!

If you weren't part of the service that day, consider working with friends to have them share their own dreams with you, on paper, and place that paper somewhere you will frequently see it. Hold the vision for them! I call it lending your faith to another, but in the process of holding the vision of creation and manifestation for another, we are opening ourselves to greater manifestation for ourselves. It's that old, "What goes around comes around" cliché that is so true.

Lao-tzu says that doors don't open while we have attachment to physical things for ourselves. What he calls the angelic guides or Source energy doesn't enter our lives until we take the focus off "what's in it for me?" or "what kind of job am I going to get?" or "how much money am I going to make?" and instead focus on "how may I serve?"

When we take the focus off scarcity and lack and visualize service to others, peace befalls us. That's how the Universe works when we're letting go, when we're not trying, not chasing for ourselves.

"Let yourself be lived by it," says Lao-tzu. Go within and trust Divine timing. And as we see blessings coming to others, our spiritual bank accounts are filling up and ready to produce beautiful results in our own lives.

And so it is!

In love,

Rev. Carrie

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month we had a workshop with Kressa Sisu on aging gracefully. While sparsely attended, everyone there felt it was an important program that absolutely everyone could use to improve their senior years.

I'm happy to announce that Thrifty Foods has renewed our Smile Card Fundraiser again this year. The term of the project is May 1, 2016 to April 29, 2017. The maximum amount allotted is \$1,500 and it has been approved to go toward printing costs for the coming year.

For every dollar we apply to our Smile Card the Centre receives 5%. So fill up your cards.

Our Garden Party has had to be cancelled for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that some of our key volunteers are not able to help with this event because of unforeseen health issues

We hope to enjoy a Bus Trip to Cobble Hill in July and are looking for someone to organize this event. If you can help with this, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Christine Rerrie for the Special Mother's Day treat. It was enjoyed by all.

As usual our pot luck lunch on May 29th was very successful and enjoyed by all.

That's all for now

*Anne Millar*

Words of Wisdom from Marianne Williamson:

*There's no more potent way to say thanks for your gifts, or to increase them, than by sharing them. You will be given as much power in this world as you are willing to use lovingly. The desire to be of benefit to others creates the means by which to do so. Our power lies in our clarity about why we're on earth. We'll be important players in the coming years if we see ourselves that way.*

*And the important players will be the people who see themselves as here to contribute to the healing of the planet by sharing their gifts.*

*Everything else is trivial in comparison. Where you went to school or even if you went to school doesn't matter. God can use the flimsiest of resumes and the most fledgling gifts. Whatever our gifts are and however humble they may seem can be turned into a mighty work if we are willing. From that point of power, doors WILL open. "Please use me", is therefore the most powerful prayer we can say. It is the miracle workers prayer.*

## **CIRCLE OF LOVE GATHERING – OCTOBER 17-21 UPDATE**

**You can now register for the Circle of Love on our website: [www.cslvictoria.org](http://www.cslvictoria.org) There is a registration button that allows you to use your credit card on paypal or to use paypal itself if you have an account. Note: This is if you are paying the early bird registration fee in full. Using the online registration, there is a handling fee, making the registration \$459 until June 15<sup>th</sup> and then \$500 after that.**

**You may pay \$450 by cheque to the Centre if you register before June 15<sup>th</sup> and then \$500 after that.**

**If you wish to pay monthly, you qualify for the early bird registration fee if you begin payments this week. Payments will be \$100 monthly through August and \$50 in September.**

This is going to be a stellar event! Karen Drucker, the first lady of New Thought music will be the headline artist and speaker. Hollywood actor turned singer and CSL minister, Rev. Jonathan Zenz will also be speaking and performing.

The fabulous Lisa Ferarro will be music director and will partner in song with Erika Lockett. Gary Lynn Floyd and Amy Bishop round out the music program. For all the Amy fans, please note she will be auditioning for THE VOICE in the U.S. next season!!

Rev. Dr. Kathy Hearn, the former head of United Centers for Spiritual Living, will be a keynote speaker, together with Dr. David Leonard and others to be announced.

The Kingfisher has rooms at varying rates, the least expensive being \$99 per night for a double room. The meal package is \$362 and will be charged upon check-out at the resort. The restaurant offers outstanding meals! The Kingfisher is now taking reservations and when you call, let them know that you are attending the Circle of Love Gathering. Reservations are now being made, and space is limited, so be sure to make yours as soon as possible. If your name is on the list in our social area, please call now to reserve your room. We will begin promoting this event outside our Centre soon. In addition to being a fundraiser for our Centre, it will be a fabulous event! It will bring back memories of Asilomar on a smaller scale for those who attended those events!!

Prices for Rooms (based upon two people the room. If there is a third person, add \$25.00)

Ocean View - (1 Queen-sized bed and one double) \$99

Ocean View – (1 King and one double) \$99

Arbutus Suite (1 King-sized bed) \$169

Chinook Suite (2 Queen-sized beds) \$194

Orca Suite – (1 King and 1 Murphy bed) \$214.

**To view these rooms/suites, go on line to [www.kingfisherspa.com](http://www.kingfisherspa.com).**

**Note: the prices quoted online will be higher than what we pay!**

**To book your reservation, call 1-800-663-7929**

### **TROWARD CLASS**

Rev. Carrie will begin a Troward Class September 17<sup>th</sup> in Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. The class runs eight weeks, culminating November 12<sup>th</sup>.

This class is a prerequisite for Practitioner Training, although anyone who has taken Foundations or Beyond Limits is free to join. Troward's influence on the teachings of Ernest Holmes is reflected in all of Dr. Holmes' books. It's a class for those who wish to truly deepen their spiritual connection.

Course fee is \$250. A payment schedule may be arranged. Credit cards accepted. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room - or email [revcarrie@telus.net](mailto:revcarrie@telus.net).

### **BEYOND LIMITS**

*If there is a sufficient number of registrants, Rev. Carrie will again teach Beyond Limits during the summer months. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to enrich their New Thought experience and for those who have been with us for years who want more grounding in Science of Mind and the teachings of Ernest Holmes. You will learn how to do your own Spiritual Mind Treatment – as well as to get a great grounding in our teaching. A sign-up sheet is in the social room at the Centre – or alternatively, contact [revcarrie@telus.net](mailto:revcarrie@telus.net) or phone 250-478-1491 to register.*

## Rev. Carrie's Talk Titles for June

June 5 - On Being a Metaphysician -Gail Muzio guest

June 12 – Who Am I? Where Am I? Why am I?

June 19 - Here it Comes Again

June 26 - Did you Clean Up Your Plate? (After all, there are starving children in.....)

## Soloists for June

June 5 - Elizabeth Adams

June 12 - Jenny Rhodes

June 19 - Niels Petersen & Connie Lebeau

June 26 - Darlene Haynes

**Thanks to all you talented people for your very special gifts – and to Louise Eldridge, our music director.**

### **TREASURE TABLE**

***Our Treasure Table will offer items for sale on the second Sunday of each month. Bring your treasures along to share. It's a great place to shop!***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***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 Centre. **29857**

***Thrifty Foods Gift Cards:*** A wonderful way to support the financial health of our Centre is to use a Thrifty's Food Card. We have lots of them! Please see Jennifer Jameus if you don't yet have one. When you load up your card and use it to buy groceries, the CSL Victoria receives 5% of everything you spend!

***Pastoral Care Cards:*** Do you know someone in our congregation who is ill or in need of a pick me up? Contact Rev. Jennifer Tennant who heads our compassionate care team so that she may be in touch and offer prayer. To send a card, contact Jeni Hillier at 250 598-8802 or [j.hillier@shaw.ca](mailto:j.hillier@shaw.ca). She would be happy to do so.

**Prayer Scarves:** We provide prayer scarves or shawls to members of our congregation who have lingering illnesses or challenges. Irene Parkinson and Bonnie Youngman have created several of these and they are so appreciated by those who have received them! Rev. Carrie attaches prayers to the scarves before gifting them. If you know of someone with a serious illness who would benefit from one of these gifts, please contact Jeni or Rev. Carrie.

Also, we will be selling prayer scarves at our Circle of Love Gathering as a fundraiser for our Centre. If you would like to get involved with knitting, talk to Irene or Bonnie and they will fill you in on details about the scarves!

**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.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

**Amazing Grays:** This women's spiritual discussion group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. For information, please contact Christine Rerrie at [crerrie@shaw.ca](mailto:crerrie@shaw.ca)