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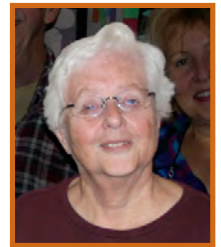
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Opening to the Light

JOY!

AN EXPLOSION OF GOODWILL BY JUNE GUMZ

One of my favorite personal holiday stories happened during the Winter Solstice service. When it came to the candle lighting portion, we were asked to light a candle with a thought about what we wanted to experience in the coming year. My theme was joy. In less than five minutes, Linda Rossi and the chorus were singing the word JOY with great gusto just a few feet from my seat.



June Gumz

It was a case of instant gratification for me, and a joyous experience for the whole congregation. Somehow I felt personally responsible for the explosion of goodwill. I know, I know, Linda and the chorus rehearsed for weeks and probably didn't even realize they were starting my new year off in spectacular fashion, but is that important? I think not; it is the connection I felt in the moment that matters.

Happy New Year everyone!

Music and candle lighting celebrate the return of the light at the Community Winter Solstice Service.



Being examples of Truth*Anette Bolster, RScP**Aarlene Mosher, RScP*

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY BY JUNE GUMZ

ANETTE BOLSTER & AARLENE MOSHER, RScPs

Anette and Aarlene have much in common. Each of them was introduced to Religious Science as adults and the message resonated. As Aarlene put it, "I saw people practicing, living and being examples of Truth that expanded beyond the pulpit, walls and parking lot." Anette says that she began to see how perceptions, beliefs and attitudes shape her life. Both of them were inspired to take classes and become practitioners because of an inner urge to express Truth in their lives.

A love of nature abounds in Aarlene and Anette. Living in the country surrounded by forest, plants, wildlife and their animals is like heaven to them. Breathing fresh air, being aware of the beauty and diversity all around them assists them in feeling grateful and blessed. They are in their right place.

When I asked Aarlene who influenced her the most in her life, Ernest Holmes was right at the top. Some of the practitioners have mentored her and one in particular, Patricia Taylor, taught her "to look beyond the veil of illusions and appearances to fully embody and embrace the reality of Truth that abides in me."

Both Anette and Aarlene have desires/goals that they plan to achieve. Anette wants to "express as a spiritual master in physical form, instantly manifesting anything and everything I desire." Wow! Not to be outdone, Aarlene wants to demonstrate the perfect body, manifest outrageous and lavish abundance and write a globally recognized book or books.

Aarlene believes in honoring Life just as it is: "beautiful, lovely, true and good." Anette knows that life is a precious gift from God and it is meant to be joyful, easy, abundant, loving and peaceful. "Every single one of us has the power to make it so."

And so It is.

~ Calling All Women 18 and Older ~



Portland Center for Spiritual Living Retreat Team warmly invites you to join us for

TEA & TRANSFORMATION
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:30 - 2:30

BE OUR GUEST! Meet Mystic Coach Maggie Cole, RScP and Team for tea, hors d'oeuvres and a taste of what we do at our annual women's retreat.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

Please **SIGN UP** at the Center or call Sharon at 503-668-9806.

*Maggie Cole, RScP*

CELEBRATE
SpiritasWoman 2010



SPIRITUAL LEADER'S MESSAGE

THE CYCLE OF GROWTH

As I'm preparing for our first baby blessing, I'm reminded that even in the midst of winter, new life is to be experienced and enjoyed right now. The intentions and plans we've made for 2010 are even now starting the cycle of growth, success and joy. Don't forget to make an annual appointment with a Practitioner to fine tune your intentions for this New Year.

I've also outlined most of my talks for 2010 and have chosen great books and themes to make 2010 a year of Opening Hearts and Minds. In particular, I'm looking forward to presenting a series on ancient wisdom in March and "Forbidden Ernest Holmes" in September. By popular request, we will also spending a month on Financial Freedom and on Loving Relationships.

We've ended 2009 on a high note. Although we haven't closed the books yet, it's clear that our 2009 financials were in great shape. We also ended the year with an average Sunday attendance of 100 people. It's clear that our Community is growing, thriving and seeing benefits of using Spiritual Principles in our personal lives.

Whether you come to the Center for the music, loving community atmosphere, inspirational talks or just to hang out with friends—I want to thank you for a year of great memories and support. 2010 is poised to be our best year yet and I'm excited to be a part of it with you.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Larry King



Reverends Sharon
and Larry taking
part in the Golden
Bowl ceremony.



*This is the time.
We are the people.
This is the place.*



Stuffed Animals for Portland Police Bureau being "loved up" by Karen, Darlene, Patricia and Suki.



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PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE

BY NANCY ASHLEY, RScP, MA

CLIENT: I am 30 and contemplating going back to school, which might mean returning home. Is it fair to my parents?

PRACTITIONER: Assuming parents are supportive of you going back to school and moving back with them, it is important to consider where your passion lies. Is this something that furthers your life dreams and goals? Are you ready to put your heart and soul into this venture? If so - The Law states that what is deeply felt is what we create. There are no obstacles to achieving all that we set our intentions on. Know the Truth that you are a competent student and that your life is Divinely Ordered. This desire has been planted by Spirit and all that is needed to accomplish this goal is already here, waiting to be acknowledged. Keep your focus on this goal, and you will succeed, with Spirit's help.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

JANUARY

WINTER CLASSES

Mondays, Jan. 18 - March 8

SELF MASTERY by Rev. Sharon Lee Foley
A deeper inward journey opening the door to reveal the wholeness of self and experience the of Oneness in Spirit.

Thursdays, Jan. 21 - March 25

ROOTS by Kate Barrett, RScP
The Roots of Science of Mind run through the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Thomas Troward, and Emma Curtis Hopkins.

PEACE MEDITATION AND SERVICE

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2:00-3:00pm

Join our Practitioners in meditation, music, prayer and spiritual readings to mark the beginning of the 13th annual Gandhi/King Season for Nonviolence.

TEA & TRANSFORMATION

Sunday, Jan. 31, 12:30-2:30pm

Meet Mystic Coach Maggie Cole, RScP and Team for tea, hors d'oeuvres and a taste of our annual women's retreat. Sign up at the Center or call Sharon at 503-668-9806.

FEBRUARY

POTLUCK LUNCH & MOVIE: "BARAKA"

Saturday, Feb. 13, 1-4:00 PM

Hosted by PCSL Practitioners

Part of the Season for Nonviolence, the film is both spiritual and visually stunning, containing images from 24 countries over 6 continents.

MARCH

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sunday, Mar. 14, 12:30-2:00 PM

Everyone is invited. We will be reviewing our progress for the year, including a full financial report by our CPA. Members will also be asked to vote on a proposed slate of new and renewing CORE Council Members.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

DRUMMING CIRCLE, 2nd Fridays

TRANSCENDENCE 12-STEP, Wednesdays

WOW BOOK STUDY, Thursdays

FORWARD FLOW, January - New, sealed art supplies and used art supplies.

All events held at the Center unless otherwise noted. Details at www.pcscl.us/calendar.

ABOUT US

PORTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING is a community of people dedicated to **Opening Hearts** by knowing that the Divine Presence of Good lives in and as every person; **Igniting Minds** by teaching people how to use this Power for Good to create the life they want; and **Making a Difference** in the world by using love to remember that we are One with all of life and with each other. We enrich global consciousness by demonstrating the Wisdom of Spiritual Principles in all our affairs.