

ANTHROPOSOPHY AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

By James Lee, Portland, OR

The Anthroposophical Society's General Council met at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills on October 11th-13th to fulfill its responsibility to the Anthroposophical Society and handle business matters. One item of interest stands out and should be reported here. Joan Almon is the International General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in America. She has worked on the General Council and in her current position for many years. Joan announced that she would step down from these responsibilities within a year. MariJo Rogers is the National General Secretary working in a cooperative relationship with Joan, so continuity of the important work of these positions will be assured. The General Council will soon evaluate next steps and report to members about them. The Society's Four Points Program is becoming more active and providing form and value for members across the country. I will report on this program in another issue. An important component of the Four Points Program is the work of volunteers who apply their professional, social and spiritual skills to accomplish important tasks for the Society. If you have the interest to volunteer, please give me a call at (503) 249-3804 so we can discuss the possibilities. You may contribute the amount of time and effort that is right for you.

The remainder of this article will capture some of the highlights of the conference and AGM that took place at the nearby Kimberton Waldorf School from October 13th to 15th. Members came from all over the country and Europe to be part of this event. Thanks to the SE Pennsylvania Branch for its great and warm support for the event. The photo is of three important people from the Anthroposophical Society office in Ann Arbor who helped organize and carry the event from beginning to end: Cynthia Chelius (staff member), Marian Leon (Director of Administration and Membership Services) and Celeste Craig (responsible for maintaining Rudolf Steiner House and its beautiful gardens).

Virginia Sease spoke about Benjamin Franklin: Translator of Spiritual Ideals into Deeds for Humanity. Through her talk, she put the life of Benjamin Franklin into context so his destiny could be seen by the 250 participants at the conference. Benjamin Franklin was not a soloist and worked collaboratively with three individuals whose names have slipped into the shadows through history as Franklin's became more prominent. Through many life encounters, Franklin was able to unfold his destiny and apply the many fruits he brought with him for the sake of humanity. He realized that many immigrants were coming to America to work, suggesting that those who had other aims – such as those wishing to take advantage of political connections or nobility – would not find



fertile ground on these shores. He also strove for cultural forms that would include Native American peoples living alongside the Europeans in harmony. Through his and his team's efforts, electricity as a curiosity was raised to a science and new concepts were added to the English lexicon. Many social and cultural groups found Franklin a friend and welcomed him accordingly. World karma and personal karma crossed in Benjamin Franklin's life. He wrote his epitaph as a young man and Virginia characterized this as a statement of karma: "The body of B. Franklin, printer (like the cover of an old book its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding) lies here, food for worms. But the work shall not be lost; for it will (as he believed) appear once more in a new and more elegant edition revised and corrected by the author." In ending, the listener was asked to consider Benjamin Franklin's life in light of words by Rudolf Steiner from *Leading Thoughts* (133). "Michael's mission was made easier for him by certain personalities — the genuine Rosicrucians — who arranged their outward life on Earth so that it in no way interfered with their inner life of soul. They could thus develop forces within them, whereby they worked together in spiritual realms with Michael, without the danger of entangling him in present earthly happenings, which would have been impossible for him."

MariJo Rogers and Jannebeth Roell spoke inspiring words about and from the Foundation Stone. It was an experiential event more than an intellectual activity that can be succinctly reported here. They collaborated in weaving their talk and carrying us into the experience of the Foundation Stone Meditation. Think about an exquisite experience you have had with your senses and you will have an idea of how this talk was experienced by the participants. Many workshops in the conference engaged people in a wide assortment of topics, from how to hold a study group, to how to represent

Anthroposophy in the World, and how to work with the Calendar of the Soul, among others themes. Vendors brought colorful crafts, wares and books for sale. Every day included a needed rhythm of freshly prepared meals we all ate together.

Coleman Lyles and Cornelius Pietzner spoke on the relationship of the Anthroposophical Society to the Anthroposophical Movement. They said the Anthroposophical Society needs to become a center of collaboration rather than a scattering of solo acts. Members can take a step toward

achieving this goal if they will consider three things Rudolf Steiner brought together with the Christmas Conference, when he refounded the Anthroposophical Society in 1923-1924.

1. The exoteric (statutes of the Anthroposophical Society) and the esoteric (School for Spiritual Science).
2. The Anthroposophical Movement and the Anthroposophical Society.
3. Rudolf Steiner's own karma merged with the destiny of the Anthroposophical Society.

How can we work effectively with these truths? First, consider that joining one's karma with the Anthroposophical Society can provide benefit to both self and the Society. Second, understand that working with Anthroposophy in the world will help the Society to prosper. By developing personal capacity for social art and leadership one can make a good start toward fulfilling these ideals. The way we think about things actually changes the world. The wellbeing of the individual depends on the wellbeing of the whole. Each branch, for example, would do well to consider its level of concern for the wellbeing of the entire Anthroposophical Society. Why is it so difficult to achieve these goals? It is because of our aversion to social life. We are more anti-social than we might admit. We need some separation from the social life to develop individuality, but individual autonomy can mature into an individual who is both unique and social. The compelling reason for these efforts should not be to obtain the daily bread of work, but the need of humanity for the work. In *Life, Nature and the Cultivation of Anthroposophy* (page 52), Rudolf Steiner notes "As a result of the Christmas Foundation Meeting, Anthroposophy and the Anthroposophical Society should become ever more and more united."

It makes a difference how we think about things, particularly about the Anthroposophical Society. Consider the Anthroposophical Society and the Anthroposophical Movement. (Reference was made to the book *Reinventing Yellow* by M C Richards). Look around you. See the yellow? The yellow is on things. The yellow itself comes from a spiritual source of yellowness that then can be made part of the physical forms around us. The Anthroposophical Movement is like the spiritual yellow. The organizations that emerge from Anthroposophy are like the yellow we see. The Anthroposophical Society can feel lonely because the organizations that have emerged from it, such as the Waldorf schools, medical initiatives, various products, Biodynamic agriculture, adult education, eurythmy, etc., are separate from it. In *Life, Nature and the Cultivation of Anthroposophy* (page 1) Rudolf Steiner says "To give the Anthroposophical Society the form most suitable for the development of the Anthroposophical Movement: this was the purpose of the Christmas gathering which has come to an end.

Four duties or conditions exist for membership in the Anthroposophical Society:

1. To become aware of and develop a clear conception of humankind, and to understand its problems.
2. To become clear about the essential tasks of Anthroposophy.

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3. To be willing to maintain close contact with the social sphere; to collaborate.
4. Not to remain indifferent to the oppositional forces confronting Anthroposophy.

Many good stories can be told from this long weekend of human interaction and relationship building. Consider the group from Fargo, North Dakota. These Anthroposophists get together every Saturday in a local coffee shop where they discuss public events. They reserve a table in the name of the Anthroposophical Society. Then they invite interested people walking by to join in their discussions and learn how to pronounce the name anthroposophy. This group is bringing Anthroposophy into the world.

Virginia Sease extended greetings and welcome to all from this continent who wish to visit Dornach and the Goetheanum. Come. There is no need for special reservations. Many, many people speak English there and most lectures are translated simultaneously into English. Come and see Virginia and Cornelius any time. Their names are on their office doors. Knock. See the Branch Calendar for announcements of interesting events in Dornach in the coming year.

Next year, the Novalis Branch in Austin, Texas will sponsor the annual general meeting and conference. The conference will take place on a weekend in October that will be announced in future editions. Come and join your friends in an ongoing conversation. Have a great time and bring vitality to the Anthroposophical Society.

HERE COME THE HOLY NIGHTS READINGS

By Tom Klein, Portland, Oregon

The time for The Holy Nights Readings is fast approaching and it is time to put in your request to host an evening. For those who have never attended; the readings are every evening during the twelve nights of Christmas. They begin on December 26th and continue until January 6th. Each evening we read from a lecture series from 7:30 to about 9:00 and then have some time to socialize and partake of the refreshments provided by our hosts and others. This type of event happens in many anthroposophic communities and has been celebrated here for about twenty years. Last year there were about 18 people each evening and 51 people attended at least one reading. It is a unique experience to attend an event like this over twelve nights at this time of the year. There are often special events on some of the evenings including dropping lead on New Years Eve. This is an old ritual where people drop molten lead into water and try to see the coming year in the resulting structures. This year we will be reading *The Gospel of St Luke* lecture series which we haven't read in several years. Steiner Storehouse has three copies of this book in stock. Please call (503-777-3176) and reserve an evening to host. I will give priority to people who hosted last year if you reserve by November 10th. After the 10th I will give out dates on a first come first serve basis. I look forward to seeing you all during the holy night's readings.

THE COUNCIL CORNER!

By Marsha Johnson, Council President, Portland, OR

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

The First Annual Meeting of the Portland Branch of the Anthroposophical Society was held on Saturday September 23rd, at Valerie and Mark Hope's gracious home. Fourteen people were present and it was a very fruitful and busy afternoon, with a report from the Council on the activities of the past six months:

- 1) completing a survey of 35 members as to their preferences for newsletter, meeting times, donations process, and feedback about the Branch,
- 2) preparation and printing/distribution of the Branch Phone Directory that included over 90 names and addresses (was passed out at the meeting and will be available at future meetings for those who desire one. You can also call Marsha Johnson at (503) 282 6258 and ask for one to be mailed directly, or email her at Oregon7@aol.com to receive an online copy that you can print out for yourself).
- 3) the stabilizing of the funding resources of the branch's expenses (mostly newsletter) via the creation of the newsletter advertising campaign that resulted in 8 ad spaces being purchased by local businesses and branch members, which increased the regular revenue stream.
- 4) In addition, the interim Council was able to prepare and plan for the distribution of annual donations invitation notices for members, which has improved the overall funding base for our branch activities.

The afternoon also included a report by all present about their current work in the realms of anthroposophy; this was a fascinating activity and it was very exciting to hear about all the wonderful endeavors of each person. After this, we played a lively Steiner Trivia game which was very noisy and fun, despite some arguing over the judge's answers and decisions, but nonetheless, we all felt challenged and the score, again, was perfectly balanced at the null point, in other words, it was a tie!

Marion von Namen brought us a marvelous silly squirrel game and we all enjoyed chasing one another about and then being serious and solemn. Her presentations are always wonderful and appreciated by all.

Finally, the elections were completed, and all seven of the proposed candidates were elected to the seven open positions. We did receive six mail in ballots which were added to the members' votes. The new members of the Council of Trustees for the Portland Branch are: Tom Klein, Ruth Klein, John Miles, Walter Rice, Betty Baldwin, Cheri Munske, and Marsha Johnson. These individuals will serve for a one year term. I would like to thank all the members of the Interim Council who worked very hard from April to September, including Wayne Gossett and Lucia Mello.

COUNCIL NEWS

October 11, 2006. Present: Marsha Johnson, Tom Klein, Ruth Klein, Cheri Munske, John Miles (excused Betty Baldwin, teaching on emergency in Seattle, and Walter Rice, attending AGM). The first Council meeting was pleasant and productive. Included in the night's agenda were the review of Annual meeting and the Michaelmas Festival (over 40 attended). Thanks are due to John Miles and Lucia Mello for holding the Michaelmas Festival. It was noted that about 8 people climbed Mt. Tabor that afternoon. A financial report reveals that we have about \$2500 in the Branch bank account and that response to the recently mailed donation cards was positive. The newsletter ads were reviewed and applauded and it was decided that ads do need to arrive 'camera-ready' for the Portland Branch Newsletter. Newly elected officers are: Marsha Johnson, President, Cheri Munske, Secretary, and Ruth Klein, Treasurer. Members are encouraged to remember Council meetings are open to all Branch members.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: The new Council spent some time planning events for the coming year. November is All Souls' Evening, then December-January are the Holy Nights Christmas Readings and the Michael Institute Christmas Plays, in February Phillip Thatcher will be presenting a workshop on Parzival, Moral Imagination and Spiritual Research, in April the Easter Readings and Easter, in May we will enjoy another Talk With Tom Evening, and in June, we can celebrate St. John's Tide. As you can see, we plan to enjoy a busy and fruitful year in our work!

SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: Please note the Council will meet on these dates: December 6, February 7, March 7. Generally the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: We realize that we need very much an official hospitality committee for the Branch. Betty Baldwin and Marsha Johnson will work on contacting a list of potential members for this committee so that we can enjoy treats, flowers, set up and clean up help for our many events. Please let us know if you would like to serve on this very much appreciated committee! (503) 282 6258.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE AGM

By Nick Hope, Portland, Oregon.



This year's annual general meeting of the Anthroposophical Society in the United States was held in Kimberton, Pennsylvania. I had the pleasure of attending this wonderful conference and in so doing making my first trip to the east coast.

The conference was located near Valley Forge where 11,000 men under

Gen. George Washington spent the winter of 1777-78. Washington picked this specific spot about 20 miles northwest of Philadelphia, which was under British control at that time, because he wanted to keep an eye on them without making himself prone to surprise attacks. The geography of this place afforded them that convenience. The winter was particularly harsh on the men. In addition to having a lack of provisions they worked to build their own accommodations sleeping 12 men in cramped huts. On December 23rd, 1777 Washington wrote: "We have this day no less than 2,873 men in camp unfit for duty because they are barefooted and otherwise naked... Numbers are still obliged to sit all night by fires." When you go there you can walk through Washington's headquarters, it is a small five or six room house that 25 people lived and worked in. They would work at their desks during the day and then at night they would push them all back and sleep on the floor. It was a powerful experience to walk through this place and imagine all the activity that was going on. To imagine all these men who believed so much in something that they saw as bigger than themselves that they were willing to suffer through anything to achieve their goal. They fought for those truths that Jefferson claimed to be "sacred and undeniable" but Franklin saw simply as "self evident" without ever really knowing if they were going to succeed. Ah! The courage!

Now over 200 years later where is our Courage? We can clearly see that without the courage of those men much that was part of world destiny and needed to come about would have never been able to take place, and we can also see clearly that due to a lack of courage the opportunities that have come from their sacrifice are in danger. However, I felt that at this conference entitled *Spirit in Practice* the being of courage was present – and it wanted to be heard. Virginia Sease showed us the being of Courage as it lived in the persistence and perseverance of Benjamin Franklin, a man who seemed to be constantly pushing forward.

MariJo Rogers and Jannebeth Röell spoke to us about the Foundation Stone meditation which seems to be the entire spiritual world speaking through the being of courage in order to send a call out to Humanity. Related to this of course, the radiant courage of Rudolf Steiner, Jannebeth said, "The Foundation Stone Meditation was born out of the pain of Rudolf Steiner after the burning of the first Goetheanum." What mighty courage!

And then there was Cornelius Pietzner addressing head on, in a very subtle way I might add, the very serious urgent situations that exist and really need immediate tending to. Among other things he mentioned four conditions for a member of the Anthroposophical Society:

- 1) Become aware. Develop a clear conception of the intellectual and spiritual nature of mankind.
- 2) Be aware of Anthroposophy and her task.
- 3) Be willing to work with others.
- 4) Do not remain indifferent to the enemies of Anthroposophy.

Along with these four courageous conditions he mentioned that in 1911 Rudolf Steiner brought people together in an attempt to seed a future impulse. It did not succeed after six months. A second call to human beings was unsuccessful too. There has been a third call, and if it is not heard these beings will leave.

Nicholas Hope currently resides in Portland, Oregon where he is the artistic Director of The Children of Paradise Theatre Company. They are currently looking for 3 or 4 extremely dedicated individuals to join their rehearsals of Oscar Wilde's the "Picture of Dorian Gray". For more information on how to get involved with the production or on workshops call (503) 317-4127 or send an e-mail to tothegods@aol.com.

BIOGRAPHY OF JUDITH SOLEIL

The Rudolf Steiner Library is the national library of the Anthroposophical Society in America. With over 25,000 volumes and close to 100 periodicals in English and German, it is a rich resource for Society members. Judith Soleil has worked at the library since 1998, and succeeded the legendary Fred Paddock as librarian in 2002. Below, a glimpse at her biography and the work at the library.

Born in Ohio and raised in suburban Los Angeles, I graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a degree in Greek Studies, and took off for Greece to study cooking, with the intention of coming back to Santa Cruz to open a Greek restaurant. After a few years apprenticing at various restaurants in Greece and California, I met Waldorf education when I happened upon A.C. Harwood's book, *The Way of a Child*. Harwood's presentation of child development and his deep reverence for the processes of human becoming moved me profoundly. Anthroposophy, however, was more difficult for me to wrap my stubbornly rational mind around!



I enrolled in the Foundation Year at Emerson College in 1980, with the intention of becoming a Waldorf teacher. I realized I couldn't avoid anthroposophy in this endeavor, and so commenced a year of illnesses and emotional struggles. The friendship and

council of two wise men, Adam Bittleston and William Mann, sustained me as I wrestled with myself and with a spirituality that was quite foreign to me. I continued at Emerson for a second year, and completed the teacher training with class teacher certification in 1982.

There followed a year at Rudolf Steiner College, where I took courses in early childhood education and worked at Raphael House, a home for children in need of special care. The following year I moved to the East coast and took up kindergarten work in Harlemville, New York. In 1987, my daughter, Sara, was born, and we were home together until 1991, when Sara began attending a Waldorf preschool nearby, and I founded a Waldorf preschool in our home. I loved the work with young children, but as Sara got older, it became increasingly difficult to maintain our small living space as a preschool!

Since moving to Harlemville, I had frequently visited the Rudolf Steiner Library, and thought it seemed like a great place to work. All those books! Not to mention a personable staff, a brilliant, friendly, and funny librarian, and public contact with lots of interesting people from all over the country. After 7 years of living in a kindergarten, my family needed a change. I approached Fred, and so began my next career.

The library work is as fulfilling and enjoyable as I had imagined it, and more so. Every day we receive phone calls, emails, faxes, and letters from all over the country and around the world. People's queries are fascinating, challenging, puzzling, predictable, quirky and copious! Conducting research is a highlight of our days, combining as it does continuing education (our own!) and the thrill of the chase. Acquisitions are also sometimes akin to treasure hunting, when we must search for out-of-print or hard-to-find books.

Co-librarian Judith Kiely (some have asked whether the name "Judith" is a prerequisite for employment here) and I supervise and enjoy the support of 7 volunteers each week, many of them retired anthroposophists eager to stay active and to serve. Their skills, interests, knowledge, and life experience enliven our days and enrich the work here. Our volunteers help with packing and unpacking borrowed books, processing acquisitions, tracking and retrieving (this last a most difficult enterprise!) overdue books, and updating our 27 different subject catalogs. Among many other tasks, Judith Kiely does our bookkeeping, maintains our holdings database, orders and files journals, and is generally indispensable. I report to the society's general council, assist teachers and homeschoolers, conduct research, oversee maintenance of our historic building, and am currently exploring options for automating our circulation process and making our catalogs available on the Internet. Judith and I both find ourselves responding to people who are encountering anthroposophy for the first time, and we take this responsibility quite seriously.

We encourage members to turn to your library when you have questions, need multiple copies of books by Rudolf Steiner for your study groups, are looking for an out-of-print book or back issue of a journal, or are moved to comment on the library newsletter. Our ongoing conversation with you, the members, is what keeps this a living library. Contact Judith and the Rudolf Steiner Library at rsteinerlibrary@taconic.net.

Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - November 2006

Ongoing Events and Study Groups

African Drumming Classes for Adults and Teens (6th grade and up)

Every Wednesday evening (whenever school is in session) from 7:00 - 9:30 pm at Cedarwood School (3030 SE 2nd Ave. Portland) in the Red Cedar kindergarten room downstairs. \$12 per class or \$60 for 6 classes. Drums provided. More information: Marion Van Namen (503)956-4046.

Anthroposophical Medicine Study Group

Once a month Monday 7-8:30 PM at the clinic, please contact John Takacs by e-mail at docstakacs@comcast.net or Kevin Kane at drkev@involved.com.

Anthroposophical Understanding of Memory Group

Preparation for medical/pedagogical conference July 11-14 Meets once a month on the evening of the 4th Tuesday, at Bothmer Hall. For information contact Betty Baldwin: bettybaldwin1@yahoo.com

Biodynamic Agriculture

Reading "Introduction to Culture and Horticulture". First and third Sunday at 5:30 PM with pot luck, held at the Parker's 5720 SE Harney Dr. Contact Sharon Parker at sharon.parker@providence.org or (503) 777-9086.

Eurythmy

Training offered by Portland Eurythmy on weekends and evenings. Please contact Natasha Moss at 503 233-0663.

Karmic Relationships

Working through Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships Cycle of lectures. Call James Lee for information 503 249-3804.

Life Beyond Death

Reading the collection of Steiner's lectures. Call Angela Sparks 503-772-5202.

Mystery Dramas, with Warm-Up Speech-Formation Exercises

Two Wednesdays a month, 7:30 - 9:00 PM in NE Portland. Currently working on scenes 6 & 8 of Rudolf Steiner's *Portal of Initiation*. No acting experience necessary, just a love of the Word.

Portland Waldorf School Community Choir

Every Friday morning from 8:45 - 10:00 am (2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie) for anyone in- and outside the PWS community who enjoys singing songs through the seasons, the centuries and around the world. This event is free and a community builder. More information: Marion Van Namen (503) 956-4046.

Waldorf Education and Teacher Training

Lectures and courses conducted throughout the year by the Micha-el Institute. Contact John Miles at 503 774-4946 or by e-mail at johncmiles@usa.net

Occult Physiology

A weekly study group meets Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM. A series of eight lectures given in Prague between 20 and 28 March, 1911. In *An Occult Physiology*, Rudolf Steiner represents the human organism as much more than conventional medical science would even consider. He describes it in form and function, and in its very evolution, as the expression of activities of soul and spirit, both human and super-human. Contact Diane Ramage at 360 241-7854 for information.

Deepening Our Experience with the Six Basic Exercises

Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM

November 11/ December 9, 2006 and January 13, 2007 at 3135 NE 17th Avenue, contact Jannebeth Röell at 503-249-3807. Please call to confirm the activity close to the date.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 3 -DECEMBER 8

Art Show: Sauvie Island Through the Seasons: A Work in Process by Local Artists

Wildflower Gallery, Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie. Two local artists have explored a single location on Sauvie Island from different angles in different seasons and weather conditions, which have given rise to feelings of love and knowledge for the place. In contrast to opening the lens of a camera and taking a photograph of the moment, the artists open their souls and merge with the gestures, shapes, colors and smells they encountered in the field. For a moment each of their souls is one with its surrounding environment. This momentary experience is related to the viewer in the works of art in the show. Done repeatedly over time, pictures can tell a story from the workshop of the soul. Patricia Lynch and Jannebeth Röell share the work they did this past year at one location on Sauvie Island.

Wednesdays NOVEMBER 8-DECEMBER 6

Eurythmy Classes - Five Sessions

7:00pm - 8:30pm at Bothmer Hall 5915 SE Division St. Course Leader: Natasha Moss Course Fee: \$65.00 (Sliding scale available.) For information and to register please call or email Joanne Logan 503 244 1519 knotoffire@yahoo.com.

Saturday NOVEMBER 11

Martinmas Event

Saturday night, 5:30 PM. Shining Star School welcomes you warmly, to join our school in its Starry Night Lantern Walk at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, located near Reed College. Bring your own Lantern and join our community as we traverse the pathways through the park to find illumination within! Meet at the Garden by 5:30 pm to begin the walk by 6 PM! Call Marsha Johnson with questions: 503 282 6258.

NOVEMBER 12**First Class of the School of Spiritual Science**

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807.

Sunday DECEMBER 3**"Stories From the Hearth"**

At 2PM Shining Star School presents a matinee event for families with younger children. Children will enjoy a lively afternoon of music, interactive theater, and entertainment from Bill 'N Lynn and Play by Play Theater. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting the school: 503 753 4459 (Credit card accepted on the phone). \$6 per person, \$20 per family. Shining Star School is located at 4317 NE Emerson Street (1 block south of Killingsworth Street in NE Portland).

DECEMBER 6**Council meeting of the Portland Branch**

Generally the meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the home of Tom and Ruth Klein. Call Tom or Ruth at (503) 777-3176 for date and time confirmations.

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JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 2 2007**Rudolf Steiner's Economics Course**

At Kellogg West Conference Center, Pomona CA. See the flier on the Branch website at www.portlandbranch.com.

FEBRUARY 2 2007**Enlarging the Heart through Moral Imagination: A Retelling of Parzival.**

7:15 PM - 9:15 PM at Bothmer Hall

Various themes from Parzival will be explored in this lecture, especially from Book XIV. Philip Thatcher is the General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada. More information on this activity will appear in coming editions.

FEBRUARY 3 2007**Philip Thatcher Workshop on Exploring Moral Imagination.**

An interactive presentation following upon the Friday evening lecture.

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Bothmer Hall. Philip Thatcher will develop the workshop theme by speaking about the question "What do we mean by Moral Imagination." Then conversation groups will form to discuss the following topics:

- 1) Implications for the work of the Grade School years.
- 2) Implications for working with our biographies.
- 3) Implications for renewing the festivals.

FEBRUARY 4 2007**Philip Thatcher on Spiritual Research for School of Spiritual Science Members**

9:30 AM – Noon at Bothmer Hall, Blue card required

Philip Thatcher will host a conversation with members of the First Class of the School for Spiritual Science on the topic of spiritual research. Imagination, Spiritual Research and Working with the Class Lessons, including the questions

+ How do we understand the pictures in the mantras?

+ How do we become organs of perception?

Blue card is required. Look at the calendar in coming months for details, or contact Jannebeth Röell by telephone at 503 249-3807 or by e-mail at jannebeth@mindspring.com.

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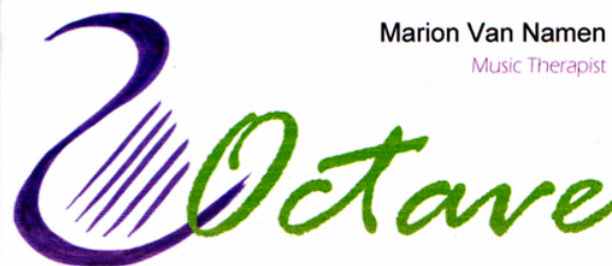
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