

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

IN PITTSBURGH



THE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: To form a nucleus of the Universal Brother & Sisterhood of Humanity regardless of race, sex, caste, creed or color. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

WELCOME ONE & ALL!

We are back at Chatham University, Woodland Hall Room 103!

Early birds that check our phone system OR are on our E-mail list have the opportunity to join our October 28th investigation of the events that are predicted to transpire on this year's winter Solstice!

For those depending on the mailed schedule, it's likely we'll see you on November 4th! Either way we've got a phenomenal line-up of some of the finest speakers available on subjects that are of the most profound and important value. Your attendance is how you support us!

Namaste!

Andrew Nesky
President

PLEASE NOTE OUR ROOM ASSIGNMENT!

All lectures for the Fall Season are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 103 Woodland Hall at Chatham University (the building with the coffee shop across from the Library). Unless otherwise indicated, all programs may be attended free of charge. Call our 24-hour automated phone system at (412) 462-4200 for the most current information on lectures and Society sponsored events. This number will have all the latest information on weather and unforeseen cancellations. Officers can be reached at this same number.

October

- 28th **THE END? - Video & Discussion**
In Pittsburgh, on the morning of December 21, 2012 the Mayan Calendar is said to end. Synchronistically many correlations with events predicted by other social, spiritual, and scientific traditions also point to the significance of this date. Don't miss this chance to personally posit the implications!

November

- 4th **The Six Perfections – A Buddhist Approach to Liberation – Phil Janetta**
The six perfections are said to be the essence of our nature– the keys that end suffering and establish happiness, here and now. Phil's presentation will explore each of these qualities with practical and contemporary images. As we approach the New Year, it is appropriate to reflect on these primary aspects of self. The result can be an abiding sense of renewal.
- 11th **Living In the Oneness of a post-2012 New Earth" - Victoria Hanchin**
We are living in the historic timeframe of the end of the Mayan Calendar. Although the authentic Mayan message is a wake-up call to shift humanity into a higher consciousness on our planet, *how will we* make the predicted and necessary planetary rite of passage, from imbalance, corruption and the love of power to the power of Love? Come and hear Victoria Hanchin's true story from her newly published book, **The Seer and The Sayer**, that is a chronicle guiding us into the landscape of a transformed post-2012 New Earth.
- 18th **Sexuality in A Course In Miracles and the Tantras: Some Reflections – Dr. Theodore Kneupper**
What is the place of sex and the body in spirituality? In spiritual traditions, there are many opinions. This talk will discuss the views found in two much-discussed teachings, the older Tantras of India and the more recent teachings of *A Course In Miracles*.
- 25th **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO MEETING**

December

- 2nd **HOW TO BE REALLY HAPPY** – Ed Foote
All people say they want to be happy, but many fall short of this goal. This talk will look at the topic in depth from the perspective of the book entitled A Course In Miracles.
- 9th **Shape-Shifting with Uranus and Pluto - A Star Gazer's View** – Donna Greco
Astrologer Donna Greco will discuss the significance of an ongoing planetary event, the Uranus-Pluto square. These two planets in stressful relationship to each other are catapulting us into unfamiliar territory bringing about tremendous change, and ultimately, healing and transformation, as we are being graced with powerful messages both personally and collectively. We are well aware of the monumental shift that is occurring. The specific themes of this shift will be discussed as it pertains to each sign. Donna will also offer insight into the benefits of astrological counseling as a tool for personal transformation affecting long term global healing. And, there is always the unexpected inspiration that strikes just before the talk! As always, there will be opportunity for open discussion.
- 16th **In Introduction to Zen Buddhism** - Jane Dudley
This talk will focus on the history, teachings, traditions, and practice of Zen Buddhism from its emergence in China about 15 centuries ago to its practice in the West today. It will also emphasize the importance of daily meditative practice and how that practice can foster mindfulness, wisdom, and compassion in our lives.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS! SEE YOU IN JANUARY!

Speaker's Biographies

Jane Dudley was ordained as a shraminera (or novice) Buddhist monk in March 2012. Ordained as Venerable Shih He-Laohu, Jane is a member of One Pine Zen Meditation Center and helps lead meditation services and other activities such as Zen Walks and retreats. She works as an Art Director and lives in Edgewood with her husband and son.

Ed Foote has been a student of A Course In Miracles for 25 years, and currently plans events for the Miracles Distribution Center in California. He also lectures on the Edgar Cayce readings. He has led church services in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and California. Ed is a teacher of Spiritual Dance and has led these dances in a variety of states. Ed is a full-time square dance caller and travels throughout the country calling square dances. This will be Ed's 5th presentation for the Theosophical Society.

Donna Greco has pursued the study of Astrology and Tarot for 25 years within the context of personal and spiritual transformation, blending artistic sensitivity with spiritual knowledge and attunement as a facilitator for healing and personal transformation. She is available for private counseling sessions, lecture-presentations, workshops and mentoring. She does readings in person, by phone and on line having attracted in recent years, an international clientele. An accomplished pianist-teacher-composer, her musical career spans 35 years in the classical, jazz and contemporary instrumental genres. Her Intuitive Music practice is designed to create personalized musical settings for the facilitation of healing and meditation. She also receives commissions for specialized musical recordings produced and designed for personal and sacred intentions. She is a certified Music Practitioner providing music for healing and transition in the hospice setting. Native to Pittsburgh, she counsels, teaches and composes in her Squirrel Hill Studio. For further information her websites are:

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Victoria (Vikki) Hanchin, LCSW, is a Wholistic Psychotherapist, transformational writer, and visionary activist. Her research revealed that Pittsburgh's converging three rivers and the fourth underground river are connected to the ancient Mayan 2012 prophetic teachings of Oneness. Vikki also was a catalyst for bringing to Pittsburgh the Mayan Elders Don Alejandro, Grandmother Flordemayo and Ac Tah. Her writings are found at www.WholePersonWholePlanet.com and at BalboaPress.com.

Phil Janetta is an internationally known Feng Shui teacher and consultant, as well as a published author. He comes to this county after spending over 15 years in Asia as a student, teacher and consultant and where he studied Feng Shui with professional Chinese practitioners, Taoist scholars and Buddhist monks. For more than a decade Mr. Janetta operated a successful consulting practice in Tokyo. His advice was based on the principals of Ch'I energy, and their application to physical and mental well-being. Since returning to the U.S., Phil has appeared on television and radio, and in major newspapers. He consults and lectures throughout the US, Europe and the Far East, and regularly teaches at the University of Pittsburgh and Community College of Allegheny County. His published works include co-authorship of several books with Michio Kushi, including the acclaimed "Macrobiotics and Oriental Medicine."

Theodore Kneupper is professor emeritus in Philosophy at Slippery Rock University, where he taught for 34 years. He has been a student of the world's spiritual traditions, particularly Buddhism and A Course In Miracles, for many years. He is the director of Mind Unlimited (mindunlimited.org), which is dedicated to the exploration of the higher possibilities of human nature.

Andrew Nesky is the president of the Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh. He has twice been elected to the position of Master of a Masonic Lodge and is a published writer. An actor with regional credits, he also lectures on the subject of metaphysics and human development and coaches high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-based Lincoln-Douglas format debate. In addition to being a ULC Minister, he has hosted the web-casted talk show "Science and the Outer Streams" which investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality.