

The Philosophical Library
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THE PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARY
A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE CENTER



THE BEACON OF LIGHT

2091 East Valley Parkway, Suite D 760-745-2724
Escondido, California 92027

June

Picnic in the Park

An old-fashioned potluck picnic!

Sunday, June 15, 1-4 p.m.

*Kit Carson Park, Ray Love Picnic Area
(south of tennis courts)*

Bring your dad, your family, your friends!
Play Bocce Ball—our first annual tournament!
Wear a funny hat or dress up—just for fun!
Hear an update of the Library's future plans!

<u>Bring:</u>	<u>Don't Bring:</u>
Lawn Chair	Pets
Dish to share: veggies, casserole or dessert	Electronic music Alcohol
Guitar, flute	
Your willingness to enjoy!	

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Saturday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays

Web Site:

www.philosophicallibrary.org

E-mail:

info@philosophicallibrary.org

What's New.....

The Philosophical Library – When did it all get started? How are we doing now? Where are we going in the future? Lets start with the basics first.

Our Mission Statement:

To create a conscious Community by providing unique resources for those seeking meaning through diverse paths of wisdom.

In 1963 Stuart Otto, an Escondido resident and lover of spiritual wisdom, had a vision of a haven for truth seekers. He also had a large library of spiritual literature. Viola! The Library was born. Books were donated from across the world – and we continue to receive books today. There are now more than 10,000 books covering the subjects of religion, philosophy, metaphysics, esoteric sciences, psychology, and self improvement. More than 6,000 seekers have become members through these years; hundreds have volunteered their time, care, and money to keep the Library available to our local community. We invite you to consider joining us in spirit, if not in person, to venture forth in fulfilling our unique mission as we move into the 21st century!

How Do We Operate?

The Library is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are elected for a four-year term on a rotating basis. The Library is completely independent. Fundraising comes from donations, rent received, classes and discussion groups, sales from our gift and book shop, membership dues, and grants.

Our monthly newsletter (what you're reading right now!) is sent to about 350 members and friends of the Library by email and postal mail. It contains Library news, poetry, the Monthly Calendar, and a listing of current and on-going activities. Our regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. We are also open for scheduled events daily according to our Monthly Calendar. The Library is completely staffed by volunteers. All are welcome who feel a kinship with the Library and its mission and would like to be a part of a great community.

The Capital Campaign -

The task of moving our 10,000 book Library every few years is enormous, as well as detracting from the purpose of the Library. It takes a huge toll on the Volunteers, our programs, and the scheduled activities. So, after 45 years of paying renting, the Board of Directors voted to initiate a Capital Campaign for the purpose of finding a permanent home! We know that this is a huge undertaking, but it seems that this is the time to move forward. We invite you, our local community, to participate in this endeavor. We *cannot* do without you.

Ways you can help:

- Make phone calls
- Assist with fund-raising events
- Share your ideas and expertise
- Attend fund raising events
- Provide the names of possible donors
- Assist with organizational tasks

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.

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BOARD MEMBERS

- Waddy Wells.....President
- Trudy Lynn..... Vice President
- Laura Bogunovich.....Secretary
- Genny Carr..... Treasurer
- Gwyn Henry..... Program Director
- Ed Kohout, Kathy Jacobs, Dan McMiller, Keith Smith

Newsletter Editor: Jan Burke



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. You can phone for an appointment (760) 214-5681.

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 choc-taw44@cox.net as to availability of dates. Once your date and time has been established, you need to write a description of the event. This “blurb” should be kept to a reasonable length (75 words or less—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.

- Make a substantial donation
- Complete the Capital Campaign form
- Bequeath the Library in your will

This is a new concept and direction for the Philosophical Library. Taking on the responsibility of ownership can be a daunting task. A few people have wondered if it’s a necessary step in future of the Library. Their honesty and frankness has been such a wonderful experience! Honesty isn’t difficult between us friends, is it? The Library has been a fixed asset in Escondido and North County for over 40 years. Now we’re looking for a fixed and permanent home for that asset. The constant presence of the Library is something so many of us have come to take for granted. Again, I’ll be honest here - that is no longer possible. We just can’t take the Library for granted any more. We’ve moved too often in these last few years and its time to settle down! Announcing our intentions with the Membership about the Library’s efforts to raise funds was the first step. Taking a step towards fund raising events is the next. The Library, and its volunteer staff, depend on its Members and program participants. And the Members and participants depend on the Library and the staff.

This is a symbiotic relationship; we truly depend on each other, in many different ways. I enjoy a class offered at the Library from time to time. I check out a book, CD, or video now and then. Friday night discussion group is one of my favorites. Those are just a few of the happenings at the Library. And while I do utilize the facility for those reasons, let’s be honest here, OK? We’re friends, so I’m going to tell it like it is. In all honesty - those are just the excuses I use to keep going back. I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again. It’s the people. It’s the volunteers I’ve worked with, and the friends I’ve made. There’s an intimacy there that isn’t found anywhere else. So many people think of intimacy as some kind of a physical relationship. Now, this may sound a little harsh, and understand this is my opinion: Although a type of intimate state can be experienced that way, it can also be just kind of an emotional bartering of goods and services. True intimacy is honesty. True intimacy is expression without fear. Is there a friend you can tell anything to? Have you ever sat with a friend during lunch without either of you feeling a need to speak - just enjoying their presence? How about sharing your greatest fear? That is sharing your *self*. That is what I call True intimacy. I am fortunate to have friends like that. Some of those friendships were made at the Philosophical Library. It may have started with wanting to borrow a book, but that led to spending time with welcoming, open, and like-minded people.

If you want to meet a few new friends stop by for a cup of coffee, drop by one of these afternoons, maybe attend a class or a meeting. Let us lend a hand with our unique resource for the conscious community. And maybe, as a friend, you can give the Library a hand in some way of finding that new permanent home.

“Philosophical Library” article by Genny Carr

“This is a New Concept” article by Ron Porter

June Activities

Monday Events

CAPSTONE: Writer's Critique

Monday, June 2 and 16, 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 per month Contact: Gwyn Henry 760-233-0848.

Tuesday Events

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.



Room for Rent

Available June 1. Size: 11 x 13
\$375 per month

Contact the Library at: (760)745-2724—if no answer please leave a message

Paths

(\$12 in the Library bookstore)

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 May 2007 by the Philosophical Library and was edited by our own Gwyn Henry.

DILETTANTE ZEN POEM

The real Zen students were sitting in full lotus before dawn

wearing their black robes and rakusu.

I stayed up too late watching TV.

Real Zen students don't have TV's.

Eventually I wake up,

light a candle on the altar,

and kneel on my meditation bench.

A gasoline-powered edger begins its serenade, and a lawnmower joins
in the chorus.

By now the real Zen students are constructing monastery buildings,
working with the dying, or reaching out to the homeless.

I drive to my wrong livelihood job,

where I'm harassed by my wrong livelihood boss.

Real Zen students call this good training.

I call it a pain in the ass.

Real Zen students vow to return to this world of patience for countless
lifetimes to save all beings.

I wonder how I'll get through another day.

I've given up trying to be a real Zen student.

I think I'll become a dilettante instead.

If you'd like to be one too,

we meet at 7:00 most nights in the meditation hall.

by Jon Wesick

This poem appeared in the Thinking Post Anthology of Haiku and Zen poetry in October, 1998, and in the Three Treasures Zen Community News in December, 1996 as well as at their Web site.

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.

Dream Revelation

Sundays this month beginning June 15 (no class 6/1 or 6/8)
2-4:00 p.m.

Join this group on Sunday afternoons to learn more about those hours we spend in sleep. Dreams are indicators of our relationship to the external and internal worlds. By understanding them, we know what needs attention in our lives, and what we need to do about it. Dreams can also be used to better physical and mental health. Besides, dreams are valuable tools for the spiritual path as they open up a whole new approach to meditation practices. Jayashree has studied the interpretative and meditative aspects of dreaming and advises how dreams can be used to enhance spiritual awareness, develop clarity of purpose, and fulfillment of life’s goals. Individual appointments are also available. For more information, phone Jayashree at (760)751-3088 or (760)489-8319. Donation requested for the Library.

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(details on front cover)



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

Wednesday Events

Alexander Speaks

Wednesday, June 18, 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. Library donation \$5. For more information, contact Jim Buchanan (858) 486-8390.

Metaphysical Singles of North County San Diego

Wednesday, June 25, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

(4th Wednesday of each month)

Meet like-minded singles that share your interest in Metaphysics. Join us! \$5 or more for our room rental. Join Dane More information and to reserve your space, **contact Celeste at (760) 294-4526.** Dane at (760) 975-6895 <http://singles.meetup.com/674> Check website or call for details.



We now have a free-standing canopy for our garden area outside the Library and we can be protected from the blazing sun!

But.....

We are still in need of outdoor patio furniture (love seat size would be great as well as chairs). Used, ugly...we’re not picky!!! PLEASE call the library if you have something to donate! You can leave a message if no one is available. Thank you!

Thursday Events

Toning

Thursday June 5 and June 19, 7:00 p.m

Toning is a simple, esoteric vocal tool that affects your entire field – body, mind and emotions. It clears, aligns and balances your energy; and best of all, it feels great! Join us in this group work as we submerge ourselves in a sea of Love! Bring bottled water. Donation to Library requested. Call Genny Carr for more information (760) 743-3849

Treasure Mapping

Thursday, June 5, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Would you like to SuperCharge Your Year? Visualizing your goals for greater achievement, TREASURE MAPPING is a powerful and important technique for motivating yourself and building self-confidence needed to achieve your goals. It can be the icing on your visualization cake! Come join me for a magical evening of creating what you want for yourself! All materials provided. \$10 Love donation recommended. Great for teens and families as well as individuals. Facilitator: Sheri Pacitto, Life and Spiritual Coach. (760) 803-8125

The Enfoldment of Your True Potential

Physically and Spiritually by Dr. Raymond Rickards

Thursday June 12, 7:00–8:30 p.m

This seminar will cover:

- ◆ Four levels of consciousness leading to one's optimum potential
- ◆ The seven Laws of Nature
- ◆ A deep understanding and actualization of the Health/Healing approach as opposed to a Symptom/Disease approach
- ◆ A freshness of heart and an attitude that states, "I can Heal!"

Dr. Rickards is the author of Sick Dad, Healthy Son and The Path to True Health and Fulfillment. His comments:

"My Father was a medical doctor and I was to follow in his footsteps. He practiced what he preached and died at the age of 47. Needless to say, I was derailed at the tender age of 12.

Saturday Evening Film with Richard Dell'Orfano

Saturday, June 7, 6:00 p.m.

(1st Saturday of each month)

BECKET, 1964, 150 min, Best Actor, 12 Noms, 7 wins, R.Burton, P. OToole

Free to all, but a \$5 Library Donation suggested. Seating is somewhat limited to the first 30 or 40 so arrive early to sign in. 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" at the Philosophical Library.

DAY TRIPPIN'!

A Tour of Your Inner Worlds Via the Written Word

Saturday, June 28, 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.

Saturday Events

Vibrational Energy Transmission Every Saturday in June, 9:00 a.m.

Turn off your mind and gently float down-stream....Through the transmission of vibrational energy from teacher to student, experience an awakening of your own personal energy along with the ability to tap into the source of Universal energy. Discover the power within you to attract positive changes in your life.



ARJUNA will be your guide as you practice working with this vibrational energy. You will learn how to activate energy fields in your body and awaken a deeper level of mind-body consciousness. You will experience a quieting of the mind and an awakening within you of the Universal energy that will bring a natural state of peace, love, joy and inner harmony.

You can call Mila at (858) 349-9829 for reservations, but reservations are NOT mandatory....please feel free to drop in any class. (858) 349-9829. Library donations are appreciated.

ARJUNA is a spiritual teacher from Russian Siberia who was given the name ARJUNA at consecration after being mentored by the Master of Masters in Martial Arts and Rajah Yoga for the past sixteen years. The central ideas of Rajah Yoga (Royal Yoga, or the Yoga of Absolute Concentration) are mental control, psychic development and unfolding of latent forces. Realizing his special gifts and high body energy, he was instructed in and guided through further ancient secret rites passed only from mentor to disciple. As a result of his accumulated studies, practices and experience, ARJUNA has the ability to transmit the Universal energy to his students.

He is offering this unique teaching to those who have the desire to receive this vibrational energy. Unlike traditional yoga classes, students will not be performing yoga postures, and there is no special physical conditioning required to attend this class. All are welcome.

It has been my journey to unravel my early entrenched medical thinking and to explore the myriad of alternative health approaches so as to create a master health plan. Just as my father's death was a gift to me, my resultant journey and understanding of true health is my gift to you.

Library donation of \$5 appreciated. For more information, contact (760)745-1511.

Friday Events

Story of Human Language

All Fridays, 2:00 p.m.

Language defines humans as a species, placing us head and shoulders above even the most proficient animal communicators. It also beguiles us with its endless mysteries - How did different languages come to be? How does a language change? How does a language become extinct? Does language determine how we perceive the world? Join us as we explore this important aspect of ourselves - lively discussion follows. Contact Frank at 760-840-8178 for additional information

From Your True Nature

All Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

You realize that behind all of your desires was a single desire: to experience each moment from your true nature.- *Adyashanti*. We are not a "thing" in time. We are the capacity for what is happening. Join us as we share experiences and favorite quips, quotes and quandaries about the timeless-our true identity. Requirements are openness for discovery and aptitude for celebration. Every Friday at 6:00 p.m. For info call the library (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.

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