

The Library

Dear Friends,

I have decided to hold over September's Book of the month for October. I cannot remember when I read such a worthwhile book as "**Spiritual Solutions**". The last portion of the book concentrates on St. Francis of Assisi's prayer, "Make me an instrument of thy peace." Wayne Dyer suggests that to be an instrument of peace you and I must be able to radiate outward that which we are inside - the ability to be at peace at all times, particularly when faced with seemingly insurmountable problems. He offers a line from "**The Course in Miracles**" which says simply, "I can choose peace, rather than this." It is a terrific reminder to recall in moments when we are challenged.

Happy Readings !

Love and blessings,
Thelma

Movie Night

Thursday, October 21st @ 7:00pm
"The Gods Must be Crazy"

If you want to learn an important life's lesson at the same time as having a great laugh, then come see this film

The Positive Living Centre of Victoria

Centre News for October 2010

Kim's Korner

In this month of October, one day is set aside to focus on Thanksgiving. The picture that comes to mind is sitting around the family table laden with an abundance of food, family and friends. It's a familiar scene and worthy of thanksgiving. That level of gratitude deeply blesses us, but I believe that the decision to walk in gratitude as a daily practice transforms us. Adaily practice of gratitude encompasses all, everything that shows up is enfolded in loving thanks. This means the pain and challenges of life as well as the joys. Gibran in the book ***The Prophet*** said, "Your pain is the breaking of the shell that encloses your understanding." No one on planet earth is exempt from pain, whether the pain is mental, emotional or physical. It is the full embracing of it that breaks us open into the transforming power of understanding.

In Love,
Kim

President's Remarks

Tony Dann who has ably served as President of the Positive Living Centre for the past two years has submitted his resignation from that position. During the past two years Tony has worked very hard with his Board to develop a plan for the renewal of the Centre. Both Tony and his wife, Thelma, are invaluable assets to the Centre and its activities. They created our two wonderful retreats at Queenswood and have given tirelessly as volunteers in numerous capacities. Thank you, Tony and Thelma, for your dedication and service.

Rev. Kim has invited me, as Past President, to fill in as president on an interim basis until the AGM in February, pending approval of the Board. As there have been three resignations from the Board, for various reasons during recent months, we will be seeking to appoint a couple of additional members to the Board until the AGM. Should you have an interest in serving on the Board, please let me know.

Our wonderful Positive Living Centre is evolving and growing. I invite all of you to participate in sharing your vision for the Centre at a community gathering on Sunday, October 17 after the service and coffee. Please bring a sandwich and join with Rev. Kim, Rev. Jennifer and me in a guided visioning meditation for the Positive Living Centre.

This will be an opportunity to share our visions for the future of this Centre that we love. Following the meditation there will be an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings about recent events at the Centre. We each experience the world around us in our own unique way. As Rev. Pat Zogar reminded us last Sunday, however – "There is only one of us." As a God-centered, Love-centered vibrant community we are unfolding with Divine right action guiding us every step of the way. And So It Is!

Rev. Joanna Drewry
Interim President

Tenth Annual 'Night Before Late Night Shopping'

This event is at Hillside Mall, and we have 500 tickets to sell!!

The tickets are \$5.00 each, and all the money from these 500 tickets goes directly to our Positive Living Centre (that's \$2,500.00!) There is a possibility of getting more tickets if we sell out. Other charities are also selling tickets.

Hillside Centre's special evening is on **Sunday, November 21st from 6:00 to 9:30 pm**, and you must have a ticket to get in. There are great in-store bargains, tasty treats, live entertainment (our own Louise and Darlene will be playing and singing Christmas Carols in the mall), and the chance to win fabulous prizes including a family vacation to Disneyland! It's a great time to start your Christmas shopping.

Books of 10 tickets are available on Sundays at church. I will be glad to provide you with a booklet or two. The entire ticket goes to the purchaser, and the information piece goes into the draw boxes at the mall on that night.

Let's make this a great fundraiser!
Love and Blessings,
Pat Alfe, Treasurer