

HEADLINES

CSL Victoria Signs New Music Team

Niels Peterson takes over as house musician at our Centre beginning Sunday, September 4th. He is supported by Connie Lebeau, who will make guest appearances, together with other musical friends who will occasionally solo, along with our long-time guest soloists.

26th BIRTHDAY

Our Centre will celebrate its 26th Birthday September 11th. In honour of the occasion, we're having a special pot-luck and birthday cake after the service. It's a great time to join us and to bring a friend along as well!

Early Bird Special Continues

In conversation with Lisa Ferraro, those on our email list will continue to qualify for the special rate of \$450 for registration!

AND GREAT NEWS! Dr. David Leonard will speak at our Centre October 16th, on his way to the Circle of Love. Lisa Ferraro and Erika Luckett will provide music that Sunday. The following Sunday, the fabulous Gary Lynn Floyd and Amy Bishop will perform and will do a concert following our service!

New Dates for Troward Class

The Troward class is delayed until Tuesday, October 18th and runs for eight weeks, ending November 29th. Beyond Limits runs a bit longer than anticipated, thus creating the delay. A sign up sheet is in the Social Room on Sundays.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dr. Roger Teel, from Mile Hi Church in Denver, CO wrote a beautiful and thoughtful piece in our Beyond Limits seventh class worksheets. This class deals with understanding the Infinite and how we heal our wounded selves so that we can manifest more positive life experience. Forgiveness is paramount to removing blocks from our greater good.

Dr. Teel wrote:

PEACEMAKING

When I embrace my wounds and

Allow them to heal...

I have no impulse to injure you.

When I understand my desire to be

Lifted up...

I refuse to tear you down.

When I think rightly about myself...

I need not make you wrong.

And when my cry for love opens my own heart's doors...

I no longer close you out.

How often do we want to make someone else wrong when our lives are not going the way we would have them unfold? In our teaching, we know that we must take responsibility for events in our lives and the good news is, we get to choose again – to create a new life for ourselves, starting in this very moment. We simply need to release our negative thoughts and belief systems.

As Marianne Williamson said: The inability to forgive is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.

And another author, whose name escapes me at the moment, said that as we harbour a grudge, we are allowing someone else free rent in our heads.

Instead, we need to allow others safe passage through our minds and through our mouths and to be in compassion for those who are hurting and to genuinely send them loving thoughts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All

The Board has had some changes over the past few months. Earlier in the year Ernie Tadla resigned from the Board. This past month Christine Rerrie has taken a leave of absences and Vikki Sweeney has resigned for personal reasons.

I am happy to announce that Bonnie Youngman has agreed to come on the Board as Secretary till the next AGM in February. Thank you Bonnie.

We all enjoyed our participation in the marriage of Vikki Sweeney and Ina Kelson. It was a great event and we thank them for sharing this special time with us.

The Committee for the Circle of Love had another meeting and preparations are progressing. If you are planning to attend the Circle of Love and can volunteer some time at the event please see Phyllis Comrie. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Have a great holiday weekend.

That's all for now.

Love and Blessings

Anne Millar

WELCOME NIELS AND CONNIE

We are so happy to have Niels Petersen and Connie Lebeau leading our Sunday Music. Niels will be our “house musician.” Connie will join as a soloist and supporting musician when she can. Her own busy schedule, that now includes a real estate career, prevents her from being with us every Sunday.

The pair have many professional musicians as friends and we look forward to welcoming them to our Centre . Niels is also eager to work with our long-time soloists. He and Connie understand our teaching and are just now beginning to learn some of our New Thought music. It's not that every song has to be New Thought – but we are conscious of our music being appropriate to a Centre for Spiritual Living. Both Niels and Connie play piano, as well as other instruments and, they both sing.

Here's a bit about Niels and Connie:

Niels Petersen

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Niels Petersen has been a performing musician, producer and song-writer since his move to Canada.

As a guitarist & pianist, Niels has shared the stage with such artists as Joan Armatrading, Tina Turner, Burton Cummings, Sir Cliff Richard, Trish Yearwood and Vince Gill, to name a few. A prolific composer, Niels has over 100 songs in his catalogue and has written music for television documentaries and short films, including a New York Freddie award winning film documentary in 2002 and a Bravo Channel art expose in 2008.

Niels is an Honorary Member of the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Connie Lebeau

Connie Lebeau studied classical piano for thirteen years and along the way picked up the bass and drums, playing percussion in University Orchestra. Originally from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Connie moved to the west coast of Canada, teaming up with husband Niels Petersen. Connie has toured from coast to coast with Canadian troubadour Valdy. As singer and bass accordion player for family entertainer, Raffi, Connie has performed on Broadway in New York City's Gershwin Theatre and also at the world famous Radio City Music Hall where she worked with the late noted producer Phil Ramone. Connie has toured as an opening act for Dolly Parton, and also appeared in Disney videos with family entertainer, Norman Foote. Connie also led two women's choirs with 99 voices in each.

Niels and Connie spent six years performing on cruise ships for eight months of the year, travelling the world and performing the music they love.

We are honoured to have them join us at our Centre and look forward to working collaboratively with them to create our Sunday music.

UPDATE ON CIRCLE OF LOVE

Those on our mailing list will still receive the special registration rate of \$450 for the Circle of Love Gathering at the Kingfisher Resort and Spa October 17-22. In order to receive this rate, please pay by cheque or alternatively, donate through the paypal button on our site. Do NOT pay through the Circle of Love paypal button. It will only accept \$510. If you need assistance in figuring this out, please contact Rev. Carrie at 250-655-1867 and she will help you with it.

Your cheques should be made out to the CSL Victoria and mailed to Rev. Carrie at 311-9560 Fifth Street, Sidney, BC, V8L 2W5 – or put into the offering basket on Sundays, with the cheque designated Circle of Love at the bottom of your cheque.

As of this writing, there are two lower-cost rooms available at \$99 per night for the four nights. Please note, however, that the more expensive suites can accommodate more people and it's possible to still make this economical and to share a beautiful suite as well!

Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Circle of Love when you book your room. That will ensure a special rate.

For those who haven't looked at these rates up until now, they are repeated here with the usual information!

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.

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

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

IF YOU ARE REGISTERED AND WISH TO VOLUNTEER WHILE YOU ARE THERE, PLEASE LET PHYLLIS COMRIE KNOW! WE ARE HAVING TEAM MEETINGS NOW AND HAVE MANY EXCITING PLANS!!

REV. CARRIE'S TALK TITLES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4 – Out of the Icy Waters and Into the Arms of Love

September 11 – How to Save the World

September 18 – Putting that Faith to Work!

September 25 – There's a New Light Shining

GUEST SOLOISTS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 4 – Connie Lebeau

September 11- Connie Lebeau

September 18 – Darlene Haynes

September 25 – Jenny Rhodes

TROWARD CLASS

Because of an over-run in the weeks of Beyond Limits, the Troward Class will not begin until Tuesday, October 18th. (Rev. Carrie will be consulting with those registered about the preferred day of the class but for the time being, it is Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Polynesian Room at 250 Douglas Street. The class will conclude November 29th.

Thomas Troward was a judge in Punjab India until he retired and returned to England in 1902. He wrote but a few small volumes of metaphysical works but they had a profound effect on the development of spiritual thought and particularly of Science of Mind which is considered his most direct legacy. He was a much influential figure in the development of Ernest Holmes SOM organization.

When you “get” Troward – you are truly on the path to changing your life for the better! By the way: Troward’s name is pronounced – Tro Ward. Tro rhymes with “show.” I’d never heard it pronounced differently until coming to Victoria but if you check online, the correct pronunciation is there!

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. 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 2nd Friday of each month. For information, please contact Christine Rerrie at crerrie@shaw.ca