

THE SOCIETY PAGES...

MAY 2010



Mark your calendar...

Metaphysical Workshops...

Monday, June 14th, 7:30 p.m.

Growing Church Workshops...

Monday, June 28th, 7:30 p.m.

Second Sundays...

7:00 p.m., a discussion group for 20-somethings held on the second Sunday of every month ...newcomers welcome any time!

Sunday School Movie Day...

Sunday, May 23, 11:30 a.m. following Sunday School: "The Prince of Egypt" starring Val Kilmer as Moses. Lunch served to Sunday School participants. RSVP to Sunday School teachers. (Adult movie fans also welcome!)

Management Team Meetings...

Our Management Teams meets monthly. Issues for discussion or action should be directed to any MT member.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

In a recent issue of *The Society Pages*, several of you shared your inspiration following our weekend-long conversation with the Christian Science Board of Directors. Many of us set some specific goals and made personal commitments as a result of our January meeting with the Board.

As a group, we made the commitment to focus our metaphysical workshops on learning to become more effective healers... "Nurturing a church of healers" became the theme and comprises the content of our many of our monthly metaphysical meetings. So, as we approach mid-year, how are we doing? How are you doing? Or perhaps another way to put it: What are you doing? The January meeting sparked a variety of recommitment ideas... would you share your progress, with the understanding that "whatever blesses one-blesses all." What did our meeting with the Board inspire in you? How and what are you doing about it? Is it fostering your spiritual growth? Healing? In the next edition of *The Society Pages* we will share YOUR stories. Let us hear from you!





Getting to know you...


A warm welcome to **Patricia Smith**, aka Patti, who has been attending our services for some time now, often serving as a host, and has recently affirmed her commitment by becoming a member of our Society. Patti shares that she is native southern Californian, raised by a “most loving and dedicated mother who was a Christian Scientist. Many healings came about growing up in a Christian Science home,” she adds. After attending Mt. San Antonio College, Patti moved to Laguna Beach where she met her future husband. Among their adventures were managing a skin diving resort in British Honduras and operating a surfboard shop in Florida. “Thanks to my study of Christian Science I was kept alert to God’s protection during major hurricanes in both of these places!” Patti tells us.

Patti has two grown sons with whom she has always enjoyed sharing special interests as a single mom. “We love the outdoors and are currently paddling a new kayak! My interests range from A to Z sports, walking in the hills and along the shoreline, jazz to classical music, travel, the cultural arts...I love it all!”

“I have been in the “fitness” arena since the ‘70s when I began teaching at the Balboa Bay Club, then owned and operated a Women’s Fitness Center in a partnership, and at present I’m an exercise instructor for a school district’s Special Education program at the local YMCA, and volunteer in other classes there as well.”

As a resident of Montebello, how did she find her way to San Juan? “I started attending the Pico Rivera Society and also joined my mother at services at another branch church and enjoyed the openness I felt there. When the C.S. Society was forming in San Juan Capistrano by the railroad station I was just naturally drawn to this church. I also knew it was time to seriously consider moving forward spiritually in Christian Science and took Class Instruction a couple of years ago. I’ve been attending SJC regularly, although it is some distance from my home. To me the Society is the very expression of love. The members make you feel so welcome. The musicians and the creative music choices are so uplifting which is healing in itself! It has been a privilege to help with ‘hosting’ responsibilities each Sunday, and I am very grateful for the availability of Skype which I tune in to for Wednesday evening testimony services. I know that God has been a constant presence and guidance all along and has enabled me to realize the importance of utilizing Christian Science in my life. Being a Mother Church member and recently joining the San Juan Capistrano Society will definitely carry me forward so that I grow and become more involved in this church.”

We are grateful you have joined our church family, Patti!

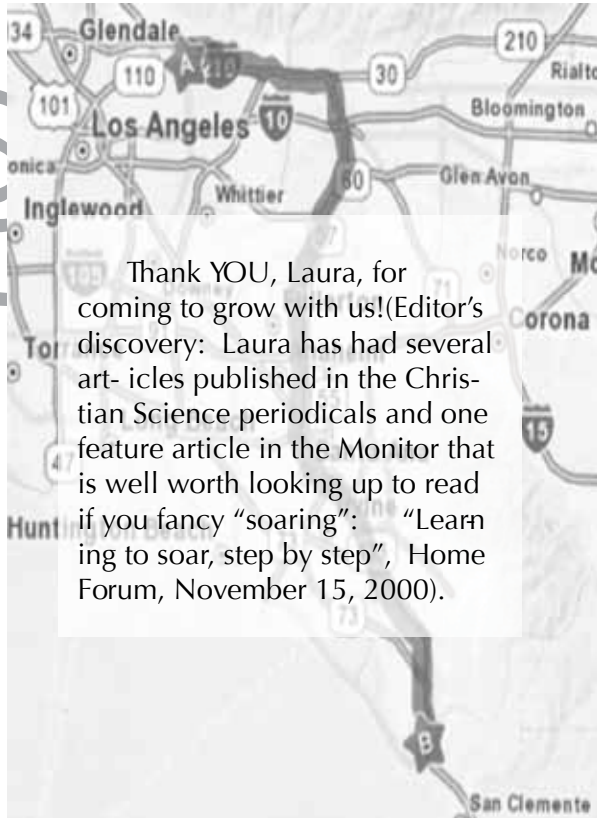


Meet **Laura Lawrence**, another new member we are delighted to welcome to our church family. Laura makes the drive for church services from her home in Pasadena and tells us she looks forward to Wednesday evening meetings, joining in via Skype. "I'm getting to know people's voices, putting them with faces, and I love this sense of pure communication," she says. Introducing herself to us, Laura shares, "I was one of those 'drifters' who had been to Christian Science Sunday School as a child in Palo Alto, California, through 8th grade but dropped out while living in Scotland when my school-mates ridiculed Christian Science during our religion class. Back in the States in 12th grade, looking for a college where I could continue studying ballet and acting, my new friend "Debby" had been to the University of Utah and I asked about the religious issue there. When she asked my religion, I hesitated, expecting a negative response, when she told me she had been reading Science and Health. By the time I headed for college (in Washington state) "Debby" had gotten me back on the CS wagon!"

Laura tells us she later transferred to UCLA, joined the CS Org and earned a B.A. in theater. After working at The Mother Church for a year she married Robert who worked for TMC in Ohio. They returned to his native Los Angeles, settling in the San Gabriel Valley where her husband devoted himself to the CS practice and she worked with an "extraordinary attorney" for 23 years. Since leaving that work in 1995, she has enjoyed exploring various art mediums, "finding my niche in fiber---'painting with yarn'---first in hand-woven tapestries and now in wearable art knit designs."

After a few decades of active membership in the Arcadia CS church, Laura says that she realized it was time to move on. In 2005, a time she describes as one of great need, Laura attended church services at our Society. "I remember feeling sooved that I wept the whole time (I'm a weepy person!). So last spring I tried out Skype, found that I could still feel the love, and had a healing of my foot as proof that this church without walls does indeed hold healing services. I've had the great joy of reading for a Sunday service and look forward to doing it again soon (this summer). It is also lovely (when I can make it early enough!) to greet those coming to the service as an "official" host"

In expressing her joy to be a part of our Society, Laura gives "much gratitude to Deborah Huebsch. Our friendship over the years is proof positive that when a good seed is planted, the fruit can sometimes amaze us." (If you haven't guessed, Laura's friend "Debby" was our Deborah!)



Thank YOU, Laura, for coming to grow with us!(Editor's discovery: Laura has had several articles published in the Christian Science periodicals and one feature article in the Monitor that is well worth looking up to read if you fancy "soaring": "Learning to soar, step by step", Home Forum, November 15, 2000).

Grateful hearts...

Thank you to our Metaphysical Workshop facilitators **Cindy McWhinney** and **Kay Wittmack** for leading our study and discussions of the Christian Science Practice chapter of *Science and Health*

Much appreciation to those of you who supported (prayerfully and at the lecture) the recent talk given by **Ginny Luedeman** which our Society helped to sponsor...

Many thanks to our **Sunday School substitute teachers** for always being willing and ready to help out when needed....Much gratitude to **Patti Holditch** who is currently posting past Wednesday evening readings onto our website. Go to our website: csinsanjuancapistrano.com to the RESOURCES tab to locate full text of readings by various Readers.

Thanks also to **Kathleen Dailaire** who has been helping with this project.... Kudos to **Valerie Flynn** for her dedication and time in administering our weekly **Apoya tutoring program** in cooperation with CREER and **Catalina Durazo**, our friend and liaison to the families of children receiving tutoring.

...**A note of gratitude** and progress from **Mayal Tshiabuila**, founder/ director of Ecoles du Coeur (Schools of the Heart) in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo ... Dear Friends, Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support during the previous year. We now have two campuses...one in the compound with my home and the second several blocks ...away ...Refurbishing works are in progress. 150 students are in our remedial program and 100 new students were added to the school this year. Our need is to continue to pay teachers and also have to spend money for security guards to secure safety at the new location, in a very rough neighborhood. Sewing and carpentry workshops are earning some money (as our)need to replenish teacher salaries continues. Each day before I take off for work at the U.N., I visit the classes to be sure teachers are at their posts. The school has made tremendous growth in the past four years. All students who have made it through our remedial classes are passing their literacy tests and becoming eligible for secondary education. Please share our situation with friends...With all best wishes, Mayal." (Excerpted)

FYI...The recent lecture by **Ginny Luedeman, CSB**, will be available for the next three months on DVD if you wish to view this inspiring talk. Contact the Lecture Team. Word from those who attended the lecture in April: "Wonderful!...Inspiring"...

Opportunities for giving, serving, learning, growing.....praying!

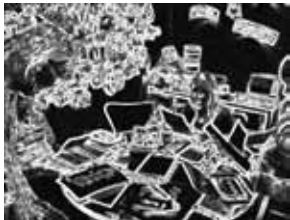
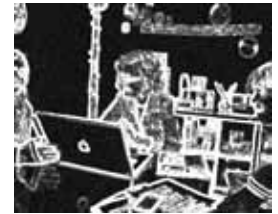


The new **CARE Team**, headed up by Kathie Johnson, encourages you to be alert to any individual in our church family who might be in need of assistance and support. The CARE Team is organized and ready to respond to requests. For more details, to ask questions or to volunteer to help, contact Kathie: 949-643-0966....Family Assistance Ministries continues to have a huge need for non-perishable food donations. See "Tithing" article for details.....

Help needed!...

To all those who communicate church business via email, here are two important reminders:

- Please direct your messages (that would include questions, concerns, suggestions, gratitude and, yes, those complaints) directly to individuals on our church teams, team coordinators, or members of the Management Team who serve as liaisons to each team and function of our church. If you have questions about who is responsible for specific tasks, please contact a member of the Management Team or an individual member directly. The "world of email" is a place we are all working in together to manage thoughtfully and productively. Our Management Team, rather than the admin office, serves as the "communication hub" for our church for most issues. Your cooperation in helping to cut down the number of email messages that are sent to the administrator (and then must be sent on to other people) will be greatly appreciated!



- Please remember that our Church Directory is for church business only and our desire is to protect the privacy of everyone on this list. In respecting the commitment we make to those listed in the directory, please do not utilize the list for business solicitation, personal social activities or projects, or share information from the list with individuals or organizations not affiliated with our church.



In April, our tithing contribution went to the **Christian Science Nursing Care Endowment** fund for southern California. The endowment provides support for individuals who need financial support to pay for nursing services. We have learned there is a great need on the part of many of our fellow Christian Scientists for help in paying for nursing care, and a need for housing in a growing number of cases. We continue our metaphysical support in helping to meet these needs.

Sunday School Celebrations...

Congratulations to our Sunday School students who are spring graduates! **Melody Colliatie** graduates from Principia Upper School and heads for....Principia College for her first year of college. **Makenna Johnson** and **Joe Colliatie** are graduating from middle school and are off to new adventures as high school freshmen.....And, another round of applause for **Bren Johnson** for yet another amazing musical theater performance, this time in his high school production of "Into the Woods."

IN THE NEWS AND ON THE INTERNET...

The **June** issue of **The Christian Science Journal** features our Society in an article written by **Alan Hess**, long time member of our congregation. Also in the June **Journal** look for a contribution from recent member **Bev Ledwith**. **Todd Herzer** is featured in the May 24th issue of **The Christian Science Sentinel** in the "You can be a healer" column, which describes how individual practitioners have nurtured their public practice of Christian Science healing. Look for Todd's article "An irresistible goal". And discovered in the April 12th **Sentinel**, the thoughtful remarks from **Laura Fisher** about the way we involve our Sunday School students in our church services. If you spot any of our church family "in the news" let us know and we'll spread the word.

More good news!....We are delighted to announce that **Cathryn Rathsam** has been appointed to serve as a liaison representative between the Christian Science Committee on Institutional Work in Orange County and the State Christian Science Committee for Institutional Work that ministers to jails and other institutions. Also, the Christian Science Com-



mittee on Institutional Work in Orange County recently appointed **Marlene Bridges** as a new Chaplain in the four county jails. Thank you both for your dedication to this important mission!

From our Reading Room....

Rediscover the classic articles that appear in ANTHOLOGY II. Enjoy the inspiring biography, "MARY BAKER EDDY, Christian Healer", Amplified Edition. New shipment has arrived. Visit our Reading Room and Spiritual Discovery Center and examine these treasures. Also arrived are children's books, "The Life of Jesus", "The Life of Moses", "The Life of Joseph", and "The Life of Ruth". The new CONCORD has now been installed on our MAC and is conveniently placed for all to enjoy.



The Book Report...

No recommendations for books have come to us for quite some time. If you have a book that has enhanced, inspired, or fostered your spiritual growth in some way, let us know! We will share your recommendation with our readers and even write the report for you if you wish....The previously recommended books have met with rave reviews, by the way.

Attending our church without walls...

Joining us by conference call... DIAL 1-605-475-6350...then punch in this ACCESS CODE: 12111#. You may begin calling in fifteen minutes before any meeting or join any time after the service or meeting is in progress. A host will greet you and answer any questions, or you are welcome to just listen in.

Meetings by Skype...We are now using the Skype room of members Mark and Marilyn Mohlenbrock. They have generously donated this service to us in the past and now, to help us defray operating expenses have offered this free to us again.

Instructions: For all services, meetings and workshops, the Skype number to dial: **+9900827047040344.....** or to call in to Skype by phone: **1-201-793-9022 ACCESS CODE: 7040344.**

There is no charge for the Skype connection through your computer, but there is the regular phone charge if you access Skype by phone. Call in a few minutes before the service meeting is scheduled to begin. You need your own Skype account which you can sign up for at Skype.com.

Your Management Team...

Our members comprise the governing body of our Society and our Management Team serves as the communication center, handling ongoing administrative and organizational tasks. Agenda items, motions or topics for discussion are welcomed and may be directed to any member of the Management Team.

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