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**THE PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARY
A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER**



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2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D 760-745-2724
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February

Notice

Annual Meeting

Friday, January 25

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Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays

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What's New.....

Rain. It's been raining off and on for about a week. There was a good turn out for the January 1st collage event. Some very artistic folks stopped by to create their vision for the Library in this new year. The days and nights have been cloudy, cold, windy, and beautiful. Yes, I said beautiful. It does not have to be picture postcard perfect to see in any weather the beauty laid out before you. The weather simply is. And in that one can see in the constant changing nature of, well, nature. I think as humans, our connection to nature runs far deeper than many realize. Technological societies have not been around for that long. Of course I am not advocating any specific belief system, but just as an example, Pagan beliefs of a Oneness with all of Man and Nature date back thousands of years. There is, undeniably, a link with our planet. A Oneness between people and nature, people and animals and each other. In nature, there is no "bad" weather.

When a couple limbs are torn off a tree in the Santa Ana winds - that tree is getting pruned by Mother Nature. That happens a lot where my wife and I live in Valley Center. One year in January we lost 11 trees to the wind in three days, several of them large, beautiful, healthy Oaks. As I am our chief, and only, groundskeeper, you can imagine it took a few months to get them all cleared. I witnessed true beauty in the time it took to get those broken boughs cleared. The wind took leaves and piled them high around the fallen trees and branches, creating what looked like drifts of snow. After a normal winter drizzle, the ground dried out, but not under those leaves. The ground stayed damp and the bottom layer of leaves began to rot. On sunny days, the piles were warmed and stayed warm through the night like an incubator. Within a couple of months, everywhere I hadn't cleaned up the trees and fallen limbs – baby Oak trees started sprouting. The Acorns had been hidden from predators and growing conditions were perfect. Warm, moist compost and shelter--all provided by the fallen parent tree. Soon after, birds starting digging about for insects and worms. Rabbits took residence in the natural shelters and native plants began to shoot up where they hadn't in years. What people would label as damage was in reality Nature creating in the circle of life.

The Philosophical Library is located next door to St. Clare's Home at 2411 E. Valley Pkwy. Our driveway is right next to the Amvets resale shop. The Philosophical Library is a non-profit organization. The Library is run by dedicated volunteers and has been a community asset in Escondido since 1964. With over 10,000 books, audio, video and reference materials it is the largest privately owned lending library open to the public in Southern California. Our selections cover an extremely wide range of spiritual topics – from Astrology to Zoroasterism - and everything in between! We have classes, seminars, and special events scheduled everyday. Come visit with us and relax with a book for a while. There's a new Gift Shop with a selection of gems and crystals, gifts, new and used books, and incense. The Philosophical Library and gift shop are open from 1pm to 5pm Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 pm Saturdays. Visit us on line at www.philosophicallibrary.org.

Our mission at The Philosophical Library is to create a conscious community by providing unique resources for those seeking meaning through diverse paths of wisdom.

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- Waddy Wells.....President
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- Ed Kohout, Judy Laguna, Kathy Jacobs, Keith Smith, Ron Porter

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Readings with Joan Lascola

Joan Lascola, M.A., Spiritual Healer, Counselor, Teacher, Writer and Reader is available for readings. She has 17 years of medium experience and uses tarot cards and a pendulum to access spirit. Contact her at (951) 698-9736, (760)739-9189 or (520) 360-9994.

Astrology Readings by Ed

Ed is available for astrology readings. You can contact him at (760) 644-5461.

Kaballah Readings

Thursdays, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Leslie Saunders will be at the Library on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Leslie does Kaballah readings utilizing Hebrew cards.

Newsletter Submissions and Scheduling

In order to serve our members, giving enough prior advance notice for events, classes, etc. we **MUST** have the newsletter ready to be mailed early enough in the month. This means that items for the newsletter need to be submitted by the 8th of the preceding month, allowing for creating, proofreading, revisions, printing, processing, etc. For booking new events, check with Gwyn Henry (760) 233-0848 or choctaw44@cox.net as to availability of dates. Once your date and time has been established, you need to write a description of the event (75 words or less). This “blurb” should be kept to a reasonable length (see current items) and include a contact person and number and/or e-mail address for further information. You should also indicate whether you will be charging a fee or it will be on a donation basis to the Library. Send these blurbs to Gwyn AND Jan at janieb@cox.net.

A meeting room is available for those looking for a facility to hold a class, workshop, speaker, etc. Room fee is \$15 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. Contact Gwyn at (760) 233-0848 or choctaw44@cox.net.

It’s been four years since those trees went down and I left a few trees after seeing this magic. One of the huge Oaks uprooted and lying on its side has continued to live, and grow. The other trees left unfettered by a chainsaw’s bite have a healthy crop of native Sycamores and small Oaks standing from a few inches to tall young saplings of a few feet spread about like chicks around a mother hen. There never was any damage, only change. It is possible for people to view their daily lives as simply a series of changes. At the core of every human being is the desire for harmony with life. Acceptance of life not as challenging confrontations that have to be won and overcome, but as a series of changes to be worked with. None of those self imposed stresses like trying to meet some imagined “perfect standard”, of getting things “just right”.

Seeing the world without the judgments of damage and without the “you’re wrong and I’m right’s”. Those kinds of stresses are so unnecessary, and are based in fear. Ask a person what they think is the most destructive force on Earth and most would answer the atomic bomb, but it’s not. The most destructive force is fear. Fear within ourselves that we are not aware of. Just doing the best a person can do regardless of outcome would be one more step towards living without fear. What nature presented to me with those fallen trees was this: Unstoppable will do the best under duress in changing circumstances; and continue on regardless of outcome. Nature--living life without fear. Doing the best possible.

In this last year I have come to consider the Library as a kind of living being, made that way through the volunteers. It has persevered through tough times and flourished in good times. It seems like something new is sprouting up all the time. Always changing, and yet always the same. A place to meet friends, check out a book, attend a group event, and always - have a good time. A great place to find we are all intricately connected with Nature and with each other, in rain or shine. Please stop by the Library during February and take a look at those beautiful collages. Special thanks to Genny for organizing this annual event. Everyone who participated had such a wonderful time starting the New Year with creative energies. And - Please consider adding your special energies to the Library through volunteering this year.

Blessings ~ Ron

February Activities

For certain events, limited space is available. Phone 760-745-2724 to reserve a seat.

Monday Events

Women of Wisdom Circle

Monday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.

(2nd Monday of each month)

Please join us for the *monthly* meeting of the Women of Wisdom (WOW) empowerment circle. We gather to create a sacred space for women to experience love, support, personal growth and spiritual enlightenment. Open discussion this month....spirit will lead the way! Contribution to the library \$5. Jan Burke: (760) 579-2466 or e-mail: janieb@cox.net

CAPSTONE: Writer's Critique

Monday, February 4 and February 18, 7-9:00 p.m.

(1st and 3rd Mondays of each month)

Whip those old memoirs out of the closet, dust off that idea you had for a novel, or set down those metaphysical ideas you'd like to share with the world. Any project written in prose is welcome. Maybe you'll be the next to top the best seller list, but if not, you can honor your work by compiling it into a form to share with colleagues, family and friends. Whatever your objective is, publishing or sharing, the mission of CAPSTONE is to help you achieve COMPLETION of your project, for without completion, none of these ends can happen. Bring your project and join us for gentle critique, sharing of information and mutual encouragement. Fee \$30 Contact: Gwyn Henry 760-233-0848. \$30 per month.



We are in need of a free-standing canopy for our garden area outside the Library. It must be 9' wide (no larger) and 12' in length or more. PLEASE call us if you have one to donate!

Sunday Events

The Open Door"—A Spiritual Adventure

All Sundays, 11 a.m.

Psychic, Medium, Psychometrist, Spiritualist, and Police Consultant Reverend Rosemarie A. Kerr will be offering "The Open Door: A Spiritual Adventure". She can be reached in person at 760-746-0545, and can be e-mailed at therevseven@aol.com.

Please note that the Library does not ascribe to any of the material presented in the activities hosted. It is our purpose to offer a forum for the presentation of a wide variety of philosophical, spiritual, religious, and secular beliefs without endorsing those beliefs

Paths

We are proud to present a selection from "Paths: Notes from the Spiritual Journey". Paths, an anthology in Poetry, Prose, and Visual Art was published in April 2007 by the Philosophical Library and was edited by our own Gwyn Henry. The limited first editions of Paths can be purchased at the Library for \$12. This month's selection is an excerpt from the poem "The Artistry of Mending". By Fred Longworth

First, resist the urge to sew the wound before it has been cleaned.

Second, trim away dead tissue.

Mourn, if necessary.

Gangrene will spread, a scar will not.....

The St. Germain Press has donated new copies of the "I Am" series books. Also, the Library has purchased several DVDs of Adyashanti's teaching and his book "Emptiness Dancing." Come on in and check these out!

More Saturday Events

Relation Shift—Love and Sexuality on the New Earth An interactive workshop for individuals and couples Saturday, February 9, 4-10:00 p.m.

The material used in this seminar has yet to be published anywhere. It is part of a forthcoming book called the Age of Empowerment by Steve Rother who channels “The Group” (see www.Lightworker.com Overlight 5). The Group has often talked about the changes coming to our planet to make space for empowered humans. That means rethinking all of the relationships in our lives. Yet, how will that change our love relationships and how will that change the dynamics of all relationships? Those are the questions answered in the interactive workshop. You will learn, as The Group says: **“There is only one relationship: you with you. When you get that one right you can attract all the other relationships you choose.”** Facilitated by Celeste Kelley, call her to reserve your space – space is limited. 760-294-4526

DAY TRIPPIN’!

A Tour of Your Inner Worlds Via the Written Word Saturday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. (4th Saturday of each month)

Pack your baggage and bring it all along, as this workshop takes you day tripping through your inner landscapes in search of creative gems that lurk therein. How? By forgetting grammar, spelling, all the rules-- and learning to give voice and freedom to your creative psyche through the flow of words onto paper. Self-discovery, connection to muse energies, exploration of memory, maybe even channeling Shakespeare...all wait for you in this very cool monthly writing experience. You don't have to be a “writer” to enjoy this-- it's designed for novice to advanced levels, and everything in between. Bring writing materials and your sense of adventure. Leave inhibitions at home. Contact award-winning fiction writer and teacher, Gwyn Henry 760-233-0848.

Tuesday Events

Yoga of Dreams with Jayashree Blench All Tuesdays this month 7-9:00 p.m.

Dreams hold our deepest secrets, longings and fears. They are the threshold to our inner life and personality. Dream Yoga provides a path to freedom from the world of cause and effect by liberating us from relative conditions. Come and learn about the three kinds of dreams and how they can lead you to a life of peace, freedom and joy. Jayashree was raised in the Indian Hindu tradition and has studied both Buddhism and Christianity. She will be conducting workshops in dream yoga based on these ancient teachings. Participants will work on the causes of dreams rather than the content of the dream. For more information, phone Jayashree at (760)751-3088 or (760)489-8319. Donation requested for the Library.

La Entrada de la Luz All Tuesdays 7-9:00 p.m.

Founded in 2003, “La Entrada” defines itself as a spiritualist society which promotes world peace, environmentalism, and spirit guidance. Our meetings are open to everyone. Each meeting includes a get-acquainted conversation time, a new topic and speaker, refreshments, and a message circle. A donation is taken to benefit the Library. For more information, call Rev. Leslie Saunders at (760) 214-5681.

eScrip

As you know, the Philosophical Library depends entirely on donations and membership to keep our doors open. Please take this time to help support the Philosophical Library by joining eScrip, is a fast and easy way to support the Philosophical Library. By registering your Vonsclub card, ATM card, and/or credit cards with eScrip, the Philosophical Library will receive up to 4% of the purchase amount in donations. **There is no extra added cost to you.** The donation comes out of your total purchase price, **not** an additional amount added to your bill. Just go to www.escrip.com to register your card or cards under our account name or group number. We are registered as The Philosophical & Religious Library but it is easier to find us through our Group ID number which is **150540844**. This act of kindness will add greatly to support the Library. Thank you in advance if you choose to join eScrip!

Wednesday Events

Treasure Mapping

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Would you like to Super Charge Your Year? Visualizing your goals for greater achievement. TREASURE MAPPING is a powerful and important technique for motivating yourself and building the self-confidence needed to achieve your goals. It can be the icing for you on the visualization cake! Come join me for a magical evening of creating what you want for yourself this year! All materials provided. A love donation of \$10 is recommended. This is great for teens and families as well as individuals. Facilitated by Sheri Pacitto, Life and Spiritual Coach

Alexander Speaks

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

(3rd Wednesday of each month)

You are invited to have a 15-minute conversation with Alexander about your questions, beliefs and experiences regarding your Soul's purpose and intent in this lifetime. Discover the spiritual wisdom and the lost teachings of such great philosophers as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Donation to the library \$5. For more information, contact Jim Buchanan (858) 486-8390.

Metaphysical Singles of North County San Diego

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

(4th Wednesday of each month)

Meet like-minded singles who share your interest in Metaphysics. Sexual Energy! Check the Website for latest news. More information and to reserve your space, contact **Celeste at (760) 294-4526**. Or sign up on website: <http://singles.meetup.com/674>

Do you have any questions about the Library, the newsletter, or our website? Please feel free to call any of our volunteer staff at (760) 745-2724



Saturday Events

Joel Goldsmith's "The Infinite Way" Tape Study

All Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

Hear Joel's direct teaching on mysticism, meditation and principals. Learn how to attain conscious union with God. Donations benefit the Library. For more information contact Waddy at (760) 439-2673.

Saturday Evening Film with Richard Dell'Orfano

Saturday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.

(1st Saturday of each month)

On the Waterfront (1954) is a classic, award-winning, controversial film starring Marlon Brando, Karl Malden, and Eva Marie Saint. Directed by Elia Kazan - a part drama and part gangster film. It was nominated for 12 Oscars, and won 8 including Best Picture. It is ranked the 8th Greatest American film of all time by the American Film Institute. The authentic-looking, powerful film is concerned with the problems of trade unionism, corruption and racketeering. It is set on New York's oppressive waterfront docks, where dock workers struggled for work, dignity, and to make ends meet under the control of hard-knuckled, mob-run labor unions that would force them to submit to daily 'shape-ups' by cruel hiring bosses. To add realism, it was filmed over 36 days on-location in Hoboken, New Jersey (in the cargo holds of ships, workers' slum dwellings, the bars, the littered alleys, and on the rooftops). The low-budget film brought a depressing and critical, but much-needed message about society's ills to the forefront, and was hailed by most critics.

Free to all, but a \$5 Donation is suggested to support the Library. Seating is somewhat limited to the first 30 or 40 so arrive early. Refreshments are limited, but freshly popped free popcorn will be available. Lively group discussion follows every film giving everyone rare opportunity to share your interpretations.

Richard Dell'Orfano has been the discussion moderator for three years at the Escondido Public Library. His selection of dramatic films are chosen for their moral dilemma or socially controversial issue, which "... stimulates thought and consideration even after the discussions.." and "...hopefully plants seeds for spiritual growth," as described in a fan letter. It is a privilege to host Richard and his monthly "Saturday Evening Film" .

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