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HPB Newsletter

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*Joyous Salutations for 2007 from your Committee!*

This is going to be a FANTASTIC year, culminating in the National Convention being held in our own fair city, from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2008. It will be accommodated at Epsom Girls Grammar.

The theme of the convention is a special one as it coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of Geoffrey Hodson - and for those of us who were lucky enough to know him, what a dedicated, inspirational worker in Theosophy he was!

Nothing was too big – or too small – for his time and energy if he felt he could assist in some way. And that's perhaps the theme we can carry with us throughout the next 10 months as we build up to Convention, each putting it into practice in some small - or big! – way around our Lodge this year.

Our President's health has not held out as well as we had all hoped, and we surround both Gavin and Sharn with our supportive love.

Although Gavin is physically unable to participate, the Committee wants to fulfil his dreams of a caring, interactive, co-operative group of members, and knows that the Lodge has many willing helpers who will be prepared to step into the breach and assist wherever possible, to keep our Lodge running smoothly.

**There are many areas in which YOU can help in this time of crisis –**

- in the Library – see insert for details.
- in the hall – setting out chairs, taking collections, cups of tea ... offer on the night, or email

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- Around the property – pulling out a few weeds as you see the need; while waiting for a meeting; in passing; on a regular time slot 1x a month.....
- help post out Newsletters (an hour or 2, once every 6 weeks) ...contact Desiree, ph. 620 8976

## **NEWSFLASH**

**Paul Robb**, President of the **Sunshine Coast Lodge** in Queensland, is on a brief visit to NZ. Paul is an old student and friend of **Geoffrey Hodson**, and has much knowledge to share – in his own energetic and inimitable manner! (Paul is a real livewire!) He will speak on

## **THEOSOPHICAL MYSTICISM**



When: **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2007**

Time: **7.30 – 9.00pm**

Where: **HPB Hall**

## ◆◆◆ **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** ◆◆◆

Members were recently sent a copy of the changes proposed to the Constitution of HPB Lodge. Members were asked for pertinent comments and feedback and the next step in the process is a Special General Meeting for all financial members of HPB:

**Date:** **Thursday 1st March**

**Venue:** **HPB hall**

**Time:** **7.30pm**

**Reason:** To ratify the Constitution for the HPB Lodge of the Theosophical Society .

## **Library**

The library will be reopening for this year on **Saturday 24th February**. Due to a shortage of volunteers to staff the library we will not be opening during the day on Mondays for the time being. We will be open on Monday evenings when meetings are held.

We need more helpers for the library. If you can spare 2-3 hours for some light work and would like to know more about what is involved please contact the librarian, **Dorothy Sewell**, ph. 529-2634

A new shipment of incense from Adyar has just arrived. This popular item has been out of stock for some time and those who have been waiting can now stock up

## **Auckland Round Table**

Teaching the unity of all life, and service above self, through ceremony. Especially for the young (and young at heart!) - first meeting for 2007 on Sunday 11th March at 9.30am in the main Hall. More details from Margaret Johns, ph 414 2141.



## **Theosophical Order of Service**

To learn about their service projects and the international TOS conference in July 2007, visit the web site at [www.theosophy.org.nz/tos/](http://www.theosophy.org.nz/tos/) and get their exciting newsletter.

Contact **Richard or Renee Sell** ph (09) 528 7373

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**Do you have a request?** A burning question you wish to ask fellow theosophists? Share some interesting theosophical news/actions which you have done or seen? Use the Lodge Newsletter!

Email requests/information to Susan:

[Susan.Gretchen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Susan.Gretchen@xtra.co.nz)

## **Study Classes 2007** **Programme for next 6 weeks**

HPB Lodge plans to offer Monday night Study Classes again this year.

The exact timetable is almost finalised with the first two modules ready to go! Content will include basic Theosophical topics such as reincarnation and karma, as well as discussions on the purpose of man, the spiritual life and other concepts.

Once the program is fully finalised, details will be sent to members and posted on the website, with mid-March as the likely starting time.

See insert for details of the first two modules!



**Passed to Higher Service** on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Rose Pollard**, late of Margot Street, in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. Long time members of HPB will know of the devoted service Rose has given to the Society over the years – chief librarian and library worker for many years, study class leader, lecturer, quiet worker in the background - to mention but a small portion.... Although born in Dunedin, Rose, who was virtually a life-long theosophist, was a member of HPB for well over 50 years and her gentle, cheerful presence will be missed by all.



**Hands Across the Oceans** – a chance to see how fellow Theosophists around the world live their Theosophy! This month's interesting site to try....

[http://www.geocities.com/sociedad\\_theosofica\\_ar/](http://www.geocities.com/sociedad_theosofica_ar/) (Argentina)...and you don't need Spanish to appreciate the "fotos" (flashing icon top right of site) of their lovely grounds and people!

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