



Hamilton Lodge of the Theosophical Society

Dear members and friends

November 2004

We've almost made it through another year! It's wonderful waking up to the early morning song of birds in the (overgrown) back yard. We're seeing more members and guests to our evening meetings, with the shorter evenings and warmer weather, and I can feel that excited anticipation in the air that ... the holidays are coming! Must be the prana in the air!

November 2004

7th : **Annual General Meeting**
All members are encouraged to come along

14th : **Founders Day**
Charles Sitwell

21st : **Empowering our Lives with Ritual**
Mardi O'Shea

28th : **Healing in the Theta State**
Kayla McKenzie-Kopp

December 2004

5th : To be arranged

12th : **Christmas Party**

January 2005

5th – 13th January 2005
National Theosophical Convention,
University of Waikato

All meetings are at 7.30pm,
73 Anglesea Street

Gold coin donation
Everyone welcome

7th – Annual General Meeting

Come and hear how things have been moving along, and join us in discussion of what you'd like to see over the coming year ... study topics, programme format, spending, education, projects for the coming year, priorities, people, and potential.

The committee for the year ahead will be elected on the night, and all members are encouraged to come along. Let me know if you need transport, *in plenty of time.*

14th – Founders' Day, Charles Sitwell

The 14th of November marks our celebration of Founders' Day, which is officially November 17th. The year was 1875, New York City, and the founders: Helena Blavatsky, Colonel Olcott, William Judge, and others. Why was this event significant? On this date, the Ancient Wisdom, so long obscured by the materialism of the age, was given a new vehicle to shine through - the Theosophical Society.

Charles will speak to us on this night, of the Wisdom past and present, including Theosophical Headquarters at Adyar in India.



21st – Empowering our Lives with Ritual, Mardi O'Shea

Small rituals are often overlooked in today's busy society. A tiny space in our daily routine can be a reminder of our spiritual origins, and bring back a sense of peace. This talk will be an experiential one. We will make charged water and talk about ways of creating a sacred space in the home.

Mardi is a registered homeopath, and a long-standing member, and previous president of the Lodge.

26th – Healing in the Theta State, Kayla McKenzie-Kopp

Kayla will relate her fascinating experiences with using theta brainwaves to effect healing and change. It was believed until recently that humans only produced theta waves when asleep or in deep meditative trance. Recently a technique has been developed which allows conscious, interactive, focused work in this state. Through it we can link in to Divine

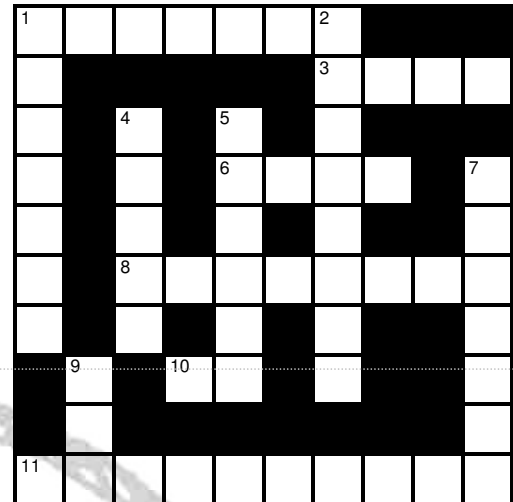
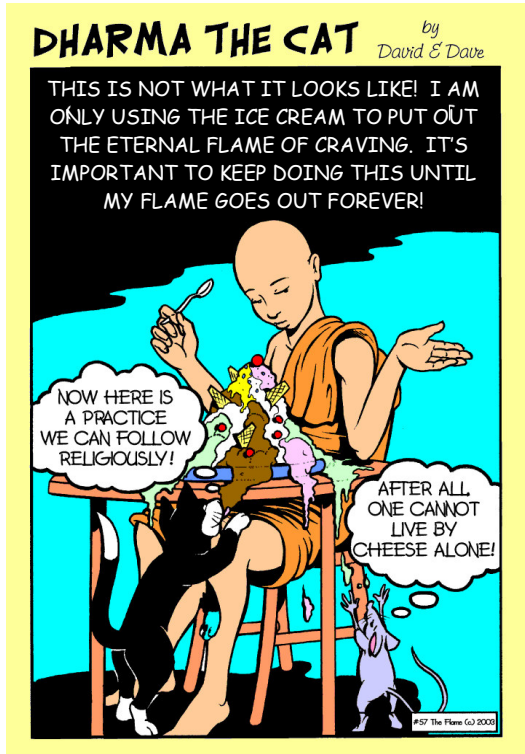
Consciousness and gain insights into the state of a person's body so as to support its healing, and cancel destructive thought patterns. This enables change to happen faster and more effortlessly than ever before.

Success is laying a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at you ~ anon

Kayla Mackenzie-Kopp lived more than half her life in Europe, and had her own practice for spiritual psychotherapy in Heidelberg, Germany, for 15 years. She was a lecturer at Heidelberg University for 30 years. She has wide experience in humanistic psychology, is a yoga teacher and seminar leader, as well as being the mother of 3 children. For the last 2 years she has offered her work in NZ through her "Light Centre" in Raglan.

Have a great November!

Sonia, Charles, Diane, Brian, Tony, Fiona, Patsy



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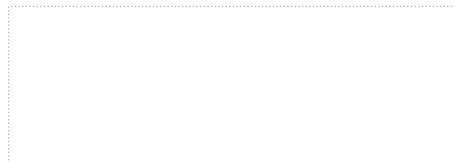
- 1 Wheel of [] (7)
- 3 Subtle invisible essence or fluid that emanates from human, animal, and other bodies (4)
- 6 Blavatsky's fist work, [] Unveiled (4)
- 8 To turn inwards (8)
- 10 Supreme mantra, representing creative sound, which sustains the universe (2)
- 11 Surname of our National President (10)

Down

- 1 Nationality of HPB (7)
- 2 Host lodge to the national TS convention in January 2005 (8)
- 4 Law of retribution (5)
- 5 Ancient [] (6)
- 7 Unity; we strive for a sense of (7)
- 9 "I", the consciousness in man of the "I am I" (3)

The world is
 full of magical
 things
 patiently
 waiting for our
 wits to grow
 sharper.
 ~ Bertrand Russell

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National Theosophical Convention 2005

5-13th January, at Waikato University

Each year theosophists and friends from around New Zealand gather to learn, share, and connect with one another at the Annual Convention. In January 2005, Hamilton lodge is honoured to be hosting this event. The theme for the convention will be:

“Ancient Wisdom in a Modern World”

The Theme will focus on how we can make the Ancient Wisdom practical in our daily lives. Theosophy has to be made practical to be of any use.

This is an opportunity for us to hear some highly regarded and knowledgeable speakers, from across the country, and overseas.

REGISTRATION

Remember you'll need to register to attend sessions at the National Convention. This covers a week of talks, workshops, and discussions with likeminded people from across NZ and overseas. You will have received a registration form recently from Headquarters (it was bright yellow), or you can download one from www.theosophy.org.nz, where the full programme will also be online shortly. If you need another registration form, let me know. Alternatively you can attend one of the three Public days, where there's a door charge (suggested donation of \$10.00 waged, \$5.00 unwaged). The lodge *may* be able to assist with registration if you're available to help out.

Registration Deadline: Registration for the full week's activities is \$25.00, and needs to be sent to Headquarters by 13th December 2004.

PREPARATION

A lot of preparation goes into National Convention, and most of this happens at Headquarters. However the host lodge does need to add it's own personal touch.

Entertainment: The last evening of convention – after guests have thought, talked, philosophised, shared, and bonded to exhaustion - is an entertainment night. Traditionally the host lodge provides the entertainment. This is an opportunity to shut down that talking, thinking, questioning, analysing side of the brain and tap into the creative, silly, fun, artistic, adventurous side of our nature.

Time is moving on, so if you're intending to contribute on the night, please let me know so that we can fill any gaps with performers from other lodges.

Personality: We need to add those personal touches to the Convention centre ... flowers, simple decorations, colour, music, and gifts for special guests. If you're creative with flowers, art, design; if you're not afraid of tall ladders, or have a little bit of time to spare, let's get onto it. Let me know if you're available to assist as soon as you can, so that we can plan ahead.

Hosting: We need to greet people, answer questions, give directions, be available to assist with any matters that might need sorting, help with morning & afternoon teas. We also need to be available to pick up guests from the airport (reimbursed, of course).

Have fun!

If you'll be around at this time, and can help – even for a couple of hours – let me know. If we all do a little bit, we can share the fun! The sooner you let me know, however – even if you're just thinking about it – the more sleep I'll get in the early hours of the morning (those worrying hours!), so ... love to hear from you. Tel. 859-2602, email soleil_ts@clear.net.nz.

Sonia