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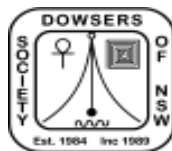
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Speaker for March 21st, 2010

Trevor Harding

Dowsing for Geopathic Stress & Water

Trevor will update his previous talks on Geopathic Stress and will focus on the need to learn how to be aware of the physical signs that something is wrong in an area.

Another key point is that even if the harmful energies have been treated, they can come back at any time. It is essential to learn to dowse for Geopathic Stress energies and to check when your gut feeling tells you that there is something wrong.



The most common places Trevor has found GS in homes is across the master bed and the office chair! The most common signs are light bulbs blowing in the same place, the urge to regularly urinate when in specific places whilst not when in other places, a feeling of heaviness and sadness in specific places, and the inability to get work done in a certain spot e.g. the office!

There is nearly always harmful energy in the hall and we will indentify these areas so people can *feel* and dowse these places, both positive and harmful. The most important thing is the old saying:

“To give a man a fish feeds him for a day. To teach a man ‘how’ to fish feeds him for a lifetime.”

Note: Parking may be difficult this month due to a nearby fete.

From the President

This has been a very good year for our Society and a number of important initiatives have been undertaken. We have been blessed by a superb Council who have given unstinting support in everything we have set out to do. The unity of each member of the committee has enabled us to get through a lot of work with joy and laughter and this has spread to the general membership. Francois became our Secretary and brought an international profile to the position. Marie, our Speaker Manager, has organized some wonderful talk; more of our members have attended monthly meetings and the afternoon tea, which is provided by our members, has been exceptional in every way. I love to see our members tucking into a dazzling array of beautiful cakes, chatting with guests, forming new friendships and volunteering to help in many different ways.

We began the year by redefining our objectives and setting out a timetable for carrying them out. We reminded ourselves that we are a spiritual society with duties and responsibilities to one another and to Society at large. We are also a teaching society so our first practical job was to organize a series of seminars, which had lapsed in the previous year. These were all well attended and our tutors were members with special skills, some of whom had not given seminars before. The seminars also increased our membership.

Next we set up our website, www.dowsingaustralia.com with Tom Muldoon as our Webmaster. We had been talking about this for well over a year but we made it a priority. A lot of hours were spent consulting with people about the content and colour, etc., and liaising with the editorial board, which produces our newsletter, so that how we project ourselves has unity, harmony, relevance and vividness. The website had the normal teething problems but has now settled down. So far we have had 22,000 visitors, with 3000 in February alone. Our intention is to make it one of the best in the world. If you think you can help us to do that, please get in touch with myself or Francois.

Our newsletter has gone from strength to strength and having revolving editors helps to keep it fresh, longer, more vital and interesting and avoids the problem of burn out. It also extends the management function into the wider membership with the result that more people are able to do jobs and we are not dependent on any one person.

Our field trips included dowsing the Songline, which runs through Sydney Opera House (someone said that was entirely predictable!) which would have been better attended if the trains had been running that Sunday. Another was the ever popular Hieroglyphics at Woy Woy Road in Brisbane Water National Park. I missed most of it because, climbing through the hole in the rock, my back went into spasm, I was carried out and enjoyed being fussed over by lady members giving me healing massage. Being President does have its compensations.

Our library is an essential part of our Society and Marilyn Smith has been awarded Life Membership in gratitude for the many years of dedication she has given us. A new emphasis has been created on DVDs and the money generated by the sale of books, given by members, has been re-invested in some brilliant DVDs from world class dowsers. There's even a DVD of Michael Poynder's Brahmin funeral, which I brought back from Sai Baba's ashram a few weeks ago. Michael was a very good friend of mine, was a fellow Druid, and gave several riveting talks to the Society a few years ago.

Our biggest event took place in November when we celebrated our Silver Jubilee, 25 years as a Dowsers Society. Several founder members came and many previous Presidents. We drank Hunters Hill premier cuvee 1984 champagne, heard some beautiful speeches, had a lovely lunch provided by our members, dowsed for the silver pendulum donated by Gordon, heard Tom talking about our astrological chart, and then danced the afternoon away under our MC Tom. Everyone had a wonderful time, chatting to old friends and honouring the great dowsers and leaders our Society has produced.

It is such a privilege to be elected as President and to serve our members in that capacity. The members of the Council have all agreed, except for Robyn our Treasurer, to continue next year if they are elected and the same applies to myself. Many exciting things are in the blueprint for this coming year and, as ever, if you have any suggestions for improving the way we work, please let us know. Genuine Improvements R Us.

That concludes my report for the year and I shall be grateful if it can be adopted.

Best wishes

Noel



Doris has become an expert chocolate diviner

Second Hand Impressions of a First Rate Horse Talker

By Kiri Matenga

I first heard about Bill Northern 18 months ago when I was looking for someone to help me figure out my stallions' social problems with humans. I wrote a message on a horse forum and a reply came up about Bill, along with a few web pages to read.



Funnily enough, I forgot to

follow it up as I read he lived in the USA. Then, at the start of 2004 when I came back from holiday, my "bossette" Clare McGowan, asked me if I was interested in having this guy talk to my horses. I was as keen as they come.

I left a message on Alistar Cox's phone asking if I could book Bill in to see four horses of mine and two for Clare. One day I got a phone call offering Bill's only appointment before he left for the South Island where he was then to fly out to Honolulu. The problem was I was flying out in two hours to Christchurch and wasn't going to be back until four hours after he was to leave.

After a few phone calls organizing people to pick up my horses and take them where Bill was going to be, and securing someone to video, along with writing down the questions I wanted answered, I hopped on a plane. All afternoon on Sunday I wanted to know how it was going. I got off the plane and immediately rang my friend Aimee, who was there to find out what it was like. She said he was amazing. She videoed it all for me so the next day I sat and watched it all. I was shocked. He was just standing there next to the horses who had just been pulled out of a box and tied up in front

of him. He said things about each horse that you just couldn't guess.

NIK • Grey Stationbred Gelding

Bill asked Nik what he liked doing. I was concerned he was getting on in age and didn't want to push him if he didn't want to do it anymore. Nik told him he wasn't a dressage horse but was a fantastic jumper and that he was really fast and could jump big fences at speed. This is too true. He still wanted to jump. This made my day as he is a very good jumper. Nik refuses to do any sort of dressage, but he'll jump all day. He is the best and safest hunter you would ever sit on.

Nik said he only likes to do enough dressage to warm up for the jumping. This is a horse that I can only canter to warm up. He can't trot properly, so I don't do it. He is happy when I just canter him around for 10 minutes and then start jumping. When it came to the diet, Nik has always done better when in work. He just drops away when he is out of work even if it is only a few weeks. Bill said he was getting fed his vitamins but his body wasn't absorbing them.

Because Nik had come off a station where they do it hard, his body hadn't received the vitamins he needed and had forgotten how to absorb them. Alistar Cox did some work on him, and I have just brought him back into work and he is the fattest he has ever been. He was turned out without feed and just a mineral block. Bill asked him why he got nervous at the shows. Nik said it's because I get really nervous and that upsets him. Nik also said I had to memorize my courses. Though I don't get lost when I'm going, I do panic about where the first fence is. Bill said I need a wine before I compete.

Since I can't really do that, I take my Bach Flower remedy to chill me out. I only get nervous because Nik jumped out of the ring and slammed into a horse and truck at a show. Clare, my horse physio, found his neck seriously out which caused his neck muscles to be like they had tetanus. Bill said he had a vertebrae fused in his neck, and though it didn't hurt anymore, he still waited for it.

BLAZE • Bay Stationbred Gelding

This is my mum's plodder schoolmaster that I steal for showhunter. Everyone rides Blaze 'cause he is so quiet. I was worried because I felt toward the end of 2003 he was going off his jumping. He had a major injury in his near hind 18 months ago which put him out for 8 months.



Since then he has been doing a bit of everything with everyone. This must have confused him, because Bill said Blaze didn't know what his purpose was. Blaze is a funny guy. He seems so laid back, but actually does get quite wound up and stressed. Bill found an ulcer and recommended yogurt in his diet.

When Blaze was asked what he wanted to do, he said he wanted a holiday. He liked jumping but he was sore. He wants to be a dressage horse for a while, because he can really move. This horse has amazing movement. So I have stepped off and given him back to my Mum to do dressage on and cruise. We also have to tell Blaze what he is going to be doing day to day, which has worked amazingly. He doesn't get stressed any more when we go places. We also told Blaze that his purpose is to look after my mum and he'll have a cruisey life.

KAHU (BS Kahurangi)Black And White Pinto Stationbred Stallion

This is the stallion I wanted Bill to do 18 months ago. He's a very quiet and spooky guy. He ran wild on a station for 11 years, on the east coast of the North Island in New Zealand, before I got him four years ago. He is the only horse that I can't figure out. I treat all my stallions and colts like normal horses, because that way I haven't had problems with handling them.

The stallions are only separated when breeding season is on. Bill said Kahu thinks he is just like the others and didn't know what his purpose was. Straight away I thought, "How the heck do you tell a gorgeous stallion what his purpose is." We came up with showing him all his stunning progeny he has thrown for us. He didn't know they were his. I like to do inland showing with him for publicity purposes, but we have always had a problem with finding someone he likes to lead him. As soon as a leader spooks him or gets angry with him, he refuses to lead.

I have always let him choose his leader, it might sound stupid, but it works. Amazingly enough he is quite particular. I have never really had a good bond with him, so I try to get someone he likes. He told Bill he loves me but doesn't respect me, because I have only ever told him when he was bad and never praised him when he was good. This I have changed. I explain everything to him so he doesn't get confused, and he is a changed horse. I haven't quite got his whole trust, but it has come a heck of a long way in a very short time.

Now I can do anything in the paddock with him without having to put a halter and lead on. He used to snort all the time, and he hasn't done that for weeks now. Bill asked who he wanted for his leader, and he chose Clare (my bossette) who he absolutely loves. She fixes him up when he strains muscles and hurts himself. So Clare has been booked for his permanent leader at the shows. We haven't tried this out yet as this year's shows are all over for him.

STAR • Chestnut Ex-thoroughbred Racehorse

Bill wanted to do this one by remote, so I thought I'll give it a go, what do I have to lose? Star was in Pukekohe, South of Auckland on the North Island, and Bill was in Christchurch 800kms away on the South Island of New Zealand. I was actually wondering how he did this, but when I went to email Bill, I checked my inbox and had the results of Star. He picked all his sore spots to a "T", including an irritation in his lower left jaw in his mouth (a strand of silage stuck in his teeth that I had to get out for him).

I couldn't believe it. I was standing next to Star with a copy of my email from Bill pushing all these sore spots he typed out for me and they were all there. He made me a total believer then and there. When Bill got to Star's diet, Bill said he was lacking in potassium. This was the mind boggling thing for me, as when Star was racing he had to have standardbred racehorse salts (which are high in potassium compared with the thoroughbred ones) to keep his blood right for racing.

So even though he is spelling he is now getting the dose of Standardbred salts he had while racing. This has changed him back to being really laid back again instead of stressed. When Star was racing he was quite a maniac on the track. His owner was going to put him down when he retired until I stepped in. After looking after him for 6 years, getting him to come back to racing after 2 years and winning another race, after he bowed a tendon, there was no way I was going to let this happen. I get on really well with this horse, and I'm determined to prove to everyone he isn't nuts.

Bill told me he'd like to do a bit of dressage to keep him in shape and concentrate on hunter jumping. Star has a really good jump, as he proved to me, jumping the odd gate every so often so he could go to see his girlfriend down at the raceway. So, within a year, or as long as it takes me to get his body and feet right, Star and I will be making an entrance to the showhunter world.

IVY • Brown Homebred Mare

Aimee had spent all morning telling Ivy not to embarrass her before Bill got there. The first thing Ivy told Bill was that Aimee was stingy with the food. Aimee doesn't feed Ivy everyday, I do. She had only given Ivy a snack to keep her occupied in the box for 2 hours until Bill came. The next thing Ivy said was Aimee needed lessons as she had no balance and wobbled all over Ivy's back. That just devastated Aimee, as it would. It's hard enough when your instructor tells you, let alone your horse. Aimee did, however, forgive Ivy. (I don't think I'd like it if my horse told me that.) This, however, I do

blame mainly on her saddle which doesn't seem to fit Ivy anymore, as I found when I rode her. It just wouldn't keep still on her back.

When I changed the saddle I was fine. Bill, did say Ivy had a sore back probably due to the saddle. He also pointed out a sore hock which we knew of, but hadn't said a word to Bill. She also kicks the heck out of the stables when we put her in them. Bill told us she once again gets bored and that we need to give her a mirror to stop her from getting bored. Just what we need - a vain horse.

Bill Northern just said things that were too close for comfort, too close not to believe. He is an amazing man, and I would recommend him to anyone. I've spent hundreds of dollars on people trying to find my horses' problems and from now on, if I have a problem I can't resolve, or my horse physiotherapist, Clare McGowan, can't fix, I'm ringing Bill. And I haven't even met the guy in person yet! He is the true "Doctor Doolittle."

Next time I'll be here to meet this man in person. I'm never going to miss another appointment. Trust me!



Clever Business at a Young Age

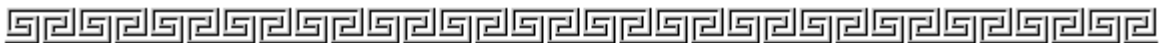
A policeman had a perfect hiding place to screen speeding drivers. But one day, everyone was under the speed limit. The officer investigated and found a 9 year old boy was standing on the side of the road with a huge hand-painted sign which said "SPEED CAMERA AHEAD."

A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's partner in crime - another boy about 200 meters beyond the speed camera with a sign reading "TIPS" & a bucket at his feet full of coins.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 21 March 2010 at 2:00pm

1. Approve the minutes of the last AGM
2. President's Report
3. Secretary's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Librarian's Report
6. Sales Desk Report
7. Appointment of Returning Officer
8. Election of Office Bearers and the Council Members
9. Any other business



Membership Subscription

due now

Thank you for being part of the Dowsers Society of NSW Inc. A renewal form will be available at the meetings. They were also placed into the last two editions of the newsletter for those who are unable to attend.

Note: Non-financial members will not receive the newsletter after March, unless they renew.

Election Of Members

14. (a) Nominations of candidates for election as Office Bearers of the Society or as ordinary members of the Council

(i) Shall be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the Society and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination); and

(ii) Shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Society not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.

(b) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Council, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations received at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the Council shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.

(d) If nominations received are equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(e) If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

The ballot for the election of Office Bearers and ordinary members of the Council shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Council may direct.

I _____ of _____
(full name) (address) (postcode)

Also being a Financial Member, for the position of _____

Acceptance Signature of Nominee _____

Notes:

1. As per Rule 13, each council member being proposed must have been **an active member for at least six (6) months prior to their election**. Further the President being proposed shall have served at least one (1) year as a member of council prior to their election. Each member of the council is eligible for re-election. The President is not eligible for re-election as President if they have served three (3) consecutive years in office prior to this election.
2. Members, non-financial at the AGM will not have any voting rights, and after the AGM will not receive further copies of the newsletter.

The Secretary



Francois Capmeil



Dowers Society of NSW Inc

NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with Rules 22 & 23 of the Constitution, the Annual General Meeting for the 2010 Financial Year is hereby called to take place before the General Meeting on Sunday 21st March 2010.

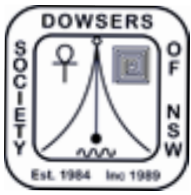
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2010

In accordance with Rule 14, nominations of candidates for the election of Office Bearers are hereby called. Nominations shall be of Financial Members and in writing, signed by two Financial Members of the Society, accompanied by the written consent of the candidates (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination) and shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Society *not less than seven days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting* or any adjournment of that meeting.

I _____ of _____
(full name) (address) (postcode)
and

I _____ of _____
(full name) (address) (postcode)

being Financial Members of the Dowers Society of New South Wales Inc hereby nominate



Dowers Society of NSW Inc.

Form of Appointment of Proxy

I, _____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

being a member of **the Dowers Society of NSW Inc.** hereby appoint

_____ (full name)

of _____ (address)

being a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the Society (Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, as the case may be) to be held

on the _____ day of _____ 20__

and at any adjournment of that meeting.

*My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the resolution (insert details).

*To be inserted if desired.

_____ Signature of member appointing proxy

_____ Date

NOTE: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Society.

Beginner's Dowsing Seminar

The Society is holding another Beginner's Seminar
on Sunday 2nd May 2010

to be presented by Colin and Julie Zwan.

The Seminar is open to all, members and non-members.

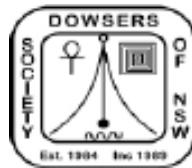
Non-members will have an opportunity to join
the Society on the day, at a \$20 discount.

Participants will receive a comprehensive manual.

Morning and Afternoon Tea are included.

Please bring your own water and lunch.

Cafes are also available nearby.



Mail the section below with your payment

Beginner's Dowsing Seminar Registration Form

I would like to register for the Beginner's Dowsing Seminar on 2/5/10

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____ Mobile: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (bus): _____

Enclosed is my cheque * or Money Order * for \$ _____

Please turn over for further details 

Seminar Location: Hunters Hill Community Centre,
44 Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill, Sydney.

Registration: 9:30am (for 10am start) to 4pm

Cost: \$120 members or \$140 for non-members

Seminar Coordinator: Maxine Simos
contactable on 02 9665 0496 or 0416 037 054

Bus services: To Gladesville Rd, Corner Ryde Road
From City # 506
From Chatswood #536



Please make Cheque* or Money Order* payable to
Dowers Society of NSW Inc

Forward payment with this completed form to:
Maxine Simos,
2/225 Carrington Road,
COOGEE NSW 2034.

Tel: 02 9665 0496 Mob: 0416 037 054

*** PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**

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Energy without Effort

from Clif Sanderson

The miracles of twentieth century science, unwillingly at first, traversed many rocky plateaus, but arrived breathless with new understandings of universal integration, leaving instead the idea of solid matter, replacing it with foggy vistas of a quantum cosmos.

Left behind are mind-sets of steel wheels on steel rails; the belching smokestacks of industry and the lash of the accountant's cat. Even the word 'energy' has been reframed, perhaps to all intents and purposes, abandoned.

Adopted, has been the Chinese 'Qi', with its much broader sense of acknowledging arising changes and its practical applications. Qi is invisible 'life energy'. It centres on the paradox which Master Wang Ji Wu exclaims: "Non-action is the real action. One hundred acts are not as good as one moment of silence."

The Western world, with its tremendous breakthrough in quantum physics, has taken up a sincere fascination with the bio-energetics of Qigong. Techniques such as meditation, progressive relaxation and autogenic training have been found to alter heart rate, blood pressure, brain wave activity (EEG) neurotransmitter profile, peripheral blood volume, skin temperature and muscle control (EMG). Exercise that initiates only minimal to moderate body movement has been found to be effective and beneficial. Moderate body movement that occurs within a context of deep relaxation, for example, is common to both Qigong and Yoga.

Qigong masters say that even after 4000 years of observing Qi healing they don't try to explain why there is a remarkable flow measured during a Qigong session. Whether it is understood or not, more than 200 million people around the world happily do it every morning.



Where Feng Shui (see my previous article) harmonises the *external* environment, consciously adjusting the placement or integration of the landscape, Qigong allows Qi to flow gently to appropriate regions of the body's *internal* environment. Unlike Tai Ji, Karate and other Martial Arts, which originated in the mental approach of defence against an attacker, Qigong teachers continually insist on 'no effort' - mentally, physically or emotionally.

Stress, asthma, cancer, hypertension and immune systems all may benefit from quiet effortless exercise. Athletes, who are careful not to over-exercise also find they enjoy the helpful changes.

My own practice, "*Flying Bird Qigong*" evolved from observing and learning from many Masters throughout Asia and Europe. With a Western mind, I wanted to be able to explain the effects – something seldom done by most Chinese teachers.

For example, we know that there is four times as much lymph fluid in our bodies as blood. The heart obviously pumps the blood, but the lymph, which carries away toxins, can only be assisted by gentle exercises.

When we focus on our breathing and gently hold the breath in (without any effort) there is more oxygen delivered to the lungs; holding the breath out, instead of thinking of getting rid of stale air, we realise that we are feeding the plants who benefit from carbon dioxide.

Dr. Yan Xin writes that doing Qigong "improves micro-circulation of the cerebrum and this cannot be obtained through any other kind of practice. The brain's deeply layered cerebral cells are enriched with blood

by doing Qigong” (Wozniak, Wu & Wang 1991:43).

The beauty of Qigong lies in its simplicity. Learning is easy. Anyone from 18 to 82 finds no difficulty in a few minutes practice every day. Easy movements give so much pleasure - people start their day with a few deep breaths and a moment’s quietness.

Qigong has been proven to lay down the foundation for a strong immune system which leads to a longer and healthier life. Today there is so much stress even in a normal person’s life, that they can benefit immensely from regular Qigong sessions. Medical research has also proved that by doing Qigong, people increase their anti-aging factor.

How can it help people who have chronic illnesses?

When you are in a relaxed and tranquil state, natural processes take place in the body. The main interest arises because people who suffer from such serious debilitating diseases as cancer, stroke, cardiovascular disease, asthma and arthritis frequently demonstrate improvement.

What are the anti-aging benefits?

We could live many years longer than we do - the main reason why we become old is that the oxidation process happens in our organs. Qigong enhances the activity of anti-aging enzyme SOD (superoxide dismutase). SOD is believed to destroy free radicals that cause aging. Easy exercise rejuvenates and revitalizes our major organs and especially increases blood flow to the heart and brain.

How long do I have to do it before noticing the results?

If you have discovered a good teacher you should be able to feel some effects at the first lesson, however we see that it is not the immediate results that are the most lasting. Very often the changes are subtle such as a change to sleep patterns, reduction of stress and calmer relationships.

You can find more about *Flying Bird Qigong* and my DVD, in my web page: www.deep-field-relaxation.com. Remember: No effort: No loss.

What's on This Month

“Angelic Connection Workshop”, by Kayt Raymond, an international speaker with extraordinary stories. April 16th and 18th, come and delight in the company of Angels and Archangels.

Contact 07-5545-3650 gerrytaylorwood@powerup.com.au

'Dowsing for Harmony' weekend certificate course with Alanna Moore
Port Macquarie

May 15th - 16th 2010

A practical, hands-on course with international teacher Alanna Moore

Day One - (10 - 4.30pm) 'Dowsing for Health'

Day Two - (10 - 4.30pm) 'Dowsing Earth Harmony' (see full program on the Workshops pages of the Geomantica website)

Bookings - Maggie ph 02 65812924

or email - earthwomandreaming@bigpond.com.

Geomantica workshops (Alanna Moore's Geomancy and Dowsing and Peter Cowman's Living Architecture etc.) are potentially happening at the following times/places -

Sydney October 2 & 3 - Alanna Moore will be available, but a host is required!

Northern NSW Oct 2 & 3 (Bellingen, Nimbin, The Channon) Peter's workshops are in the pipeline.

Northern NSW Nov 13 - 14 (Bellingen, Nimbin, The Channon) Both Alanna and Peter will be looking to organise events.

The Tablecloth

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October, excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc. and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished. On December 19 a terrible tempest - a driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days.

On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 20 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home.

On the way he noticed that a local business was having a flea market type sale for charity so he stopped in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory colored, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colors and a Heart embroidered right in the center. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder, hangers, etc., to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.



Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?"

The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the

initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it as the pastor told how he had just gotten the Tablecloth. The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her the next week. He was captured, sent to prison and she never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service, the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said that they would return.

One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighbourhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered

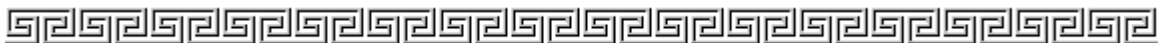
why he wasn't leaving.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison. He never saw his wife or his home again in all the 35 years in between.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

True Story - submitted by Pastor Rob Reid - who says God does not work in mysterious ways!

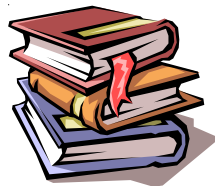
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Quote of the day

*“An inexhaustible good nature is
one of the most precious gifts of heaven,
spreading itself like oil
over the troubled sea of thought,
and keeping the mind smooth and equable
in the roughest weather.”*

Washington Irving



Library News

Marilyn Smith

I would like to thank all the members who purchased books and made our book sale a huge success for the Society (\$237.00 income).

I would also like to thank Lowana Chapman for donating to the Library the book "Theta Healing" by Vianna Stibal.

Our Speaker for February, Martell Spatz, has kindly donated the book "Scalar Waves" by Konstantin Meyl, to the library.

I have also donated "Mysterious Australia" by Rex Gilroy and "The Man Who Invented The Twentieth Century" by Nicola Tesla and "Forgotten Genius of Electricity" by Robert Lomas.

Interesting websites:

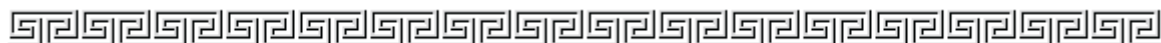
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The Editorial Board wishes to congratulate Marilyn on her being granted Life Membership of the Society, in recognition of her long and continuous contributions to the Library and to the Society as a whole.

Speaker for April 18th, 2010

Suzanne Naseby - Shamanic Pathways

ShamanicPathways: Modern Men and Women walking an Ancient Path. Suzanne Naseby is a psychotherapist with a deep connect to nature and ceremony. She has been running WytchyWays Workshops since 2001 and in that time she has offered many public as well as private rituals, teaching circles and co-facilitated workshops on a wide range of spiritual themes. Suzanne is an artist who draws inspiration and guidance from her life experience as well as her connection to community, nature, art, dance movement and her sense of the Divine.



Shamanism is the original religion. The 'rediscovery' of shamanic practice may be one of the most important spiritual developments of our era. Yeshi and Suzanne have developed ShamanicPathways from their combined years of experience and take great pleasure in guiding others who seek a deeper connection with nature.

In this talk Suzanne Naseby will share her personal practise of incorporating the traditional way of the shaman with creative and intuitive ways of bringing wellbeing, guidance, empowerment and the expansion of consciousness in her life and inspiring others on their own path of the shaman.