

The Society Pages

Christian Science Society San Juan Capistrano

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Living Love!!

Many participants in our most recent Metaphysical Workshops report inspiring discoveries about LOVE. Drawing from an ever-growing list of “active Love” verbs--- unfolding...renewing...revealing...correcting... dissolving....embracing... healing---we are loving our way through challenges that claim to interrupt our highest expression of church. Here are just a few signs of our collective progress IN LOVE.

- “I’m learning that Love is the only Communicator. Error cannot hear Love when spoken; and Love is unable to perceive that which doesn’t exist! This process has eliminated any reaction to what might be said or heard, erroneously. The result: All communication is loving. What a spiritual uplift!”
- “For years I have viewed a business associate in a very negative way, though not always consciously so, as unresponsive and uncooperative in our dealings. I didn’t expect him to act responsibly or even interested. I’ve discovered that Love corrects! I awoke to the need to see him as is he *really* is---God’s expression that is wise, responsive and considerate. Within days of this “wake up call” his company was playing an important role in the success of our current business endeavors. A complete turnaround! Love IS God and God is all there is. I’m grateful to realize that we need to correctly see everyone as expressing all that is---God...Love!
- “As our group began to answer the question ‘What does LOVE do?’ I was preparing for a cross-country car trip and extended stay in New York City. Friends expressed concern about my driving alone. And three days before departure, I still hadn’t found a place to live. But our “Love words” were uppermost in my thought and I knew God had a journey planned for me to discover Love, experience Love and be Love. Shortly, an unexpected phone call announced the availability of a perfectly located apartment available just when I needed it. My drive east was filled with signs of Love every day, from the ever-changing landscape of our country to constant

evidence of receptivity, gratitude, progress and most of all a feeling of connectedness. My big city adventure has brought a few challenges but the journey and commitment continues to remind me to just love, holding to the fact that God IS Love, I choose Love....I am Love's very expression! The Love journey continues...."

- "Our metaphysical meetings on Love have prodded me to look at my fellow members with even more love and compassion. I have looked for and found more about each of us as compound ideas, with many facets, from past experiences, talents, and individual spiritual journeys. I really treasure this new insight into understanding the substance and texture of Love."

For more "Love stories", join our Metaphysical Workshops, also available by conference call, the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., where we continue to grow and explore the healing mission of our church.

Mark your calendar...

Metaphysical Workshops

Monday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 10th, 7:30 p.m.

Growing Church Workshops

Monday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, November 26th, 7:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday, November 22nd, 10:00 a.m.
(location and details to be announced)

Second Sundays...

Join Twenty-Somethings for a living discussion forum the second Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Getting to know you....

A big welcome to our recent new member, **Doris Monticone!** A native of Southern California, Doris grew up in West Covina where she attended Christian Science Sunday School. Marriage and a growing family led her to Rancho Cucamonga and then to the mountains of Big Bear until a recent move to San Clemente where the Monticone household consists of husband, J.R. (whom you met in last month's newsletter), and teenagers Megan, Houston and Parker who are part of our Sunday School family. Four older children are in college and/or pursuing new careers. An Australian Shepherd, a West Highland Terrier and a mountain cat complete their household.

Doris balances a career in real estate sales with the many school and sports activities their kids are involved in. "Family is my top priority, but I also get great satisfaction helping people achieve their dream of a new home," shares Doris, who finds the qualities of empathy, good listening and intuition very important in her work. Gardening is also one of her passions and she spends as much time as she can tending her roses and vegetable garden. The Monticones love skiing and head for their home in Big Bear whenever possible during snow season, but Doris confesses she loves the weather down here at sea level.

Doris and J.R. visited our Society several years ago before moving into the area. "I felt immediately accepted on our first visit," shares Doris. "I was especially drawn to the music and to the family feeling at the services....and the outreach to the community and the world that I felt through the prayer requests that invite us to share the blessings of Christian Science with everyone. And our children are loving the opportunity they get in Sunday School to talk about real life experiences and how to apply Christian Science."

No surprise, Doris hopes to become more and more involved with church and is especially interested in our outreach to youth.

Tithing for September/October

The Albert Baker Fund is our current tithing recipient and your prayerful support is invited. Established in 1964 by a group of Christian Scientists in San Francisco, the Fund's mission is "to serve the cause of Christian Science and mankind by providing resources for the education of Christian Scientists." In recent years their mission has broadened to include grant awards to Christian Science nurses, C.S. camp counselors,

students in several African nations, internships at the Mother Church and the *Christian Science Monitor*, support for Christian Science chaplains and participants in Discovery Bound's Leadership Council. The Fund continues to seek new ways to encourage recipients to look for ways they can give back to their community and to the world.

One of our members, **Nancy Batley**, is the current President of the ABF and asks for our prayers to include her upcoming trip to Africa to determine how to grow the fund's programs on that continent with wisdom and stewardship. For more information:

www.alberbakerfund.com.

FYI...

A reminder that our **high/school college Sunday School class** is not currently available via conference call as we do not have the technical capabilities in our new location. Stay tuned for future notices....

....**Religious Diversity Forum** will be held Saturday, November 3rd at the Ruby Gerontology Center at Cal State University, Fullerton. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme: **Spirituality and Health Care**. Several of our members will be participating in this outreach activity. For more information or to volunteer....contact Jackie Riegel jackieshayriegel@cox.net

...**News from FAMILY ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES**...Our Society is an ongoing supporter, along with other churches in South Orange County, of FAM and their many community services to those in need. In addition to our monthly financial support, you are invited to consider individual support in a number of ways, especially in your prayers for the community.

- **Brown Bag Collection**...There is a special need for food at this time. One bag of groceries can go a long way at the FAM shelter for women and children and for distribution locally. FAM gives away some 300 bags of groceries each month. How can you help? Fill up a bag and leave it in the Sunday School area and Margo will deliver our donations to FAM on a regular basis. Suggested donations include: canned soup, beans, corn, tuna, juices, beef stew and the like. Also pasta, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni cheese mix, and rice.
- **Hunger Walk**...October 21st....Reminder to anyone interested in supporting this fund raiser for FAM. Entry forms available at church or contact **Margo Bishop** for participation details. You can even "sleep walk" by giving a donation and not even have to leave home! If you do participate, please indicate you are from our church.

Keeping our soldiers in your prayers...We continue to send "love packages" to members of the armed services on a quarterly basis. They

especially appreciate the personal notes that are sent and your ongoing prayers. Keep it up! For details speak to any Reading Room volunteer.
Have you checked the Communications Center? A reminder to check in periodically for personal messages or other communication set up alphabetically in our communications room located off the church lobby.

Attention Good Samaritans!....

Do you possibly have a spare bedroom to donate (not rent) from November 25-Jan 2nd? The husband of a member of First Church, Riverside, has a short-term need for a room in our area. He is working temporarily at San Onofre Nuclear Generating plant and needs to reduce his 4-hour daily commute from Riverside. If you can help out this 25-year employee of Southern California Edison, call Carol Larson, 951 280-0046.

Thanks a million...

"I'm **so grateful** we have found CSSocietySJC. As I life-long Christian Scientist, it is terrific to find a service as vibrant as this faith. Thank you for all your love, dedication, music and joy in presenting each and every one of these services....also grateful to have reconnected with my cousin...through seeing her name in *The Society Pages*...Thank you for reuniting our family! With joy....**Kathy Bazan**"

...**From Costa Rica...**"Thank you for contributing copies of **El Heraldito** to the small informal group who meet every Saturday afternoon for four or more hours in downtown San Jose to study Christian Science....They are very dedicated in their study. Miguel and Julia wanted me to express their appreciation to you. Love and Light...**Cathryn Rathsum**"

...For more "thank you's" from near and far, check the bulletin board in the administration office.

...**Gracias!** to **Ingrid Butaya** who on her recent visit here from Houston shared her time, talents (and patience!) in giving us a few short lessons on Spanish pronunciation to better do justice to our Lord's Prayer.

Gratitude shared from the Management Team....Our somewhat overdue **THANK YOU** to....**Kathleen Dallaire** for a stellar job as Administrator oh those many months!....to **Betty Wilson** for her bookkeeping expertise, metaphysics and deep love in sorting out a knotty situation....to **Sandra Hill** for assisting Betty and the entire Management Team...to **Mary Beth Pope** for agreeing to try on the bookkeeper roll....to **Linda Brown** for stepping in with her bookkeeping expertise to assist...to **Diana Colarossi** for serving so beautifully and effectively as acting Administrator....to **Peggy Webb** for faithful service as a member of the Management Team...to all **Society Teams** for keeping so many "balls in the air" with such focused grace...to **all members and participants** for striving to continue in that "first love" recommended in Revelation 2:4

We're in the News!!

Recent discoveries include letters to CS periodicals signed by some familiar names: **Jackie Riegel, Evelyn Brookins, Nancy Battey, and Susan Clay.**

...**Tim Heinemann** and **Linda Brown** were featured recently in the *Laguna Beach Independent* in an article highlighting their non-profit organization, Worldwide Impact Now...WIN!!...

Paul Garman and Musical Theater West were the focus of a recent piece in Long Beach **Discoveries Magazine.**

If you spot anyone of our flock in print, let us know so we can share the good news!

Sunday School Stars...

Of our many bright shining Sunday School students, can you guess whose email address is "Ferrari man", whose dream trip is to go to Germany and drive on the autobahn, whose perfect day would be to race cars with his friends, and whose favorite movie is *The Bourne Ultimatum* because (you guessed it) "I like action movies!"

Meet **Dean Baggs**, from Laguna Niguel and a junior at Dana Hills High School where his favorite subjects are physics and computer science. Already planning ahead, Dean is interested in pursuing an engineering or computer science major when he graduates.

Here are a few more revelations about Dean. Favorite food? "That would be sushi" Best book? "*Huckleberry Finn*" because it represents our God-given instinctive nature to survive on our own." Favorite trip? "The best trip I've ever taken was a cruise to the Caribbean. There was so much to do and islands were so majestic!"

Dean describes his family as a team of loving supporters. "My sister, Devon, has a very generous nature, always giving when others are in need. My mother, Dorene, is very dear to me and encourages me when I am making tough decisions...she is like the cheerleader in my life. My father, Dale, is always giving me new ideas on how to get projects done, from finishing my Eagle Scout Project to building shelves....he is always there for me. Tom is my new step dad and we share a lot in common, like our love for cars and the need to fix and modify things. He's a great guy and I'm glad that he is a part of my life."

Any thoughts on Sunday School? "I like it because it gives me a chance to discuss my life in a confidential environment. Coming to Sunday School helps me in my everyday life by giving me ways to deal with daily situations. The most valuable thing is the opportunity to share my challenges with others and get help with them.

Dean is on the path to becoming an Eagle Scout, a path he says so far is "long and full of paperwork!" We've heard about his outstanding accomplishments toward this goal so far and have no doubt that Ferrari man will make it to the finish line with speed, precision and well deserved applause!

Join us by phone...All of our church services and many of our workshops may be attended via conference call. **Dial number: 1-712-580-8020****Access code: 12111#** Beginning 15 minutes prior to any meeting you may begin calling in and a host will greet you on the phone. See our website (**csinsanjuanapistrano.com**) for further details on conference call-in.

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