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HPB Newsletter

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From the Vice President

The work of the Theosophical Society continues - our AGM has been held and we are delighted to welcome a new committee member and also to have received expressions of interest from 1 or 2 members to join the Programme-Planning Sub-Committee.

If you need inspiration in the busy, seeming materialistic world of today, try reading the autobiography of Annie Besant and the occult diary of Geoffrey Hodson – Light of the Sanctuary. Both were followers of the Truth throughout their lives and inspirers of all those with whom they had contact.

We look forward to seeing you at the Founders Day celebrations in November and at the Christmas celebration in December.

HPB LODGE AGM

Thanks to all those members who supported this annual event! It is a time when members get to hear of the activities they may have missed on throughout the year, the state of their Lodge and its programmes, and also to publicly thank the hard work put in by a relatively small band of workers in our Lodge.

Without the input of time and energy of members, our Lodge would not survive. The Committee are simply a bunch of volunteers who are prepared to donate some of their time and ideas for the benefit of those who belong to our Lodge. Each Committee member is also a full-time worker in the 'outside' world, but has made the sacrifice of a percentage of personal time to aid the work of Theosophy. For that we thank them heartily.

We have a beautiful building and grounds, and if only half the members of HPB Lodge were to donate an hour or so every few months towards care of the building and/or grounds, it would make life so much easier for the small band of workers who have assumed a responsibility for these things - and would also prolong the life and beauty of our Lodge and grounds!

How about giving the Secretary a ring and letting her know you are also willing to help in some small way? Believe us, every small way DOES help!! The pressures of a 'working' life, coupled with family demands, in addition to the needs of HPB Lodge, can be quite stressful unless the load is shared amongst a reasonable number. So PLEASE consider donating just a little of your own personal time to the cause!

When you find (or make) a spare moment, pop in and do a little weeding. Bring your children and make it a family event. Or perhaps they can be rewarded for a little time helping, by a walk up Mt St John afterwards....fresh air, exercise AND a helping hand, all rolled into an hour of precious family time! So very good for the body, soul and character!!

In addition to this, as fellow members of the same Theosophical community we would LOVE to see you and hear your own ideas and thoughts...or just exchange a smile with you! We want to strongly encourage members into the Lodge as the more members who attend talks and meetings, the more welcoming and encouraging it is for newer members.

Introducing your committee for the coming year...

PresidentDarryl Crofsky
Vice-President.....Margaret Johns
Secretary.....Jeanette Blackburn

TreasurerPaulette D'Amico
Committee membersJoan Wilson,
Anoma Ranaweera, Michelle Osborne

The newly elected committee will be looking at many and varied exciting offerings for members in the New Year.

Programme Sub-Committee

We still have a limited number of spaces for people interested in joining a sub-committee for programme planning for 2010.





Report on Vic Hao Chin's recent visit - by Murray Stentiford

Vic shared an enormous amount of information and quiet inspiration in the course of his recent visit to New Zealand. The amount that he and his co-workers in the TS are accomplishing in the Philippines is astonishing, given that the total number of members there is only 300. They are running five Theosophically-based schools, and his team of co-workers is taking highly his successful self transformation process into homes, businesses, schools and government departments.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Discussion & Research Group – led by **Val White** (in Darryl's absence)
Monday evenings at 7:30pm

In-depth research group for experienced students of Theosophy is continuing each week in the HPB library.

Members' Discussion Group

There is **no members' meeting** on the fourth Thursday in **October**, because of the AGM on the 15th. The members' meeting for **November** will be on **Thursday 26th**, celebrating *Founders Day* and including supper!

IMPORTANT, TAKE NOTE >>>



Prior notice... **Christmas Party** on Saturday **5th December**.
Mark this date on your calendar as part of this busy period of the year



NB] Venue is HPB Hall unless otherwise stated.

Report on Introduction to Theosophy Course

HPB Lodge decided to present an interim course of 6 nights plus one from 3 August to 14 September, to test a different approach, with a view to developing it further next year.

The designated topics for each night were: *What is Theosophy?*, *The Vehicles of Consciousness*, *Life After Death*, *The Astral and Inner Worlds*, *Human Evolution*, and *The Power of Thought*. A seventh night was designated for questions and answers.

While the subject matter provided the backbone, attention was also paid to delivering the material in a lively way that responded to the needs and interests of students as they arose.

Plenty of PowerPoint presentations were used, including some created by Dr KVK Nehru of Adyar.

It was good that some committee members came on different nights to support the overall process. Having a number of longer-term members present makes a difference when people are being introduced to Theosophy.



LIBRARY & BOOKSHOP

MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE: Visions of the Goddess and Tantric Hymns of Enlightenment
by Lex Hixon \$26.90

In this delightful translation we hear the pillow talk of the mystic poet Ramprasad to his Goddess Kali, Mother of the Universe, Mother of Reality- a tantric love affair with the Divine that will completely enchant the reader. This book is a fascinating example of the devotion inspired by Ma Kali, one of the very few manifestations of the ancient Primal Goddess still actively worshipped today... This book is a revelation for the uninitiated and a joy for those who already know the Goddess... Lex Hixon has made a beautiful offering at the feet of the Goddess with this timely and timeless volume... The poetry is sublime. On hearing it one is, like Shiva, dissolved in transparency. All those who can should nourish their hearts with these poetic contemplations and no-one who wants to approach and enjoy the mystery of the Divine Feminine in its paradoxical glory should be without this book.

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