



Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment

A Religious Science Community

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September/October 2010 Newsletter

Sunday Services, 11:30 a.m. 578 Bonanza Trail, Big Bear Lake

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Our purpose is to inspire and nurture spiritual growth by accepting a loving, all inclusive community through teaching, healing, and serving, for the highest good of all.

We are the Mind of God knowing, the Heart of God loving, and the Hands of God serving.

From our Minister

Dear Beloveds,

God is showing off!! The nip is in the air, the foliage is coloring itself beautifully as Big Bear Valley dresses up for our next spectacular season.



There is a sort of resignation that transpires in us when the leaves start to turn and we realize we are in the brrr months. September, October... well, you get it. We adjust our-

selves from sandals to warm socks, from sundresses to jackets and begin to delight in seeing the pumpkins and Halloween decorations around town. This time of year in Minnesota we would ask each other, "Have you got your wood in yet?"

With this resignation comes the comfort of being inside more, cozying up with good books, watching more movies; and having time to reflect upon the many blessings we have in our lives.

There is more time for meditating and there is something very special about meditating with a warm shawl or our favorite throw wrapped about us. I relate it to feeling the arms of God about us, inviting us to snuggle into the love and delights of knowing that we are indeed God being and being God; that our every loving thought can warm our hearts and the hearts of others.

I send my love and blessings to you and wish you a spooktacular October

Hugs and blessings of joy,

Rev. Sherry

*This newsletter is being sent
to someone who is loved and respected.*

Practitioner's Corner

Good, Gratitude, and Joy

The law of Giving and Receiving as a principle explains the Divine Circuit of Life. Ernest Holmes states "Life flows out from the Source, through man, or form, and returns to its Source". The key word here is "flow". Life is a giving of Itself in abundance. Ernest goes on to say, "The Infinite has no preferences. It is both impartial and impersonal, giving alike to each and to all".

We can mess up that flow with our thinking, or the good news is, because that flow of good is constant and always available, we may choose to step



into alignment with it by receiving as well as giving.

"When man tries to hold his good, he blocks his channel for receiving more good. Those who give of themselves the most, receive the most, unless they block the circuit again in the at-

titude that they wish only to give". Even though the gift of Life is made, its circuit is not complete until we have received it.

I find my alignment with good in my constant meditations. I can find myself in meditation while gardening, cleaning, bathing, painting, or just driving along a boring desert road. My favorite meditations are of course on Wednesday mornings with our group. Tuning in to our breath and making an effort to be fully present serves to awaken ourselves to be more aware of the unconditional generosity of the life force that flows through us regardless of our circumstances. Whatever the gift we experience in our meditation we always conclude in gratitude. We are always thankful for the good fortune we have accumulated, but more importantly, we are grateful of the powerful understanding we receive. The awareness that we are one with Life, that It operates through us and as us is the gift we are able to receive in the clarity of

meditation. By receiving this gift we are allowing the Divine flow of good to show up in our lives just as it was meant to.

Dr. Holmes used to say, "I have wonderful news for you today. There is a power within you that can lift your life to its highest level. It can change illness into health. It can bring peace amid turmoil. It can bring success out of failure, and victory out of defeat. It can bring companionship and happiness out of loneliness, and It will respond to you because this power is within you". Yes, we have so much to be thankful for. When I think of the gift of life itself my gratitude deepens and completes my happiness, turning it into joy! What could possibly be better than that?

Your Practitioner,

Carolyn

Treatment:

There is one perfect Life, which is God's life and it is my life now! I enlarge my thoughts and expand my understanding by consciously letting it express through me. The ice has melted and now ebbs and flows in a joyous rhythm. Life floods my being, filling the holes of emptiness as it removes my emotional debris. It washes my being in new thoughts and actions and I do give thanks for it. I now turn to the indwelling Presence and let Its inspiration enlarge my experience today.

It is so – and so it is!

Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth. Isaiah 43:19

Your Practitioner

Sally Cornett RScP

Quote of the Month

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." – Helen Keller

Helen Keller was a visionary! Read the statement above from the place of Oneness – "I am only one, but still I am One....."

Thoughts from Your Board President

I'm still in the Cowboy Spirit following Big Bear's 11th Annual Cowboy Gathering! A good number of our Center's attendees are on the Cowboy Committee. I firmly believe that one reason we were so successful this year is the positive attitude that surrounded us. And So It Was!

So, since I'm in a cowboy mood, let's look at a cowboy value is so compatible and complementary to our beliefs. The one I have been thinking about is OPTIMISM.

Optimism is "Choosing to focus on the good in our lives. " and

"Gratitude for the blessings that come our way."

Doesn't that just sum our philosophy up with a lariat loop? Those words are taken from the book COW-



BOY VALUES by James P. Owen.

Our ability to look for the good in all things, to nurture the good in others and ourselves and to acknowledge that good is ours all the time is the Cowboy Way. Different word may be used but it means the same.

Rev. Sherry gave us a quote from *Can We Talk To God* by Ernest Holmes that is on my mirror so that I can see it daily. It is a wonderful reminder:

Good and more good is mine.
An ever-lasting good is mine.
There is no limit to the good, which is mine.
Every where I go I see this good,
I feel it, I experience it.
It flows through me
Expresses itself in me and
multiplies itself around me.

Blessings,

Liz Harris

First Annual Used Book Sale

September, 2010

"Holy Cow, Bookman," said Robin. "That was an awesome Book Sale at BVCSE the last three weeks!! Did you see all those books people donated?"

"I sure did. And did you see how hard those ladies worked to make it nice for everyone? I just KNOW the Center appreciates all their efforts."

And so do I. I want to thank all the wonderful people who made it all possible. First, the biggest thank you to Susan Conley for taking over when I was out of town and making sure the show went on!!! Also, big "thank you's" to Fran Fish, Carolyn Dawley, Diane Richards, Larry Huffman, and again, Susan and Bosco for helping set up. After the sale it was a big effort on the part of the wonderful board members, who made the remaining books disappear. (Watch for them at the Library, Doves thrift store and other places around town). Thank you, Liz Harris, Carolyn Dawley, Rev. Sherry, and Lorraine Taylor.

As of this writing we have made \$168. Plus we've made lots of people happy - those getting rid of their excess books, those who bought some real treasures and the recipients of our unsold inventory.

Thank you everyone!

Blessings,

Sherrie Kral

SPIRITUAL CONSPIRACY

On the surface of our world right now
There is war, violence, and craziness
And things may seem dark.

But calmly and quietly
At the same time
Something is happening underground.

An inner revolution is taking place
And certain individuals
Are being called to a higher light.

It is a silent revolution
From the inside out
From the ground up.

This is a global co-operation
That has sleeper cells in every nation.
It is a planetary Spiritual Conspiracy.

You won't likely see us on T.V.
You won't read about us in the newspaper.
You won't hear from us on the radio.

We won't seek glory.
We won't wear any uniform.
We come in all shapes and sizes, colors and styles.

We are in every country and culture of the world
In cities big and small, mountains and valleys
In farms and villages, tribes and remote islands.

Most of us work anonymously
Seeking not recognition of name
But profound transformation of life.

Working quietly behind the scenes
You would pass by one of us on the street
And not even notice.

We go undercover
Not concerned for who takes the final credit
But simply that the work gets done.

Many of us may seem to have normal jobs.
But behind the external storefront
Is where the deeper work takes a place.

With the individual and collective power
Of our minds and hearts
We spread passion, knowledge, and joy to all.

Some call us the Conscious Army
As together
We co-create a new world.

Our orders come from the Spiritual Intelligence
Agency
Instructing us to drop soft, secret love bombs
when no one is looking.

We each express ourselves
In our own unique ways
With our own unique gifts and talents.

"Be the change you want to see in the world"
That is the motto that fills our hearts.
We know this is the path to profound transfor-
mation.

We know that quietly and humbly
Individually and collectively
We have the power of all the oceans combined.

At first glance our work is not even visible.
It is slow and meticulous
Like the formation of mountains.

And yet with our combined efforts
Entire tectonic plates
Are being shaped and moved for centuries to
come.

Love is the religion we come to share
And you don't need to be highly educated
Or have exceptional knowledge to understand it.

Love arises from the intelligence of the heart
Embedded in the timeless evolutionary pulse
Of all living beings.

Be the change you want to see in the world.
Nobody else can do it for you.
Yet don't forget, we are all here supporting you.

We are now recruiting.
Perhaps you will join us
Or already have.

For in this spiritual conspiracy
All are welcome, and all are loved.
The door is always open.

Author Appropriately Unknown
Submitted by Rev. Diane Borcyckowski

Presented "Spirit Within"

*Saturday, September 18, 2010.
Reproduced below is an email letter Dr.
Linda sent us after her seminar.*

My dear family in the mountains,

Greetings from beautiful downtown Hemet.

I want to thank each of you for allowing me the opportunity to do what I love the most. It gives me such joy to be able to be with a group of spirits so eager to expand and explore who they are as inhabitants of this planet.

I received so much in those two days for my personal growth. I hope that you feel free



to share your experiences of the workshop with me. My niece Nikki who attended the workshop has written a blog about what she took away from the weekend. (Ed. Note: Nikki writes as "The Soul Reporter" and can be found via Google).

I would like to offer a special thanks to Paul Penardi, for the gift of the book *THE BIG LEAP* by Gay Hendricks. It has given me an insight into who I am that I have needed for me to make my big leap. I have recommended it to several of my friends and it has already had an effect on all of us. I understand that Rev. Sherry has used it as the basis for several lessons. If you have not read the book, I can't emphasize enough the impact that it can have on your life process.

Again I thank all of you for always making me feel so welcome. I look forward to being with all of you again.

With great love,

Rev. Dr. Linda Logan

"Sleigh Bells Ring...Are You Listening "

It's Almost that Time Again!

Last year's sale of evergreen wreaths, garlands and centerpieces was a huge success for BVCSE. Our congregants, members and friends helped with this fundraiser by ordering items to be directly sent to people on their gift lists. They arrived fresh and fragrant and lasted well into January.

This will be our fifth year of making those eco-farmed evergreens from the Pacific Northwest available for your gift giving ease. Show your family, friends clients, colleagues and service givers that you truly appreciate them with something that will bring you to mind every time they see it, or smell its heavenly fragrance. And...don't forget yourselves! Your house will be holiday ready with wreaths, garlands or whatever you choose to make the season bright.



All items will be shipped directly after Thanksgiving which means our order deadline is approaching. Orders will be taken throughout October and on the first Sunday in November (11/1) in the community room after our services. If you are unable to order at that time please call Leslie L'Heureux 909.585.9862 and she will assist you with your order.

So let's light a fire, pray for snow, get out our gift lists and address books to make this year's holiday gift giving a blessing for all!

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Happy, Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

Lorraine Taylor 9/3
 Debbie Cannon 9/9
 Lisa Movius 9/10
 Shirley Lasley 9/11
 Jessee Mendoza 9/16
 Suzie Curtis-Kopolow 9/22
 Nynah Mason 9/22
 Skip O'Donnell 9/23

October Birthdays

Sherry McDaniel 10/15
 Kaylinn Penardi 10/15
 Bob Henrich 10/19
 Margaret Westling 10/21
 Sheryl Kral 10/27
 Kerri Penardi 10/29

Financials

July Financials
 Income \$5,942.00
 Other Income \$628.10
 Total Income \$6,570.10

Expenses \$8,136.28

Net -\$1,566.18

August Financials

Income \$7,036.15
 Other Income without symposium \$7,165.71
 Tot Income \$14,201.86
 Expenses \$8,097.85
 Net + \$6,104.04

Weekly Attendance

July Attendance

7/4	37	5
7/11	37	5
7/18	43	4
7/25	35	5
Tots	152	19

August Attendance

8/1	56	5
8/8	55	2
8/15	47	3
8/22	30	0
8/29	33	4
Tots	221	14

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Holly says....

**Attitude is everything
SO....
Pick a good one!**

and pass it along....



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