



NSAC News

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Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follows, during the period from April 1 through June 30, 2018:

Licentiate Minister: Deborah Freeman, San Francisco, California; Linda Lauts, Santa Barbara, California

Certified Medium: Jean Mandeville, Willimantic, Connecticut; Rina Salvemini, Hamburg, New York

Commissioned Spiritualist Healer: Judith Schaefer, Derry, New Hampshire

Congratulations to these members for this achievement. They have continued their Spiritualist education and, applied for and been granted certification.

How do we attract new people to our churches and camps?

This question is one of the main concerns for religious organizations. What is needed in today's world to introduce new people into Modern Spiritualism is hard work and dedication. Everything takes time and persistence; if you try something new for

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only a month or two you will not be giving it time or allowing Natural Law to work. In this series of articles, I will present ideas gathered from the many churches I have been visiting. Of course, not every suggestion will work for every church. We all live in different parts of the country with different types of communities and what works for one will not work for all. In saying

that, let me share with you a few ideas that have been successful!

The most consistent and successful idea is using social media. Yes, I mean Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and future social media. In my opinion, every church and camp should have a Facebook page. Not only should they have one, but they should post on their page at least once a week. The most successful Facebook users post daily. You can easily reach hundreds of people who will see your events, classes, and services. This is also a way to help people understand and learn about Modern Spiritualism. Statistics show there are over 2.2 billion monthly active Facebook users as well as 1.45 billion daily active Facebook users. Statistics also show there are 5 new profiles created every second and 16 million local business pages have been created since 2013. Are you one of them? (*Organizations would be counted in this category.*)

The way Social Media works is constantly changing but there are knowledgeable people who can help you. Classes are sometimes offered at a community college, but the easiest way is to look at your own church or camp members. Using Social Media responsibly means we can all share and build the public knowledge of NSAC as well as let people know about our churches and camps.

Check the newsletter next month for part 2 on this subject!

—Stacy Kopchinski, Director
NSAC Department of Missionaries

NSAC Convention 2018 Earlier This Year

Planning is well underway for Convention 2018, being held September 30 through October 5 again at Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport hotel. The hotel now is taking reservations at 414-764-5300. When reserving, mention that you are with the group National Spiritualist Association of Churches, to obtain our group rate of

\$109 per night (*includes breakfast for 2*). The hotel offers free wi-fi and parking. Service dogs are welcome. A free shuttle is available for travel within a 2-mile radius of the hotel, including airport pick-up. Call the hotel to request pick-up from the airport.

Monday workshops, offered by NSAC service clubs include *Pastoral Conflict in the 21 Century*, presented by Bonnie Crosier, OM and Norma Turner, OM, NST; and *Multiculturalism and Modern Spiritualism: Uniting the Worlds*, presented by Jackie Randall, OM, NST; Marrice Coverson, OM, CM, NST; and Charvonne Carlson.

Don't forget your dancing shoes for Monday night's dinner and dance. NSAC Awards are presented during the dinner. Music and, oh yes, dancing follow. We enjoyed ourselves dancing last year and expect to dance the night away again this year too.

Items for the Ways and Means Table, Raffles, and Auctions are coming along nicely. If you are creative or have an item or two you would like to donate, contact Stacy Kopchinski at stacykopchinski@att.net. Monetary donations also are needed and can be sent to NSAC Headquarters. Please include a note that the donation is for Convention.

Information on the Convention will appear in The National Spiritualist Summit, September-October edition, and will appear on the NSAC website by early August. To access the Convention pages, click on News & Conventions in the upper-right corner of the home page. Online registration with payment by credit or debit cards can be made on the website. For registration mail-in with payment, download and use the PDF fill-in Registration Request form. The form also will appear in the TNS magazine for September-October.

An alternative to the Milwaukee airport is flying into Chicago and taking the hourly CoachUSA to the Milwaukee airport. Chicago fares may be

cheaper. <www.coachusaairportexp.com>

New Staff at MPI

Stacy Kopchinski has joined MPI in an administrative role, following retirement of Heather Michaels. She is a Wisconsin native, an alumna of the University of Wisconsin, and director of the NSAC Department of Missionaries. Many met Stacy last year as co-chair of NSAC Convention 2017, a position she holds again for Convention 2018.

Stacy recently was elected pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of West Allis. Her enthusiasm for education of Spiritualist will serve MPI well.

Annual Reports Due August 31

Annual reports from each chartered auxiliary (*church, camp, school, and state association*), including payment of all fees, are due NSAC post-marked no later than August 31. Report forms are included in the monthly mailing for July or may be downloaded from the NSAC website Forms page, www.nsac.org/member-pages.

The full form includes a single statement for notary witnessing of both the president and secretary signing at the same time. If this needs to be done separately, download the file with alternate pages 3 and 4 of the annual report, which provides two notary statements. Alternate pages 3 and 4 are not PDF fill-in enabled.

Gratitude Corner

There may be members in your church or camp who deserve special recognition for their continuing service in helping build and support your auxiliary. Gratitude Corner is a place where they can be introduced and publicly thanked.

To express appreciation to these members in this column, simply contact NSAC Administrator Bobbie Caswell with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

Anthology of Silver Birch, by Silver Birch. What happens after we die, love's supreme power, and "Who is Silver Birch," are just three of the absorbing topics in this book. First published in 1955, the philosophy is just as fresh and vital today.

BKS927, \$17.00

Silver Birch Companion, by Silver Birch. Teachings from Silver Birch covering Death, Power of Spirit, Spirit Life, and how each Soul must grow, transforming as the old gives way to the new. BKS184, \$20.00

Guidance from Silver Birch, by Silver Birch. The treasures of Spirit are far superior to any earthly riches. These are eternal possessions. Learn how to accept them. BKS185, \$15.00

Philosophy of Silver Birch, by Silver Birch. With the realization of these possessions, we can uplift ourselves, sever some of the shackles that bind us to earth and enjoy our unexplored mind and spirit.

BKS331, \$18.00

More Philosophy of Silver Birch, by Silver Birch. Your life should be exhilarating. Cast out fear. We are privileged to live in the sunlight of knowledge. BKS193, \$17.00

NSAC Yearbook 2018. A directory of current ministers and credentialed workers and of auxiliaries. Also has listings for NSAC Healing Center, publication editors, service organizations, and conventions.

BKS011, \$10.00

Order from NSAC Bookstore, PO Box 217, Lily Dale, NY 14752, nsacbookstore@nsac.org, 716-595-2000. Checks and credit cards accepted. If

order total is \$100 or more, prepayment of 50% is required.

Reminders

July 20: Trustee election candidate statements and photos due to Nominating Committee

August 1: *Credential Renewal Application* due to church secretary from Ordained Ministers, National Spiritualist Teachers, and NSAC Missionaries

August 11: Celebration of the birthday of Andrew Jackson Davis

August 12-18: ISF International Spiritualists Week, Stony Point Center, NY

August 12: ISF Biennial General Meeting, Stony Point Center, NY

August 12: Spiritual Science Day

August 31: *Annual Report and Convention Delegate Credential* forms from each auxiliary due at NSAC. Check for earlier due date if member of state association. Reminder: Certificate(s) of Insurance must be attached to the Report.

September 30-October 5: NSAC Convention 2018, Milwaukee

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