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HPB Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this with a tinge of sadness as this will be my last newsletter as President of HPB Lodge. I will be offering to serve on the HPB Committee and making myself available for National Section work, however after three years I felt it was time for someone fresh to take on the unique opportunity that being a Lodge President offers. A TS Lodge, when running properly, can be a special place where powerful energy can flow for the benefit of those who attend and for the surrounding community. As C W Leadbeater said of attendance at Members' Meetings *"... if they have forgotten themselves in the earnest endeavour to understand the subject appointed for study, a very considerable and beneficial result, of which they usually have no conception, may very readily be produced."*

It has been a privilege to have been HPB President ... and I will still be around to help!

Namaste, Darryl



This is your chance to come and hear what has been achieved over the past year, what is planned for the future, as well as voting in the Officers and Committee for the coming year. We are so sorry that Darryl won't be standing as President for the coming year, but grateful for his continuing support. He has done a wonderful job and will be sorely missed as the 'face' of our Lodge. Nomination forms are attached and must be signed by both the nominator and nominated persons.

Nominations need to be received by the Secretary by 4pm, 9th October.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Mondays 7:30pm 19 th Sept 26 th Sept 3 rd Oct	Meditation Practice - with John Vorstermans Mediation with sound (Mantra or chanting) Meditation using breath as a focus Meditation with an external object or seed thought	Discussion Group The Rays and the Initiations The Rays and the Initiations The Rays and the Initiations
Tuesdays 7:30pm 20 th Sept 4 th Oct	Tarot Group - Justin Wood	
Thursday 22nd Sept	Members Meeting: The Missing Years of Jesus	
Friday 7th Oct	Film Evening	
JANUARY 2012 - A Visit from the TS in America's new President, Tim Boyd ... watch this space for details		

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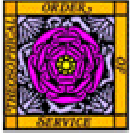
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HPB Lodge of the Theosophical Society: ASB Bank: 12-3011-0757379-00

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TOS Special HPB Lodge event



Living 21st Century Theosophy

5th & 6th November (2 full days)

Looking through the eyes of the Ancient Wisdom to help us discern REALITY from illusion, the process of Transformation and the Power of the Spiritual Life. The weekend will feature guest speaker **Dorothy Bell** from Australia and include practical workshops, the practice of meditation (both in service and transformative ways), a question and answer panel and a TOS stall with hundreds of great books for sale too.

So mark this date in your calendar and keep an eye out for the detailed programme in next month's newsletter.



LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

Our Psychic Sense

by Phoebe and Laurence Bendit

\$18

If we are ever to become knowledgeable about the "whole person", we must learn about everyone's deeper invisible nature. This book, written by a Jungian psychiatrist and his clairvoyant wife, helps us to do just that. Combining their talents, the Bendits provide us with a unique and enthralling overview of the latent powers we all possess. Our psychic sense has also been referred to as the sixth sense. It can be considered as a window opening onto the real world of our inner consciousness; not just a valuable adjunct to our personality, but our actual ground of being. In *Our Psychic Sense* the Bendits describe this mysterious power within us, then explain how it manifests and finally evaluate its usefulness to humanity.



Code of Conduct

As previously mentioned, your Committee has been drawing up a Code of Conduct plus associated by-law, in accordance with HQ practice and recommendation.

Every member will be given a copy of the attached Code as part of their "joining" package, ensuring that there is clarity in expectations and consequences as regards behaviour relating to all matters associated with our Lodge.

We attach a copy of the Code of Conduct for your information, as existing members.

Scholarship

At the last Committee meeting, a discussion was held about what our Lodge is doing to put theosophy into practice in the wider sense (ie in addition to the way in which Members incorporate theosophy into their everyday lives):

* We have a few volunteers who donate their time to helping maintain our beautiful building, library and grounds – the face of theosophy in Auckland. More such volunteers are always welcome!

* We also looked at the possibility of creating a Scholarship for a year's education for a needy child.

We looked at Auckland schools for a theosophically-based system, but decided that Vic Hao Chin's Golden Link school was a better option. As a dedicated theosophist, Vic has created Theosophical schools in the Philippines, staffed by specially trained teachers, and filled with very needy children. Many of these children would not otherwise receive education, and would grow up to be social misfits. The TOS in NZ has been instrumental in gathering many resources for Vic's schools, and assisting financially in small ways.



If you are interested in contributing to such a Scholarship fund, please register your interest with the Secretary, indicating approximately how much you would be willing to donate.

We are hoping that many members will participate in this venture - even making a commitment to a yearly donation - to ensure continuous education for any child receiving a scholarship.

Even a one-off donation will help, as the HPB Lodge will top up the fund as necessary.

Charles Sitwell

A past president of Hamilton Lodge, past National Vice-President and long time member and server of theosophy, who passed peacefully into higher service, in his bed surrounded by his beloved books on the morning of 9th September 2011. Charles willingly shared his vast knowledge of theosophy with members of the New Zealand TS. Our love and thoughts to all his family.

International Theosophical Brotherhood

The following is a translation from a letter about a project that is progressing with the Argentinean section of the Theosophical Society, courtesy of long-time HPB member Alistair MacArthur's connection with two very active, leading theosophists in the Argentina TS. It follows on from the talk Alistair gave a couple of years ago, when he showed some clear satellite views of the "Centro Teosófico" which was under construction. Hearing about the activities of theosophical brethren elsewhere is always interesting. And what an innovative design for their building! There must be a tremendous story of determination, hard work, team work, generosity and a whole lot of other things that has taken them so far with this project.

Dear Alistair,

..... We attach some photos of Rosario, the city where we live. Also a link to see some places around the city - www.visitariosario.com

In July we attended our Winter School which takes place in the city of San Rafael in the province of Mendoza, where for the last 30 years we have been constructing buildings for the accommodation of the people attending the activities that happen there. This year we studied the Bhagavad Gita for a week, two hours in the morning and two in the afternoons. We attach two photos of the buildings. At present we have four buildings, two of them with rooms. In total there are 24 rooms, each one with its own separate bathroom. The final plan is for five buildings that form the "rays" of a five pointed star. We now only lack one of the "rays" and the centre of the star. We will surely carry on to finish the project. We have 10 hectares of land and already, for some years, we can enjoy little woods of pine, eucalyptus, poplars and other varieties of trees.

We see that your interest in research has not lessened; this is good. It keeps one always young!

With all our affection,

Paulina and Juan Carlos



The kitchen area from outside



The kitchen area inside

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