



NSAC News

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Letter from the President

As we enter the third month of quarantine with the COVID-19 virus, and I pray that you and yours are safe at home. I have learned of the transition of friends and relatives of NSAC members. The news saddens me deeply and I extend my most sincere condolences to all those who have suffered losses.

The spring board via Zoom took place on April 27, and we were able to handle a number of administrative matters. With the curve flattening, I look forward to the "spring" board commencing July 27.

I want to extend my thanks to all the "techies" in the NSAC who have assisted in our Zoom church services. I truly enjoy visiting many Sunday services, and seeing friendly faces. Who would have thought you could spend all day in church!

One of the things this pandemic has shown is that the NSAC is unable to contact its members instantly via an "e blast". I recognize that there are privacy and security matters to be considered. However, we would like to be able to reach each of you if needed between Newsletters. Therefore, I am asking you to help me create an "e blast" list. It will never be shared or sold, nor will your email be disclosed to any other member as we will use the "bcc" method of listing addresses. If you would like to be included on this "e blast" list, please send your email address and church name to my email address: ckckck@verizon.net.

On May 2, I was privileged to join 15 Spiritualist leaders from around the world in a one-hour healing prayer service entitled *One World, One Voice, One Prayer*, organized by the Reverend Janet Nahavec through the World Congress of Spiritualists. If you would like to view it, go to www.wcos.org/one-world-one-voice-one-prayer-service

In closing I ask that you continue to say the Spiritualist Healing Prayer each day and pray that each of you will

remain safe and well. I share with you this poem written by Kitty O'Meara in case you have not seen it.

And people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, meaningless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live, and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

With blessings and love,
Christine Krithades, J.D., OM, CH
President

From the Secretary

Due to COVID-19 our staff has been on furlong and hope can return soon. I continue to keep the office open.

The bookkeeper and I are continually working on the accounting books to clean up errors.

Philipps & Brooks CPA's have completed the audit, and a copy has been given to each board member for their review, and a copy will be given to each delegate at the 2020 Convention.

If you are willing to assist or donate towards the NSAC Convention 2020 in Phoenix, please complete and return the form enclosed with the monthly mailing. Contact NSAC for information at: nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

Reminders

July 20: NSAC Trustee candidate statement deadline

October 11-16: NSAC Convention 2020, Phoenix

Certifications Issued

Certifications have been granted as follow, during the period from January 1 through March 31, 2020:

Licentiate Minister: Myrna Westgate, Rehoboth, Massachusetts; Frank Kotowski, East Setauket, New York; Kathleen Askidsen, Old Greenwich, Connecticut; Elizabeth Hoy, Old Greenwich, Connecticut; Susan Safko, Old Greenwich, Connecticut.

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

Call for Trustee Candidates

Now is the time to consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee terms expiring in October include Treasurer Jan Watson, Bunny Star, and Havivah Richards. Havivah and Jan have indicated they are available to serve if reelected.

If you feel you have the qualifications and time to commit to service as an NSAC Trustee, be sure to obtain a copy of the Call for Candidates, enclosed in our May mailing to auxiliaries or available on the NSAC website Forms page, nsac.org/memberpages/documents. It contains procedures and guidelines for preparation of your candidate statement.

If you have not requested the password for member pages, it may be requested by email to nsacinfo@nsac.org. Your request must include both the member name and name of church.

A *Candidates for Election* document will be mailed to auxiliaries approximately six weeks before the Annual Convention. Candidate statements with photos will help everyone identify candidates and know more about them prior to the election at the Convention.

The deadline for receipt of candidate statements and photos is Friday, July 17, 2020.

TNS Announcement

The May/June issue of the *National Spiritualist Summit* will be delayed because of COVID-19. Nonessential businesses in New York have been closed for weeks and there is no ideal projected date on when they will all be opening. It will be done on a regional basis, with those regions most affected ("hot spots") opening the last. Please be patient.

Frank Kotowski
Editor, TNS

From the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association of Churches

A Time for Gratitude

As President of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association of Churches I have been reviewing all the information coming from the different churches in the state of Connecticut. I am grateful for all six in this small state of ours. My gratitude is extended to The Church of Infinite Intelligence, in Newington, The Church of Peace and Light in Mystic, The Albertson Memorial Spiritualist Church in Greenwich, The National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, The New London Spiritualist Church, and The Ladies Aide Society at Pine Grove in Niantic.

The Church of Peace and Light offers Zoom services every Sunday at 10:30. All Churches are making plans to reopen at the proper time. The New London Spiritualist Church posts on their website a quote from a Shaker hymn, "count your blessings, name them one by one." Then I read, "Gratitude goes a long way to healing our hearts."

The persons servon all the boards, are working hard to maintain their buildings and grounds and am grateful for Spirit for allowing me to work so closely with them. I am grateful for every congregant. I am grateful for knowing what we know. It is a blessing to know, "We Never Walk Alone," Alexander Ferency. May we all take time to remember what we are most grateful.

Spiritually Yours,
Susan Ferency
President Connecticut State
Spiritualist Association of Churches

Committee Assignments

The 2020 committees are as follows:

Auxiliary: Bonnie Darby

Budget & Finance: Mark Schoen, Chair; Richard Newburg, Valerie Miller

Bylaws: Steve Vogel, Chair; Joe Owen, Marguerite Gutt

Conflict Resolution: Steve Quintiliani; Chris Garrison

Convention Site: Bonnie Crosier, Chair; Liana Liles, Havivah Richards

Credentials: TBA

Education: June Kilmer, Chair; Bunny Starr

Endowments/Grants: Rosemary Calderalo, Chair; Maurice Coverson

Ethics Code Review: Patricia Horne, Chair; Marcia Hyatt, Elaine Hager

Healing Center: Laura Hanson

Hydesville Project: Cosie Allen, JoAnn Santonocio, Co-Chairs

Long-Range Planning: Steve Vogel, Chair; Rosemary Calderalo, Charvonne Carlson, Bonnie Darby, Patricia Horne, Jackie Reeves, Alice Robertson, Norma Turner

Lyceum: Havivah Richards, Chair; Stacy Kopchinski

Missionaries: Pam Bollinger, Chair; Missionaries TBA at spring board meeting. 2018-19 are still in place.

Music: Paul Cook, Chair; JoAnn Santonocio, Sue Garrison-Terri

Nominating: Valerie Miller, Chair; Patricia Horne, Butch Tull

NSAC News Proofreader: JoAnn Santonocio, Christine Krithades

Phenomenal Evidence: Frank Kotowski, Chair; Sue Garrison-Terri, Lisa Butler

Procedures: Valerie Miller, Chair; Lelia Cutler

Resolutions: Deirdre O'Hara

Science Research: Frank Kotowski, Chair; Sue Garrison-Terri, Lisa Butler

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TNS Proofreaders: Havivah Richards, Valerie Miller

Gratitude Corner

Since the church has a temporary closure due to COVID-19, the following members met in groups of three while maintaining appropriate social distancing in March. The members of the First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic would like to thank the following individuals for spring cleaning the church.

Co-Pastor Sandy Bulson and church secretary Sheryl SanFilippo for scrubbing chairs, picture frames, furniture, and anything else in sight. Jean Mandeville for bringing her rug cleaner and shampooing the rugs on both floors of the church. Sandy Labrecque, Sandy Bulson and Jean Mandeville for cleaning, organizing, and categorizing books in the church library.

The church looks sparkling clean and will be a welcome sight when we get to return to it.

Thank you to all the NSAC Auxiliaries holding online services during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please check out our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NationalSpiritualistAssociationofChurches/> page for a listing of services and time. Sit in a church services from the East to the West Coast.

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 with details at: nsacsecretary@nsac.org or 716-595-2000.

Dates in Spiritualism

May 2, 1823-1889: Birthday—Emma Hardinge Britten (Greatest Woman Propogandist of Spiritualism and "The Silver-Tongued Lecturer").

May 3, 1959: Transition—Mildred Stow.

May 8, 1893: Transition—Margaretta Fox Kane, Modern Spiritualism.

May 11, 1883: Event—Elizabeth Courtney; youngest person ordained by NSAC

May 16, 1883-1964: Birthday—Arthur J. Findlay (Institute for Psychological Research).

May 22, 1859-1930: Birthday—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (The History of Spiritualism).

May 27, 1953: Event—NSA of USA changed to National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Spiritual Healing Requests

Spirit healings result from law-governed forces being put into operation following the sending forth of a thought directive (prayer). Spirit guides and doctors will diagnose the trouble and its cause, attention being directed to overcoming the cause, and then removing the symptoms.

Please set time aside each day to send healing thoughts for each of those listed below, that they may receive from Spirit that which is for their highest and best needs.

Your healing prayers are needed and benefit others in ways we may never know.

Prayer for Spiritual Healing

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty, and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore

them to perfect health. I put my trust and love in the power of God.

Carol W.
Cassidy L.
Danielle C.
Deedee B.
Edward D.
Faye E.
Gabise S.
Nancy C.
Nicole B.
ReAnna Z. and family
Sona S.
Tendai M.
Violet M.

To request Spiritual Healing

In order to respect personal privacy, you first must obtain permission from the person, or from their caretaker, to be placed on the Spiritual Healing list. Then notify the Spiritual Healing Center. Spiritual healing is directed to a specific individual. To list more than one individual from a household or group, submit first name and the initial of the last name of each person. Names will be listed for two months unless removal sooner is requested. Names may be resubmitted if need continues.

Spiritual Healing Center
nsachealing@nsac.org

NSAC Bookstore News

The NSAC has updated and revised the Bookstore Catalog. Each auxiliary has been sent a copy, and if you request, a copy will be sent free with

your first book order. Please contact nsacbookstore@nsac.org for more information.

This month's coupon \$10 off any trumpet and a FREE illumination band (May 15-June 15). Our trumpets are made of tin, handcrafted in the USA by a Father/daughter team of first- and second-generation trumpet makers.



Small Trumpet: 30", 3-piece trumpet
BKS1903, \$50

Large Trumpet: 40", 4-piece trumpet
BKS1904, \$75

Illumination Bands: small and large:
BKS1906, 1907 \$5

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