

Psychic Horizons

October 2014

Dear Graduate Ministers:

Even though we have been in the midst of a drought in California, the weather has been beautiful! I hope all of you have been able to get out to enjoy and appreciate our magnificent planet to which hopefully we are all grounded. There frequently seems to be a dichotomy somewhere, in this case drought/beauty. The same thing is true in our lives.

Even though Psychic Horizons has been challenged by our rent increase this last two years, we have come through this situation pretty well. In fact, our student population has been increasing and is now generally higher than it has been for many years. The only exception was the summer session when our student population plummeted dramatically, probably because people are doing better financially and spent much of the summer away. There's that dichotomy again! Now we have a new challenge, as we need to catch up financially from the low summer session.

Our other large issue is with our staff. As you know, we have a fabulous group of people teaching the principles of energy work in beginning through graduate level classes. We work together as a team and are very considerate of one another. However, there have been some fairly serious health issues recently, especially among the families of many staff members. All of us are again pulling together to make sure everyone gets through these difficult growth periods. It is important that all of us accept where we are, as well as where everyone else is on their path, and validate our various paths with compassion and love.

PH situation

We've had great classes this year! There's been a lot of enthusiasm among Steps 1, 2 and 3 students, and the Step 3 and Graduate Focus Classes have been great. We've had very positive feedback for the content of classes, and several people have even said that we have extremely gifted teachers. All true! If you would like to make a suggestion as to a topic for a focus class, we are open to that. We would like to know what you would like to learn about.

For the 2013-2014 school year, we rented out the downstairs two days a week to a Waldorf kindergarten. They have been very respectful of our space, and it's been great to have kids in the building. Since September, we've been renting out the space for longer periods of time to the same Waldorf school, this time with a greater number of kids. There is often the smell of baking wafting in, plus lots of kid sounds. This arrangement seems to be working out for both them and us.

We have added two fabulous staff members, Rev. Deb Blackburn and Rev. Margarita del Campo. I'm sure you've seen them around, but if not, please stop by and say hello.

Membership

It is near the end of the year, and thus time to renew your membership. Please send in your \$55 membership fee as soon as possible! If you are up to date, simply send in \$55 or call us with your credit card, or renew online at our website (Public Programs/Church of Natural Grace, click "Membership Dues" on right hand side.) If you owe for more than one year, just email and we will send you your balance.

Your membership is a renewal of your ministerial license, plus protection for your spiritual work. It also keeps you in community on an energy level with other graduates of Psychic Horizons, valuable in itself. Please get your renewals in promptly. If you don't get our emails, we don't have your email address -- Please! --send us your email if we don't have it!

Fundraising

Annual dinner, giving & tithing: This year the annual fundraising dinner will be on Saturday, February 21, 2015. You have plenty of time to make arrangements to be here, so we will expect to see your bright and smiling face! We love having those of you who come to the annual dinner, and appreciate those of you who donate but are unable to be here.

Our annual fund raising dinner is the only real fund raiser we usually do, and the money we raise helps to keep us going throughout the entire year. It is very important to our ongoing operations, as running this school and church is an expensive undertaking. We depend on your donations and much appreciate them.

Although you can donate without coming to the dinner, we would prefer that you be here. You will be among the best people on the planet. You can bring friends, partners and spouses, etc. The charge is \$150 per person. Start saving and /or donating now!

Tithing: We are very grateful for those of you who tithe. You are very consistent, which allows us to have a dependable income source. Most churches have regular tithing; many churches ask for tithing pledges at the beginning of the year.

Tithing means giving regularly. It is a way of tapping into the abundant flow of the universe. The natural flow is there, but you need to tap into it, and that is what you do when you tithe. It's like a river that keeps flowing; holding onto your money separates you from that natural flow, like the river getting dammed up. When you give willingly and without expectation, you become a part of the existing natural abundant flow. It creates a source of abundance for all.

Rev. Tom Rippy, the chef for the annual dinner, has a great article on tithing on our website, under Public Programs/Church of Natural Grace/ "The Workings and Benefits of Tithing" at the bottom of the page. The dinner is his way of tithing every year.

You can tithe any amount, even if it's only \$20 per month. We can charge your credit card monthly, or you can use Paypal on the website, or just send in a monthly check. Some people tithe \$20, some \$50, some \$100, some \$200, and everything in-between. Everything helps, and it keeps the energy flowing for all of us.

The Church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your tithes (and all donations) are tax-deductible, as is your donation to the fund-raiser. Other people, particularly near the end of the year, are looking for tax-deductions to help with their taxes. Please ask some of those folks for a donation!

eScrip: You can register with eScrip and we receive a percentage of your credit card purchases from many participating merchants (such as Safeway). Please log on to eScrip.com and click on "sign up". Our Group ID # is 5200117 under Church of Natural Grace.

Web Sites and Social Networking and Events

We are putting more stuff on the web site, such as pictures. You can sign up for classes from there, make payments, pay for memberships, etc. We have been on Yelp for quite some time, so please write a (favorable) review. We will be sending out more emails with spiritual and energy insights, which can also be on the web page.

Our Facebook page is quite active; Rev. Shirley is presiding over our Facebook page. It's a fun page, sometimes some weird stuff. Feel free to contribute.

Monday night and weekend healing clinics are available to you if you would like to read (and clean out pictures). You can come into the school and listen to CDs of any class you've had. You can even use the school as a place to do private readings, just donate 10% of whatever you charge to the school as a tithe. You can rent space here if you do counseling sessions, teach a class on something, do massage, etc. You can even do weddings, receptions, etc here if you would like.

PHH Community and Church

Church services are a great way to meditate and look at the God of Your Heart. There is community at the services, and food, of course. Good eats, plus spiritual growth and healing – what more can you ask? You can run energy for an hour or so, be in communication with your spirituality, and commune with other folks. You can even contribute in some way to the service if you want to. Next services are Nov 9 and Dec 14.

The Graduate Meditation and Healing night is still happening, all grads are welcome. You can create whatever kind of evening you would like, be it meditation or healing exchanges or whatever. Be here Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Off-site events & fairs

We did not participate in the Expo this year, as they have moved to San Mateo and public transportation is not convenient. If you know of a fair that you think would be an appropriate fit for us, let us know.

Thank you to all you who read at the various fairs or healing clinics, including our Monday Night healing clinics and the weekend clinics. I am glad you can continue your reading skills, get your information and participate with us.

Upcoming Stuff

Church Services: The 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:30 pm. Choir practice 4:30 pm. Church services have been full lately – come join us! Nov 9 and Dec 14 (candlelight service).

Annual Tree Trimming: Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 pm. Pizza, music, and fellowship, as well as the tree and that holiday feeling! All invited.

Annual Holiday Party: Saturday, December 13 at 7 pm. Bring eats and drink, plus a gift up to \$20 value for Psychic Santa to exchange. Please label kid gifts for kids. We will have music, food, fun! Bring your friends, partners, kids.

Upcoming Workshops:

How is Your Seniority? Rev. Philippe Jestin, Wed Oct 29, 7:30 pm

Be Present for the Holidays Rev. Tim Michaels, Wed Oct 29, 7:30 pm

Upcoming Courses:

It's All Good! Rev. Judy Tergis, begins Wed Nov 5, 7:30 pm

The Dichotomy of Create & Destroy Rev. Bruce van Horn, begins Wed Nov 5, 7:30 pm

• *Thank you's:*

The entire Psychic Horizons staff, so great. Wow!

Rev. Deb Blackburn

Rev. Margarita del Campo

Rev. Laura Hopper

Rev. Lawrence Nallan

Rev. Judy Tergis

Staff Intern: Rev. Maurizio Bronzetti

Rev. Michelle Comeau

Rev. Shirley Edwards

Rev. Philippe Jestin

Rev. Don Narin

Rev. Bruce van Horn

Rev. Tom Connelly

Rev. Paul Gifford

Rev. Tim Michaels

Rev. Yolanda Simmons

And a very special thank you to all the volunteers who have worked with us this past year:

Lynn Bennett – wine donation for crab dinner

Rev. Deb Blackburn – Free intro marketing, Sunday Streets marketing

Rev. Maurizio Bronzetti – photography, healing clinic controls, etc.

Rev. Don Narin – healing clinic control

Rev. Tom Connelly – great marketing materials, signs and hangings

Rev. Shirley Edwards – graphics, website maintenance, database updates

Rev. Katie King – insurance work

Rev. Manisha Patel – database expertise, many hours updating database

Rev. Tom Rippy – fabulous crab dinner

Rev. Alice Shaw – photography

Gary Smith – plumber extraordinaire and maintenance

Rev. Buck Tergis – plumber and handyman when needed, always there with a smile

Sean Tergis – plumber, on call when needed

• *Referrals:*

We also want to acknowledge all of you who send referrals here. About 75% of our students come from referrals, many of them yours. You are the best advertising!

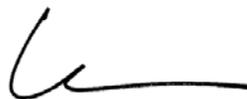
• *Blessing:*

Finally, my blessing to all of you on your path:

Regardless of your past and your past experiences, you are present now and a wonderful and substantive human being. You have an agreement with you as spirit and the God of your Heart to be here, allow yourself to validate your own agreement. May joy and grace be with you.

May all of us acknowledge ourselves, our friends and family, and our God in our lives. We are all growing together in this time and place. May peace, prosperity and happiness be yours.

May Your God Be With You,



Rev. Laura Hopper

Director, Psychic Horizons

President, Church of Natural Grace

