

THE NAPIER BRANCH OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Members

Greetings and best wishes for 2011 from your TS Committee.

The TSNZ year began in January with a very enjoyable National Convention hosted by the Dunedin Branch. The theme was `Building Community` and explored both practical ideas and Spiritual understandings about how we can personally contribute in our local and wider communities. This Convention was also hard work, with the business meeting running quite some hours outside of the time slot anticipated!

The result however, is that we go into 2011 with great enthusiasm and the intention to both enliven and enlighten the way forward for the TS Community in NZ. This will be amply reflected in our Branch programme, details for Feb through to June attached.

It was agreed that the membership levy paid to TSNZ remain at \$5 for this current year. This very small amount goes towards the production and posting out of the four editions annually of the TheoSophia magazine. The balance of \$20 is used to fund all of the overhead costs of running the Napier Branch. With a small membership we really appreciate your contribution and as the annual levy is now due we ask you to kindly contact Maureen on 8784643 if you have not had a renewal notice.

We return to our old venue (now a bright modern updated venue!) at Jull St from the March meeting and will meet at Clive Sq. this month ONLY. Because of the fairly full programme of weekend Seminars in March and in April, we will not begin study nights until May or June, and information on these discussion evenings will be advised later. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE MEETINGS ON DATES OUTSIDE OF OUR USUAL 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH. THIS IS TO ACCOMMODATE THE SPEAKERS TRAVELLING FROM OUT OF TOWN TO GIVE SPECIAL SEMINARS.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 24th for Glen`s talk and will be registering attendees for the March and April Seminars in advance for catering purposes.
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Thursday 24th February, 7.30pm at the Community Rooms, Clive Sq. Napier CBD.

Glen Schollum, a Napier TS member and a widely read student of contemporary thought on the Ancient Wisdom will speak on; `INTEGRAL THEOSOPHY`.

Glen recently attended a two day Seminar on this subject that is being enthusiastically received at Branches nationwide. This talk will be presented along with two short DVD`s. Glen will welcome audience participation in answering such questions as; How can we achieve what we want for the future and also serve humanity with guidance from the Ancient Wisdom? What is the `Shadow Self` and how can understanding this concept assist us in the shift of consciousness humankind is experiencing at this time? And How should the TS proceed into this new and exciting epoch?

Members and friends only.

Sat 19th & Sun 20th March, at the Napier Intermediate School, Jull St, Napier.

Bill Keidan will present a two day Seminar, `THE MASTERS OF THE WISDOM AND HOW WE MAY QUALIFY OURSELVES TO BE TAUGHT AND TRAINED BY THEM'. Bill, a Wellington TS member, is a very knowledgeable Theosophist who had the great privilege of being mentored by Geoffrey Hodson, renown seer and author of numerous books on esoteric subjects. Bill will be sharing his own personal spiritual journey along with the understanding and knowledge he has gained over many years of study and enquiry into the Wisdom and the guidance for humanity that is offered by the Masters.
Members & friends only (more details over page)

Sat 9th & Sun 10th April, at the Napier Intermediate School, Jull St, Napier.

`THE SEVEN RAYS AND YOU - WHAT REALLY MAKES US TICK ?`

A one and a half day Seminar presented by Ngaire DuRuz from the Orewa Branch Committee. A former Orewa President and a member who has given many years service in Theosophical activities, Ngaire has attended the Krotona School of Theosophy in California and the Schools of Wisdom at both Adyar and Tauhara and will speak with a personal understanding and practice of the Seven Rays as a tool for living. This presentation will give us a better understanding of ourselves and of others, and how we are all conditioned and influenced by the energies of the Seven Rays. The Rays are a psychological key that provides helpful insights into both the personality and the soul levels of being. Understanding the Ray qualities provide us with a new approach to how we can effectively handle the life issues that confront us daily
A Public Seminar (more details over page)

Wed 18th May, 7.30pm at the Napier Intermediate School, Jull St, Napier.

`MEDITATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE YOGA SUTRAS OF PATANJALI` presented by Martin Handy. Martin is a Natural Healing practitioner and a Teacher of Meditation. This is an opportunity for members to be better informed on meditation as an essential tool for our spiritual unfoldment. `Meditation is presented as just one important aspect of the yoga - union with the Great Cause/God. Sincere seekers are invited to hear a discourse and presentation in the light of text written 2000 yrs ago. Experience meditation and learn how instrumental this practice is for the union of the seeker with Satchitananda (Existence – Consciousness – Bliss)` The knowledge that Martin shares will greatly assist members to fully appreciate our June 23rd presentation from Lesley.

A Public Talk.

Thursday 23rd June , 7.30pm at the Napier Intermediate School, Jull St, Napier.

`THE SIMPLE TRUTH` is the title of a DVD interview with author EKHART TOLLE. Napier member, Lesley Bongiovanni, will present this fascinating insight into the ideas of this Spiritual teacher whose work she has studied as part of the holistic approach to wellbeing reflected in her work as a massage therapist. Eckhart said, "We are creating hell to a large extent, on a planet that is potentially paradise. If humanity is to survive, a transformation of consciousness is no longer a luxury – it is a necessity!"
Come along and learn how we can free ourselves from enslavement of the mind and be able to enter and sustain an enlightened state of consciousness in our every day life.

The programme for July through until December will be mailed out in June.

Over page for time frames of the weekend Seminars.

The time frame for Bill`s March weekend Seminar is:

Sat 19th	10am until 11am	Meet & greet and morning tea.
	11am until 12.30pm	Morning talk.
	12.30pm until 1.30pm	Lunch break.
	1.30pm until 2.30pm	Afternoon talk.
	2.30pm until 3pm	Afternoon tea.
	3pm until approx.4pm	Cont. afternoon talk with discussion time.
Attendees	are invited to meet later in Napier for an informal meal at the Café Anatolia.	
Sun 20th	11am until 12.30pm	Morning talk.
	12.30pm until 1.30pm	Lunch break.
	1.30pm until 2.30pm	Afternoon talk.
	2.30pm until 3pm	Afternoon tea.
	3pm until approx.4pm	Cont. afternoon talk with discussion time.

Members attending Bill`s evening talk at the home of Penelope & Rex are invited to come earlier (time to be decided on the day) to share a Pizza delivery meal.

Morning and afternoon refreshments and a light lunch will be provided each day.

A donation of \$15. 00 from attendees will help towards these expenses.

Bill has kindly offered a detailed overview of the content of his talks.

Saturday 19th March:

1) morning presentation: ***Masters and Pupils*** by Bill Keidan

Why and how the Great Ones accept pupils, and what we are told we need to do in order to qualify for apprenticeship to a Master of the Wisdom.

2) afternoon presentation: ***Yoga and The Mystery Tradition*** by Bill Keidan. An audio visual in which Bill suggests possible developments on the Path of Hastened Unfoldment. He draws on the advice of Geoffrey Hodson as well as his own studies on the subject.

Sunday 20th March:

3) morning presentation: ***The work of the Angelic Hosts (the devas)*** an audio visual presentation by Bill Keidan. In this presentation Bill attempts to offer an understanding of the diverse work of the Angelic Kingdom.

4) ***The Secret Life of Sir Francis Bacon***: An audio visual on the life of this Elizabethan genius, some say the greatest genius that England has ever produced, and now said to be the Adept Regent of Europe and the English Speaking world.

5) optional evening presentation for those interested at Penelope's home in the evening: ***Kundalini" - A Seminar given by Geoffrey Hodson at The Theosophical Society in Perth, Western Australia in 1973.*** An exposition given by one of the very few Western kundalini-activated seers qualified to give advice in this area. This important seminar exposes both warnings and benefits, and portrays the history of the subject as known to the Ancients in India, Greece and Rome.

Ngairé`s April Seminar will be the same format but of shorter duration on the Sun:

Sat 9th Opening at 10 am with morning tea and closing at approximately 4pm, and again attendees will be invited to meet later at the Café Anatolia for an informal meal.

Sun 10th Opening at 10.30am and closing at approximately 12.30pm with discussion.

A donation of \$12 will be required to cover refreshment costs for this Seminar.