

**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.

*Unless otherwise announced, all lectures this lecture season are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 130 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Coolidge Hall on the Campus of Chatham College. Attendees need not be a member of the society, but must abide by the society's standards of civil conduct. Unless otherwise indicated, 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.*

**In The Spring Comes Renewal.**

I felt as if I had tripped through some sort of a mystical gateway. Just a few steps before, I was on busy Fifth Avenue in the Shadyside part of Pittsburgh, and now the grass and trees of a wooded glen surrounded me. As I followed the path the trees opened and (had it not been for my occasionally overrated common sense) I would have been sure that I had just walked on to the grounds of a beautiful old-world New- England College. But I was nowhere in New England, I was on the campus of Pittsburgh's Chatham University – the place where we will present our spring lecture series.

The University's old world charm is earned. It was established on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1869, dedicated to giving women an education that was equal to men's. Perhaps synchronistically, it was the exact year the "National Association of Woman's Suffrage" was established. It is perhaps also synchronistic that the Pittsburgh Theosophical Society's charter was signed over a hundred years ago by woman's rights maverick Annie Besant. Annie's tenure as Theosophical Society International president would later include debating and advising Mahatma Gandhi on issues of public policy during the height of his unequalled service to people of his homeland.

Our spring programs will be held in Chatham's Coolidge Hall, room 130; the room is a few short steps from the free 129-space Jennie King Mellon Library parking lot. Our elderly and handicapped attendees will appreciate the easy, level walk between parking and destination. Those who drive can get to the lot from Murray Hill Road, which runs between Fifth and Wilkins Avenue.

See you there.

Namaste

Andrew Nesky  
President  
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.

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## April

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- 13<sup>th</sup> **CORRECT THINKING & SCIENTIFIC ENERGY** – Dr. Frank Parisi  
Concept Therapy promotes a health and prosperity creating mind/body union. Dr. Parisi's program will illuminate the inherent blocks to this process and offer insights about the great benefits Concept Therapy can bring.
- 20<sup>th</sup> **QUESTIONS CONCERNING GLOBALIZATION** – Dr. Astrid Kierston  
Whether we like it or not the world's cultures are becoming more and more interconnected. Progress in travel and communications have so homogenized the world that social identity itself is in question. "Who are we as a people?" is a question that has never been more common or urgently posed. In this atmosphere superpowers like the US influence the world so pervasively that it can be rightly asked if those outside our political boundaries should have influence the selection of our leadership. These sorts of problems speak directly to human rights, and their universal basis. The world prospers only when there is Responsibility, Accountability and Inclusion... the questions relating to creating these conditions are evolutionary questions that must be solved.
- 27<sup>th</sup> **THE AMAZING BRAIN!** – Hal Williamson and Sharon Eakes  
We are only beginning to realize the enormous capacity of the human brain. The mind can change the brain; the brain can heal itself. We will explore some recent findings in neuroscience, talk about the implications and share some experiences with you that will blow your mind!

## May

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- 4<sup>th</sup> **DOUBLE FEATURE**  
**APOCALYPSE**  
**The Western Language of Enlightenment** -Andrew Nesky  
Western culture is irresistibly attracted and repelled by apocalyptic; a fiery end-of-the-world that annihilates the profane and exalts the chosen. What is it about "ending" that has become so ingrained in the western psyche? From the earliest Jewish roots to the most modern popular cinematic art, apocalyptic continues its amazing popularity. Join Theosophical Society President, Andrew Nesky for this investigation of apocalypse – a word that is a synonym for *Revelation*.
- MOVIE!*  
**THE NINTH CONFIGURATION**  
*The Patients are running the asylum. (See description: Page 4)*
- 11<sup>th</sup> **MOTHER'S DAY – NO MEETING**
- 18<sup>th</sup> **AS ABOVE, SO BELOW: A Stargazer's View** – Donna Greco  
Astrologer-Musician Donna Greco will discuss the significant current outer planet transits and the current messages we are being graced with both personally and collectively. Donna also will share the spiritual significance and opportunity of Pluto's entry into Capricorn; the challenges, opportunities, themes and elements of transformation that are upon us. Donna will also discuss the election and public figures as mirrors for personal reflection. And, there is always the unexpected inspiration that strikes just before the talk! There will be opportunity for open discussion.
- 25<sup>h</sup> **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – NO MEETING**

## June

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- 1<sup>st</sup> **DOUBLE FEATURE**  
**AQUARIUS RISING: A New Age Dawning** – Carl Sarver  
We are living on the cusp of an "Age" between the waning of the Constellation of Pisces and the waxing of Aquarius. New ideas naturally come into conflict with the outmoded status quo and thus the cusp of an age is a time of great upheaval and change. But when the dust finally settles the Aquarian age the world will visit a time



when an Aquarian love based on currently unknown degrees of universality and inclusiveness. Join Rosicrucian Carl Sarver for an investigation of this fascinating subject.

*MOVIE!*

## **MY DINNER WITH ANDRE**

*Two guys talk at dinner?!?!??. (See description: Page 4)*

8<sup>th</sup> **BEING PSYCHIC...** – Frank DeAngelis

Do you think you are psychic or have telepathy? Join Parapsychologist and esoteric teacher Frank DeAngelis as he helps you discover your own psychic potential. Can you prove you have psychic powers?

15<sup>th</sup> **THE QUEST FOR THE HOLY GRAIL:**

## **The Seven-Fold Path For Initiation In The Middle Age** – Carl Sarver

In the middle ages the light of knowledge and learning grew dim. The enlightenment of the classic period had been wasted by ignorance and superstition - fear of the unknown prevailed. However there was one bright spot; the mystical schools of the period. These schools carried the torch of wisdom and knowledge, transferring the wisdom of the ages. Esoterically, this search for the light of knowledge was known as the "Quest for the Holy Grail". Many initiates searched for the knowledge of the Holy Grail in the hidden temples of European cathedrals - all of which were built on former Druid sites. Join Carl as he explores little known history of "Light" in the Dark Ages.

**SUMMER BREAK – SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**

## **Speaker's Biographies**

**Frank DeAngelis** is one of the few parapsychologists in the Pittsburgh area. He has been actively involved in the study and research of parapsychology and the occult sciences since 1973. Mr. De Angelis is a part-time instructor at CCAC and has had an ongoing series of classes on parapsychology, psychic development and different occult topics since 1981. He has personally conducted research and study into 38 area "hauntings" in the tri-state region and has acted as an advisor on numerous other cases

**Donna Greco** - *astrologer, tarot practitioner, counselor, pianist, teacher, composer...*

Donna has devotedly pursued the study of Astrology and Tarot for 25 years, 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 in the process of becoming 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 website is [WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM](http://WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM). She can be reached at [DEMETRIA@PRODIGY.NET](mailto:DEMETRIA@PRODIGY.NET) or 412-422-4628.

**Dr. Astrid Kersten** is a Professor of Management at La Roche College. She really enjoys teaching and her primary areas of teaching responsibility include graduate and undergraduate courses in Human Resource Management, Organizational Behavior, Organization Theory, Organizational Development, and Diversity Management. In addition to teaching, Dr. Kersten regularly provides consulting services to business, non-profit and community organizations in the areas of organizational development and diversity management. She writes and publishes actively in these areas and serves on the editorial boards of a number of academic journals. Her current academic interests include critical organization theory, aesthetics and organizations, organizational dysfunction, and the possibility of diversity and dialogue within the organization. She is actively involved with a number of community organizations, promoting interfaith and interracial dialogue. She also enjoys art, including stained glass, interior design, garden design and jewelry.

**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 has coached high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-

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## *Biographies Cont.*

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.

**Dr. Frank Parisi** practices Chiropractic Medicine in Monroeville and is a firm believer that any of his biographical information can only be released on a need-to-know basis.

**Carl Sarver** is a longtime student of esoteric studies. In 1976 he joined the Rosicrucian National Lodge and the local lodge 8 years ago he was drawn to the works of Alice Bailey and became a member of the local group. Beside these two esoteric anchors Carl has read extensively on related subjects and is interested in documentary filmmaking.

**Hal Williamson** is a retired patent attorney and MBA. He has spent the last 30 years working to understand and help others understand the brain in order to use it more fully. **Sharon Eakes** is an executive coach. Before becoming a coach in 1996 she worked at Gateway Rehabilitation for 25 years as the VP of Treatment Programs. **Hal and Sharon co-authored a book, *Liberating Greatness, the Whole Brain Guide to an Extraordinary Life*, published in 2006.**

## Theosophical Society Movie Series

Ever finish a movie and say, "Wow – that was *really* deep," maybe wishing you had some way to further explore the ideas you'd just encountered? *Well wish no more!* Join the Theosophical Society once each month after a scheduled lecture to view some of the finest "deep" movies and documentaries ever made. Each month the movie will be introduced by a member or guest lecturer and then after the movie – stay for the discussion and questions! (*See the main schedule for dates and times*)

### THE NINTH CONFIGURATION – Comedy/Drama/Thriller

**Director:** William Peter Blatty

**Rating :** R

**Run Time:** 114 min

**Starring:** Stacy Keach, Scott Wilson, Jason Miller, Ed Flanders, Neville Brand, George DiCenzo, Moses Gunn

**Description:** The lunatics are running the asylum... but are they really lunatics? Is Colonel Kane (Stacy Keach) really a noted psychiatrist, assigned to supervise patients in an experimental government clinic, or is he really "Killer" Kane, a decorated U.S. Marine who committed atrocities in Vietnam before going insane? And why did Captain Cutshaw (Scott Wilson) go berserk just seconds before a scheduled rocket launch? These are just some of the puzzles that will eventually be solved in *The Ninth Configuration*, a giddy and often brilliant drama created by William Peter Blatty, who wrote *The Exorcist* before directing this adaptation of his own novel, *Twinkle, Twinkle, Killer Kane*. A satirical study of war's traumatic aftermath, the film uses battle psychosis as the springboard for a delirious and scathingly intelligent human tragedy, laced with some of the wittiest dialogue you're ever likely to hear. When the true purpose of *The Ninth Configuration* is revealed, the film (and particularly the fine performances of Keach and Wilson) reveals a depth of compassionate sanity that may take you completely by surprise.

### MY DINNER WITH ANDRE – Drama

**Director:** Louis Malle

**Rating :** NA

**Run Time:** 110 min

**Starring:** Andre Gregory, Wallace Shawn

**Description:** Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory, apparently playing themselves in this 1981 classic, share their lives over the course of an evening meal at a restaurant. Gregory, a theater director from New York, is the more talkative of the pair. Gregory relates his tales of dropping out, traveling around the world, and experiencing the diverse elements of life and depth of human being that are alien to the safety-embracing

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Shawn who (though listening intently) questions the value of Gregory's seeming abandonment of the pragmatic aspects of life.

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