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HPB Newsletter

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Christmas Thoughts from our new President

Well, it seems to have crept up on us - the final HPB newsletter of 2008.... and what interesting times we find ourselves in as we approach Christmas. My friends who consult astrology have been alluding for some time to the changing times that we are in - especially the end of this year, as Pluto, the planet representing the masses and dramatic change, leaves Sagittarius. After 13 years Pluto will enter Capricorn, an event throughout history which has corresponded to revolutionary changes to the existing world order. Perhaps we have seen the beginnings of such changes with the recent election results both here and in the States. It may be a bumpy transition, but I feel we are in for a journey leading towards a world community based on inclusion, tolerance and a greater concern for our environment - whether we like it or not! It's times like these when I am glad to have a Theosophical framework to fall back on as I attempt to make sense of things!

On a somewhat more local and lighter note; a request was raised at the recent AGM for a reinstatement of the 'traditional' members' meetings. I welcome the idea for next year, although being a relative newcomer to HPB Lodge, I would like suggestions from our membership as to the content they feel they would like included at these. Any comments or suggestions in this area can be forwarded to me for discussion with the committee at : hpbpres@theosophy.org.nz

May you all have a wonderfully merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you around the lodge next year.

Committee 2008 - 2009

- ❖ **Treasurer** - A big thank you to *Paulette D'Amico*, who has volunteered to do the book-keeping for us in the interim. To fulfil Constitutional requirements, we will need to have a "mini election" early next year for the position of Treasurer – more info early next year.
- ❖ One more addition to our Committee for the current term – a warm welcome back to *Susan Skarsholt* who has been co-opted to join the ranks.

Christmas Party ~ 6th Dec ~ 7:00pm ~ HPB Hall



Please bring...

- A plate of (vegetarian) food to share
- A wrapped, fun \$2 gift to put in *Santa's Lucky Dip* basket
- YOURSELF and family and friends

Come and enjoy... games... carols... prizes... fun and laughter... great company and a delicious supper!

This will be the finale for Lodge events this year, so do come and have some light-hearted fun with fellow members and friends.

Hamilton Centenary – 30th November



You are cordially invited to join the celebration of the 100 years since Hamilton Lodge was granted its Charter by Mrs Annie Besant, International President of the Theosophical Society.

Lodge address: 73 Anglesea Street, Hamilton

Programme

10.30 a.m. **Enrolment, Tea,**

11.00 a.m. **Talk: A Short History of the Hamilton Lodge - Presented by Charles Sitwell and Brian Stokes**

12.30 p.m. **Lunch**

1.30 p.m. **Panel Discussion: A Question of Faith**

3.00 p.m. **Tea**

3.30 p.m. **Formal Announcements**

4.00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: How can we Help the Great Orphan Humanity?**

5.30 p.m. **Dinner at Valentines Buffet Restaurant**

7.30 p.m. **Public Lecture: Theosophy for Century 21 - Presented by John Vorstermans**
(President of the Indo-Pacific Federation of the TS)

9.00 p.m. **Light Supper**

To enhance the enjoyment of the day, you are encouraged to come in the clothes of an earlier period of our one hundred years.

Cost

\$20 to cover morning & afternoon teas & lunch - please notify Brian to ensure catering

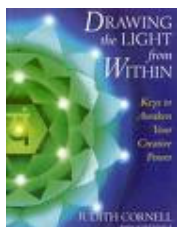
\$25 – dinner

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