



Spiritual Light Center

Newsletter -- January 2013

MESSAGE FROM JIM

Dear Spiritual Light Center Family and Friends:

Any concerns we may have had about the Winter Solstice and the end of the Mayan calendar are safely behind us now. And so I say to you all, with confidence, HAPPY NEW YEAR!! It never ceases to amaze me that the older I get, the faster the years go by.

I trust that you have some excellent intentions that will become reality as we move through the new year together. In last month's newsletter, I suggested that it wasn't too early to lay out the course that we want to follow in 2013; and if you haven't created your annual list of intentions (or resolutions) yet, it still isn't too late.

While you are considering your own personal intentions, please create a few for the Spiritual Light Center. What would you have it be? What could the Center have, or do, to carry out its mission? What things are we doing that need to be done differently? What things are we doing that we might want to stop doing? You can let any member of the Board of Trustees have your input, which is vitally necessary for our continuing progress.

One of my own intentions for 2013 is directed toward this newsletter. I want it to contain articles, long or short, written by you about your journeys along your spiritual paths, and about what you've encountered along the way. Poems are solicited, and we can include photographs or art work as well. Please give us the benefit of your creativity. If you are creative but don't care for publicity, we can always credit "Anonymous" for your submissions.

Another of my intentions for the Spiritual Light Center is to see our membership increase by at least 50% by the time of our annual membership meeting next August (100% would be better). That intention can't be manifested by simply wishing it so. Whenever you encounter a like-minded person in these beautiful mountains, invite them to attend our Sunday Celebration or one of our evening gatherings. They will be-

nefit from our message, and we will benefit from their presence among us.

Let's get 2013 off to a wonderful start. It promises to be a good year (if we so intend!).

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Jim Swanson

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The Spiritual Light Center is a peaceful and joyful fellowship of individuals, centered in love, dedicated to the God within, and honoring the many paths to truth.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to develop our highest selves by continuous sharing of spiritual ideas, in an environment of unconditional love and respect for others.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 2:00pm

The Creative Thought Center in Waynesville, NC, is sponsoring a concert, I Choose Love, at the Hart Theatre in Waynesville performed by Shawn Gallaway. Additionally on Sunday, January 27, Mr. Gallaway will be offering a workshop, called HE/SHE/WE – The Privilege.

This event is a joint fundraiser for The Creative Thought Center and REACH of Haywood County. It will certainly be an inspirational event for all.

Please reply by email to The Creative Thought Center at waynesvillectc@aol.com, attention Rev. Frank Kish for further details regarding the concert, the workshop, and how to obtain tickets or call 828-246-2794 for more information.

ONGOING EVENTS in the Fellowship Hall

Every Tuesday at 5:15pm-

Join our insightful group as we watch a selected film of a spiritual nature, followed by discussion to develop our evolution.

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm-

Musicians and singers gather to share their love of music. Everyone is welcome. Please call Tom Tyre at 421-0520 for more information.

Every other Thursday, 5:15

pm- Please join us for our meditation group led by Dr Richard Kimball. He begins with an informative discussion on the practice of meditation followed by walking and then sitting meditation. Call Richard at 371-3425 for details.

Every Thursday at 6:30pm-

Come to a group discussion

studying the Workbook in A Course in Miracles. This has a powerful message. Expertly led ed by Arthur Cataldo.

Last Sunday of the Month-

Join us following our Sunday Celebration for a pot luck lunch. Bring a covered dish and join us for food and enjoyment.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 6, 11 a.m.

Kim May, who comes to us highly recommended by Rev. Frank Kish, will speak to us on "Empowerment Through Focus".

January 13, 11 a.m.

Dale Allen Hoffman, the renowned Aramaic scholar we enjoyed so much in September, returns with the topic "I AM the Light".

**Saturday, January 26, 2013
at 2:00pm**

A celebration of the Life of **Richard Ferrarini** will be held at the Macon County Community Center on Georgia Road. It will be in the Meeting Room. Please bring finger foods and prepare to celebrate and remember the life of this wonderful man that was lived so very well.

January 20, 11 a.m.

Thea SummerDeer, herbalist with a strong Native American tradition, will speak on "Sacred Family: Coming Home to Who We Really Are".

January 27, 11 a.m.

Dr. Luci Swanson will be sharing her wisdom in a talk about "Oneness". Luci is a long-time member of our community and has studied Earnest Holmes for many years.

February 3, 11 a.m.

Carol Harrison

February 10, 11 a.m.

To Be Announced

February 17, 11AM

Dr. Jim Swanson

February 24, 11AM

Lesley Reifert-Hughes

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New Beginnings

All Yesterdays gone
Memories distant and past
A Time to grow on
Old moments have passed.

A Path to the Future
The Journey yet is unknown
In search of new Vision
Of seeds yet unsown.

New life, New beginnings
Full of prospect and dreams
New Being poured forth
Crystal Waters, Pure Streams.

A New Life beckons
It's calling our Souls
We bring it to Being
Our Hearts are made whole.

No opportunities missed
Our Life starts afresh
We embrace our new Being
With Divine we enmesh.

~~~ Bill

