



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

December 2005

Greetings Members and Friends,

As the sun begins to warm both our bodies and our spirits, we begin a new year at the Lodge, starting with our A.G.M. which was well attended. The following Officers were elected:

President:	Brian Stokes
Vice-President:	Charles Sitwell
Secretary:	Vicki Pennington
Treasurer:	Tony Kay
Librarian:	Tony Kay
Committee:	Christine Cahalane, Leo Swart, David Wattam
(Co-opted at first Committee meeting:	Fiona Craig, John Pennington.)

Subscriptions for **next** year were raised after many years to \$35 (\$45 for a couple). Subs for this year, now due, remain at \$25 (couple \$35).

December Programme

4 December

Tony Kay will review the book "The Visionary Window" by Amit Goswami. One of the scientists in the recent movie 'What The Bleep Do We Know' discusses the integration of religion and science based on the premise that consciousness lies at the very heart of both spiritual and material reality. They are in fact the same and created by the awareness we bring to them.

11 December

Our not-to-be-missed-at-any-cost Christmas Function will be held at the Lodge, starting at 6 pm. Members are asked to bring along some appropriate vegetarian food, and to bring along their Party Piece – this can be whatever tickles your fancy: a song (we have a piano), poem, story, dance, music (live or canned), puzzle, game, anything which we can enjoy. This is our last get-together for 2005.

2006 Programme

This will start in the usual manner with our Summer picnic at the Hamilton Gardens on **Sunday 20 February**, commencing at the band rotunda near the river (Gate 2) at 5 pm. Full details will be given in our February newsletter, but ring the date in your new diary!

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Group Meditation

As you may well know, our National President has asked all members to consider joining in a group meditation to uplift the spirits of all New Zealanders; such a meditation has had a dramatic effect elsewhere. Headquarters has sent us a sample meditation (available at the Lodge or on the website www.theosophy.org.nz). The effect does seem to be related to the numbers participating.

Congratulations

Adair Jacobs, a Lodge member living in Te Kuiti, has written “Ask What If”, a thought-provoking book about the meaning of life, profusely illustrated and with a potpourri of fascinating articles. She has kindly presented a copy to our Library. The book is available from PC Soft, PO Box 137, Te Kuiti at \$32 (full colour) or \$25 (black and white) plus \$1.25 p&p. Also for sale at \$15 is “The Ultimate War Crime” by Bob Anderson a member of the Tauranga Lodge. For further details please email Pauline Bailey (Tauranga Lodge President) at padfbailey@slingshot.co.nz.

Have you tried this one?

How many different triangles can be made using six identical matches each time?

Do the thing and you will have the power – Ralph Waldo Emerson
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With kind regards from Brian, Charles, Christine, David, Fiona, John, Leo, Tony and Vicki.

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(Just one triangle, 2 matches each side.)

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4th The Visionary Window
(Book review)
Tony Kay

11th Lodge Christmas Function
(Starts 6 pm – bring goodies)

2006
20th February: Summer Picnic
(Rose Gardens – 5 pm)

