



### PCSL'S "OPEN MIND" BOOKSTORE

VIBRANT GATHERING PLACE BY JUNE GUMZ

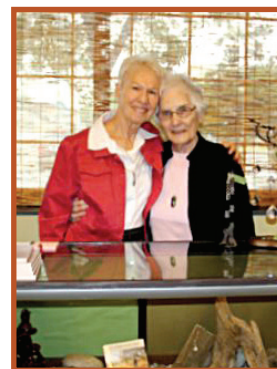
**Anyone walking into our Center** cannot help but be attracted to the bookstore on his/her immediate left. There is a vibrancy in the colors, displays and merchandise that draws people in.

This incarnation of the bookstore resulted from a conversation that Sandra Clark was having about wanting to change the atmosphere there. Fortunately for her, Jillian Rivas-Davila overheard Sandra's concerns and had the skills to make it happen. Jillian is a professional who does work like this for a living. The Art Museum Gift Shop is an example of her work.

Consultations between Sandra Clark, Larry King and Jillian started the process of reinventing the space. Color changes, shelving, displays and reorienting where the sales are made, have made the space seem larger. The types of merchandise are more varied and higher end while maintaining the books necessary for a spiritual and study-gearred congregation.

Sandra Clark has been in charge of the bookstore for years and has upgraded the merchandise consistently while keeping an interesting selection of books on hand. Her team of volunteers take turns each Sunday handling the money from merchandise and book sales, Divine Dining tickets and retreat fees. It is a smooth running operation that benefits our Center. Besides being a business venture, the bookstore is a gathering place where friendships are strengthened and people can congregate while waiting for the musicians to finish rehearsing.

Thanks to Jillian, Sandra, Rev. Larry and some volunteers with paint rollers, we have a bookstore that will serve us for years to come. Check it out next Sunday, if you haven't already.



*Bookstore manager, Sandra Clark, and team member Laura Bradley.*



*Jillian Rivas-Davila in PCSL's revitalized "Open Mind" bookstore.*

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Rev. Larry King

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## SPIRITUAL LEADER'S MESSAGE

### LIGHTING THE PATH TO GROWTH BY REV. LARRY KING

**Summer is coming to a close** and it's fun to see how all my spring plans have come to fruition. Around my house, we've completed deck staining, a new fishpond and a reorganized office. Professionally, I'm putting the finishing touches on a winter class I'll be offering called "The Metaphysical Alfred Hitchcock."

**Fall is a season of milestones.** Many of those intentions we kept alive in our hearts and minds are now ready for harvest. What does this mean, outwardly? Fall is a time to gather-in the loose ends and stray plans. It's time to evaluate, perhaps to curtail, some of the activities that were not productive. For our ventures that were successful, we can plan how to use that success in the future and how to share it with others.

**Fall is also a time for celebrating our accomplishments.** Here at the Center for Spiritual Living, we use the Fall to host our annual stewardship pledge program. It's called "Partners in Prosperity" and its purpose is three-fold:

- **We celebrate our many successes** throughout the year, including our financial condition
- **We thank everyone** for their previous giving and ask for a pledge of support for 2013
- **We provide tools and techniques** for enhancing everyone's relationship to abundance

I hope you are planning to attend our pledge party this year. It's being held on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 PM. We'll have snacks, non-alcoholic "cocktails" and entertainment. It's an opportunity to thank you for your past gifts. It's a chance to indicate how you plan to support the Center next year. It's also a chance to celebrate our accomplishments (think "Youth Church") and enjoy an evening together.

**Please join me at our pledge party as we're "Lighting the Path to Growth."**

All my love and my blessings,  
Rev. Larry

# LIGHTING THE PATH TO GROWTH

**A HARVEST OF ALL GOOD**

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*(child care and children's movie night upstairs)*

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**Partners in Prosperity 2012-2013**

## GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

### SHANA DEVOREH: Wearing many hats BY JUNE GUMZ

One of the reasons I 'do' the newsletter is to get information out about members of our Center who quietly work in the background and make it function properly. I know most of you have seen Shana Devoreh on Sundays but may not know what she actually means to us. Shana has served three terms on the CORE Council, put in the time and study to become a licensed practitioner and has been our bookkeeper for eight years. Other than that...

Shana and her mother were spiritually searching when Shana was in her teens. They settled on the Santa Anita Church of Religious Science. Not all of it registered at the time but it was a beginning. When Shana's mother died, a friend suggested that she find a SOM church in her area and take the classes. In 1999, she did just that. She started at Foundations and went all the way through Practitioner training.

A recurring theme in Shana's life is providing a safe, peaceful and loving home for people and animals. At the present time, four college students share her home in the Parkrose area. One of them has a lovable St. Bernard/golden retriever mix, which fits right in. Shana misses her very large (huge) black labs so the tenant's dog is welcome. This spring the Animal Blessing was held at her home where people and animals mixed comfortably including the St. Bernard and a Chihuahua.

"Bookkeeping Bliss" is the name of the home-based bookkeeping business she is building for retirement. Her idea of retirement and mine are different. Retirement/working, hmmm.

As a CORE Council member, practitioner and bookkeeper Shana is invaluable to our Center. "SOM has helped me discover that our purpose here is LOVE. I've learned to not only love myself, but to love everyone as unconditionally as I can. Daily spiritual practice helps me stay focused on being love, as well as to stay connected with the essence of the Divine Presence within me."

As Shana quietly goes about her business at the Center, let her know you appreciate her selfless service to our community and her support of its activities.



Shana hosted the PCSL Animal Blessing, with help from Dee Hartman.

Shana enjoys the company of her tenant's St. Bernard/golden retriever mix.



Shana Devoreh,  
CORE Council Vice-Chair

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#### DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR STORY TO SHARE?

Our newsletter is evolving. I know that PCSL is abundant with creative folks with ideas and stories to share. Our newsletter seems to be a natural place to try them out. So, if you have something to share send it to [greetingsjg@comcast.net](mailto:greetingsjg@comcast.net). I am excited by the prospect of exposing some of our writers to the Community News audience.

– June Gumz, editor

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## THOUGHTS

### ABUNDANCE SURROUNDS US BY REV. SHARON LEE FOLEY

**It seems fitting** that our annual Pledge drive coincides with fall harvest. For me, autumn is a reminder of the richness of life itself that surrounds us all the time. Sometimes we need that reminder. It seems too often we focus on what we perceive is lacking rather than turning toward all that is available. And much is available. When we began visioning for our Partners in Prosperity campaign, what was immediately apparent is that this is about community. It's about our community thriving, individually and collectively. It is about ownership. We all own PCSL. It does not belong just to Rev. Larry or me or the Core Council or the Practitioners. It belongs to all of us. We thrive as a community as each member thrives. Not just survives, but thrives. We are unlimited possibility – in every area of good that we might possibly imagine. So in this season of harvest, of colors of gold, let us really notice the abundance that surrounds us. Let us breathe deeply that crisp autumn air. Let us set the intention to see richness, lushness, and the abundance of life itself in, through and as everything, including us. We are part of the richness of life. We are an expression of all that is. And PCSL is a reflection of every single one of us.



Rev. Sharon Lee Foley

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## CORE REPORT

### BEYOND OUR FOUR WALLS BY SHANA DEVOREH, CORE VICE-CHAIR

**At the August CORE Council meeting**, our Chair, Mike Watters, announced his resignation. As Vice-Chair, and on behalf of the CORE Council, I would like to thank Mike for all of his leadership and service he has given to our community over the past few years. We will miss his physical presence in our Center and welcome Mike's continuation as a member through his "beyond our four walls" participation (as he explained in the last newsletter). Diane Thomas, CORE member-at-large, has stepped up to fill the Chair position.

The CORE Council has recently focused on the following:

- 1) Insurance Review – All of our insurance policies have been reviewed to ensure the Center has adequate coverage at competitive prices.
- 2) The Divine Dining fun- and fundraiser was extremely successful, adding about \$2,500 to our general fund. There were lots of creative parties hosted and many congregants took part in the fun as well as meeting new friends. Thank you all for your generous participation. (See photos pg.5)
- 3) Equipment upgrade – The Center received a generous donation designated to purchasing new computers for our office, including a new laptop for Rev. Larry. We are in the process of setting up the new computers and converting our data. We have also renegotiated a contract to obtain an upgraded copier and printer at no additional cost. The new copier will fold our programs, which is very appreciated by the volunteers who faithfully prepare the Sunday programs every week.



Diane Thomas, new  
CORE Council Chair

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*CORE Chair transition  
– Mike Watters steps  
down, Diane Thomas  
steps up – many thanks  
to both!*

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## PHOTO GALLERY

### SAMPLING OF DIVINE DINING EVENTS

#### HULA HULA HULA HOSTED BY JUNE GUMZ & JULIE MARTIN



#### PICNIC WITH THE "FRIENDS BAND" HOSTED BY JIM & KATHIE SOLBERG



#### 1950'S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY NANSEA ARQUETTE





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Igniting Minds  
Making a Difference*

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## COMING EVENTS • GET THE LATEST UPDATES ONLINE AT [www.pcsl.us/calendar](http://www.pcsl.us/calendar)

### SEPTEMBER

#### INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CELEBRATION Fri, Sept 21, 7pm – 8pm

Let's all say "Yes to Peace!" with an informational and conversational evening, combining a short video and discussion!

#### FALL SPRUCE-UP/CLEAN-UP Sun, Sept 23, 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Join us after the 2nd Service as we spruce up and clean up our Spiritual Center and it's grounds. Feel free to wear your work clothes to service! Thank you, in advance, for making our home inviting, clean and welcoming!

#### PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY EVENT *Lighting the Path to Growth*

Thu, Sept 27, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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### OCTOBER

#### MEMBERSHIP CLASS Sun, Oct 14 & 21, 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Join Rev. Larry for two afternoons exploring the basics of what we believe, where we fit in and how we serve. Everyone is invited to become a member--there's no cost.

### CSAW 2012 REUNION

Sat, Oct 20, 1pm – 3pm

Reunion – Reflection – Revisiting: Greetings to all our beautiful participants of the Celebrate Spirit as Woman Retreats at Silver Falls. Come together again. Hope to see you all there! Please RSVP to [sharonleefoley@mac.com](mailto:sharonleefoley@mac.com)

### NOVEMBER

#### STARLIGHT TALENT SHOW

Sat, Nov 10, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Our annual Music Program Fundraiser. Yet another spectacular evening of fun, food & light as we celebrate the Stars among us.

#### HARVEST POTLUCK

Sun, Nov 18, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Join us at the Center for our annual sharing of food and thanksgiving.

#### GRATITUDE SERVICE

Wed, Nov 21, 7pm – 8pm

Be a part of our Annual Gratitude Service. Through music & sharing, we celebrate life and its many blessings. Offer gratitude for all of your many gifts this year, as well as set your intentions for "future gratitude" in 2013.

### ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

**BREAKFAST WITH THE MINISTER:** Sat, 9:00am  
To make your reservation or for Info, contact Dee Hartman at 360-831-8033.

**DRUMMING CIRCLE:** 2nd Fri, 7-8:00pm

**PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP:** For information, contact June Gumz at 503-653-7132.

**TRANSCENDENCE 12-STEP:** For information, contact Nancy Ashley at 503-880-0308.

**W.O.W. WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:** Thur, 10:30am

*All events held at the Center unless otherwise noted.*

## GET INVOLVED

### PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**YOUTH CHURCH TEACHERS** – This is a wonderful chance to have fun with kids while teaching Science of Mind principles. There are two groups of children--the younger group is ages 0-6 and the older group from 7-12. We are looking for regular and substitute teachers. If you have a desire to work with either group please contact Angelica Jackson 530-228-3515.

### CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

**YOUTH CHURCH** – Please bring old (or new) Christmas cards for the children to use for a special project, October-December. Cards can be left upstairs, or contact Nansea Arquette, [nansearquette@gmail.com](mailto:nansearquette@gmail.com)

### SHOP FOR PCSL

**SAFEWAY CARD eSCRIP:** Link your card to eScrip and a small portion of each purchase will support PCSL. Sign up at the back table or call the office at 503-261-0677 for more info.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** One Sunday a month, 9 am service. Call Kathy Batten 360-931-0371.

**CLEAN TEAM:** Cleaning and light maintenance for three hours, once a month. Contact Anette Bolster 503-970-4116.

**FORWARD FLOW--12 MONTHS OF GIVING:** For info call Suki McDonough 360-624-5615.

**HEART TO HEART:** Support during an illness, loss or other transition. Contact Rev. Sharon Lee Foley 503-668-9806 or Lexy Dillon 503-663-5817.