



NSAC News

National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Lily Dale, New York

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Nomination for NSAC Awards Closes March 31

March 31 is the deadline for nominations for an NSAC Award. Awards are presented at the Annual Convention in October, in four categories: Teacher Award, Literary Award, Outstanding Achievement Award, and Lifetime Service Award. Nominations must be on NSAC Form 14, Nomination for Award, available on the NSAC website forms page, www.nsac.org/member-pages/forms. Guidelines for submission are on the back of the form.

Nominating Committee Appointed

Appointments to NSAC's Nominating Committee for 2019 have been announced by President Krithades. They include James Ehrhart, Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, California; Alison Bell, First Spiritualist Church of Houston, Houston, Texas; and Ed Finegan, Church of Eternal Life, NSAC, Westville, New Jersey.

Information on NSAC Trustee positions expiring at this year's convention and how to contact the Committee to discuss will be announced soon.

A Note from the Department of Missionaries

We commonly associate the month of February with Love. Our Spiritualist Manual states: "The Law of Love is the creative force of all life." "Love is the foundation of spiritual growth." With the love we all share for the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism, the Department of Missionaries is here to offer encouragement, provide support, and respond to your requests. By now, you should have been contacted by your Missionary. If you haven't, please do not hesitate to contact me (pjollinger@gmail.com, 650-773-6743)

I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the missionaries and church members and auxiliaries who are working together to grow and strengthen their communication. May the love we share for Spiritualism, for one another and for all manifestations of Infinite Intelligence help us continue to grow and move us forward on our spiritual paths.

—*Pamela Bollinger, Director
NSAC Department of Missionaries*

Transitions

Sandra G. Cook

December 23, 1943–January 31, 2019

Sandra G. Cook made her transition to the Spirit Side of Life on January 31, 2019. She is survived by her daughter



Havivah Richards, son Chiam Cook, and her stepbrothers Tom Demas, Chris Demas, and Jim Demas. She was born in Los Angeles, California on December 23, 1943.

She held a Master's in Costume and Set Design and spent time working in theatre and movies. She worked for State of Arizona before obtaining her Ordination in Spiritualism.

She moved to Santa Barbara, California and served as the Pastor at Spiritualist Church of the Comforter for many years before retiring and moving back to Arizona. She truly loved teaching and working with her ministry, she was known in Santa Barbara for her street ministry and was always available to help anyone who needed it. She served as President of the California State Association for two terms. She wanted to make sure that Spiritualism kept moving forward and upward, and impressed that on everyone she was around.

Edward E. Killmer

June 14, 1939–January 27, 2019

Edward E. Killmer passed to spirit on January 27, 2019. He began attend-

ing Church of The Spirit, Chicago, Illinois at the age of thirteen and was active for the years he lived in Illinois. After moving to southern California



and later to northern California, he continued attending NSAC churches. He was a founding member of Circle of Love Spiritualist Community in Auburn, California and

served as their Treasurer. He served on the California State Spiritualist Association Board of Directors, both as Trustee and as President. He brought comfort to many people through his trance mediumship. Attendees at NSAC conventions remember his friendliness and humor.

Ed is survived by his wife of 53 years, June Killmer, son Don and wife Lynn, son Dave and his wife Karen, four grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Celebration of his Life will be held in Roseville, California on February 23, 2019 with the religious service conducted by the Rev. James Ehrhart, followed by the Masonic Service and Military Honors.

Memorial donations may be made to the Morris Pratt Institute or the Shriners Hospitals for Children—Northern California.

Carol Gasber

Carol (Vierbuchen) Gasber, age 76, of Lily Dale, New York passed peacefully January 30, 2019 at Buffalo General Medical Center. She was born in Oakton, Virginia to the late Carl and Olive (Braddy) Vierbuchen. She lived in Vienna, Virginia until moving to Lily Dale in 1996. Carol was a member and past board member of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church and Lily Dale Assembly.

She is survived by her children: Winona (John) Kirk of Vancouver, British Columbia; Adina (Bernie) Dahlin of Edina, Minnesota; Tamara (Ryan) King of Bixby, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Carol is predeceased by her husband, Alvin Gasber; grandson, Shawn DeLaVergne; and siblings Richard Vierbuchen, Bettylee Craig, Linda Hannah, and Patricia Vierbuchen.

Gratitude Corner

The Spiritualist Desert Church has recognized the following with its Lifetime Spiritualist Award: The Rev. Vicky Homann and Alice Robertson

Are there 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 Amanda Kalfas with details at 716-595-2000 or nsacadmin@nsac.org.

Reminder

Past Due (January 31): Renewals of Credentials for LM, CM, and CH due at NSAC. (*OM holding CM and CH are exempt from this filing*) (*file with church secretary; payable to church; church secretary forwards as group to NSAC Headquarters*)

March 2: Mail IRS forms 1096 to IRS and W-3 to Social Security Administration

March 25: Gratitude Day (*See NSAC Bylaws Article XVI, Section 4 for details*)

March 31: Observance of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism

March 31: NSAC Awards Nominations due

September 29–October 4: NSAC Convention 2019, Milwaukee

Bookstore News

Featured this month . . .

God Made Easy, by Patrice Karst. In this small, user-friendly guide to recognizing God in all things, Ms Karst encourages us to never forget that we are loved and that there is no place that God's love is not. We are reminded that God has always been easy—we are the problem.

BKS 854, \$7.00

Celebrating Modern Spiritualism

Special offer through March 31

This 2-book package:
\$50 (*includes shipping*)

NSAC Religious Services. This new, 257-page comprehensive publication is a tool (*not only for ministers*) for every Spiritualist that can help plant spiritual seeds. It is both a guide and provides explanations, detailing regular, Anniversary, Holiday, Patriotic, Life, Funeral and Memorial, among other religious services. Also includes hands-on Spiritualist Healing and how it can be most effective. More than a how-to book, one can find extensive resources: prayers for all occasions; Spiritualist Ceremonials; Platform Decorum, helpful hints for preparing to serve our church platforms; concluding with 37 pages of historic Spiritualist-inspired poetry. Should be on every Spiritualist bookshelf.

BKS1000, \$30.00

NSAC Spiritualist Manual, 20th Edition, 2017. Revised and expanded, including a 22-page Spiritualist Glossary. 315 pages.

BKS 010, \$25.00

An Anthology of Inner Peace, by Charles Jessel. This volume includes 365 quotations which deal with relieving tension and stress which are offered by poets, philosophers, saints, and discarnate teachers. They postulate the need for inner silence and a concentration on the love of God.

BKS 312, \$14.50

The Spirits of Lily Dale, Ron Nagy. This revised edition walks the reader through the "hey days" of Spiritualism in Lily Dale. It is complete with a year-to-year timeline to take the reader from the Fox Sisters to the building of our beloved Healing Temple. Well written and researched by the author, who is also the Lily Dale Historian.

BKS 718, \$20.00

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.

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