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Newsletter of the Wellington Lodge of the Theosophical Society

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Greetings Members and Friends,

The second term this year from May-August 2021 is a long one with four months of regular activity. We will be hosting several visiting speakers. Please check out the details on pages 3 and 4.

The Lodge Committee has been working hard to get the various tasks organized after having hosted the Annual Convention in January 2021, of course, with the help of a few of our members.

'If one has courage, nothing can dim the light which shines from within.' -- Maya Angelou



In the last few weeks I have been listening online to Dr Maya Angelou (4 April 1928-28 May 2014) who was an American poet, memoirist, and Civil Rights activist who had worked with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

Dr Maya Angelou mentioned something that is worth pondering on. She said that each of us can be a rainbow in someone else's cloud. Dr Angelou narrated how her grandmother and uncle were instrumental in shaping her as a person and that they were the 'rainbows in her cloud' during her childhood.



Photo taken in April 2017

It reminded me of my maternal grandmother, Mrs Kamalamma, who died last year at the age of 101 during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in India. My grandfather Mr Shampur Gurulingaiah and she were active Theosophists who travelled by buses all over Karnataka presenting on Theosophy in villages and towns. I have met many members who have told me how my grandparents' had made an impact in their lives. My grandmother introduced me to Theosophy and she has been one of the 'rainbows in my cloud'. I invite you to remember your own 'rainbows in the cloud' in your life.

-- Sushma Webber,
Wellington Lodge President

Special Day of the Theosophical Society

TUE, 11 MAY 2021 (7.00-8.00pm)

**WHITE LOTUS DAY and
New Members Welcome**

The Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse
you of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some
false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people
will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is
between you and your God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

[Reportedly inscribed on the wall of Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta, and attributed to her. However, an article in the New York Times has since reported (March 8, 2002) that the original version of this poem was written by Kent M. Keith.]



Welcome to New Member

Andrew Litras (rejoin)

CONNECTING WITH OTHER TS LODGES/CENTRES

A SUMMER SEMINAR AND UNITY WORKSHOP

ORGANIZED BY HAMILTON LODGE
SAT-SUN 27-28 February 2021

THEME: The Pilgrim's Journey



20 members and friends, including members from six other North Island Branches of which two were Governing Board members, attended the weekend event hosted by the Hamilton Lodge. Sushma Webber, Wellington Lodge President was the special guest speaker. The other presentations were by members of Hamilton Lodge:

'The Pilgrim's Path and the Cycles of Life' by Tim Sitwell and Vicki Pennington

'You are the only Thinker in your Mind' -- Sushma Webber facilitated a workshop based on John Algeo's study course. 'The Pilgrim's Path'.

'Sounds and Vibrations for the Path with Sacred Sound' by Maureen McKain, Sound healer

'The Pilgrim's Journey through the Sacred Tarot' by Mike Dunn



Hamilton Lodge has newly renovated and extended their main hall and installed new shelves in the library.



Hamilton Lodge is one of the TS Lodges with their own building, a fantastic library and car park.

EASTER WEEKEND SEMINAR

ORGANIZED BY WAIKATO STUDY CENTRE
SAT-SUN 3-4 April 2021



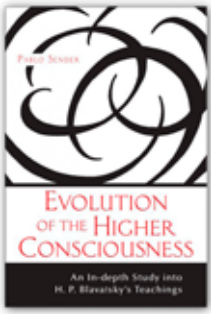
BILL KEIDAN, Vice-President of Wellington Lodge, was the main speaker at the new Waikato Study Centre. Bill gave several presentations and answered questions on Theosophical themes. The attendance varied in number from day to day but averaged around 17 people, some of whom are shown in the photograph taken at the time. Silvia Soto-Bussard, our Branch Librarian also attended this event organized by Carol Collier, Convenor.



L to R: Katarina, Kevin, Glenda, Sushma, Ralf, Simon and Marie Lyold (Dunedin Lodge President)

Sushma and Simon Webber during the Easter break went to visit Simon's father in Bluff. On the way they stopped over in Dunedin and reconnected with members from the Dunedin Lodge. The last time Sushma and Simon had met them was at the Fifth anniversary of the new Dunedin Lodge Building when they had been guest speakers at the event.

Being so far away from the rest of the TS Lodges Dunedin members often find it difficult to travel and attend events in other Branches. Marie Lyold and Jo Barnsdale had attended the Convention in Wellington earlier this year.



MEMBERS' STUDY PROGRAMME (19 June 2021 onwards)

This term we will continue our studies of Pablo Sender's new book '*EVOLUTION OF THE HIGHER CONSCIOUSNESS -- An In-Depth Study into H. P. Blavatsky's Teachings*'.

Members who are interested in joining in this study programme are required to register in advance.

Registration: \$20.00 (includes printed material/workbooks). **(Payment can be made in person or online) Last Date to Register: Tuesday, 30 May 2021**

(Contact - tswlgt@gmail.com/0226268381 (Sushma))

Upcoming Events

WELLINGTON

CENTRAL REGION EVENT

Sat-Sun, 15-16 May 2021 hosted by
WELLINGTON

Theme: '**Geoffrey Hodson: How he Trained his Pupils and Conducted his Superphysical Investigations**'

Director of Studies -- Bill Keidan

Special Guest Speaker -- Murray Stentiford

Starts SAT 15 MAY at 1.00pm --
ends SUN 16 MAY at 1.00pm

Venue: 19 Marion St, Te Aro, Wellington

Registration:

(Last date 4 MAY 2021)

\$25.00 (Members);

\$40.00 (Non-members)

Contact Sushma: 022 626 8381

tswlgt@gmail.com (for full programme)



Murray Stentiford, is a National Speaker, who combines a knowledge of science, music and spirituality with a passion for exploring and sharing things. He will be presenting on:

'Collaboration on Music and Science with Geoffrey Hodson'

Sun, 16 May 2021 - 10.00am-1.00pm

(at the Central Regional Event 15-16 May 2021)



Tim Sitwell and Vicki Pennington, are the President and Secretary of Hamilton Lodge. Both are long-standing members who have served the Theosophical Society in various roles. They will be presenting on:

'The Path through the Mystery of Cycles'

Tue, 18 May 2021 - 7.00-8.30pm

REGIONAL EVENTS

SAT-SUN, 21-22 AUG 2021,

Hosted by Palmerston North Branch

Details to be announced

New Plymouth Regional Event

(Postponed)



John Vorstermans is National President, TSNZ, and has been a student of the ageless wisdom since his early twenties. His focus is on transformative processes that can create dynamic changes in our view of Reality. He will be presenting on:

'Theosophy -- The Ageless Wisdom'

Tue, 1 June 2021 - 7.00-8.00pm

NATIONAL EVENTS

IMMERSION WEEKEND,
AUCKLAND

Dates: Sat-Sun 31 July - 01 August 2021

(Fri, 30 July 2021 Induction Day for new
Committee members only)

For details about National Events - see:

<https://theosophy.nz>



Orest Tarnawsky and Julia Tarnawsky are National Speakers who will be visiting several Branches, also Wellington. Orest has a particular interest in plasma, sound and electricity in their microcosmic and macrocosmic aspects. He will be presenting on:

'Synthesis in Healing'

Tue, 31 August 2021 - 7.00-8.30pm

Visiting Speakers

Wellington Branch of the Theosophical Society

19 Marion Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011

PROGRAMME (MAY-AUG 2021) 7.00-8.00PM TUESDAYS**

Registration per Month: Members:\$10.00; Non-members:\$20.00

(Please Note: TUESDAYS - For Members and the Public; SUNDAYS - Members only)

DATE/DAY	TOPIC	Presenter/s
MAY 2021		
4 MAY, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - What Theosophy Means to Me in My Life	Short Interviews with Members
9 MAY, SUN	2.00-4.00pm - Cleaning Bee + White Lotus Day Meditation	Members Only
11 MAY, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - WHITE LOTUS DAY + New Members Welcome	Readings+June Vallyon
15 MAY, SAT	Central Regional Event	1.00-8.30pm (Potluck dinner)
16 MAY, SUN	(\$25 - Members / \$40 - Guests)	10.00am - 1.00pm
18 MAY, TUE	7.00-8.30pm - The Path through the Mystery of Cycles	Tim Sitwell and Vicki Pennington (Hamilton)
25 MAY, TUE*	7.00-8.00pm - The Secret Life of Sir Francis Bacon	Bill Keidan
JUNE 2021		
Theme: How to Live the Spiritual Life Now!		
1 JUN, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - THEOSOPHY -- The Ageless Wisdom	John Vorstermans, National President
8 JUN, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - FREE Intro Evening - <i>At the Feet of the Master</i>	Sushma Webber
15 JUN, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - VIVEKA – Discerning between the Real and Unreal	David Bruce (Video)
20 JUN, SUN	2.00-4.00pm - INTRO - Evolution of the Higher Consciousness (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) + Cleaning Bee	Sushma Webber
22 JUN, TUE*	7.00-8.00pm - VAIRAGYA – The Uncoloured Mind	Tim Boyd (Video)
29 JUN, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - GOOD CONDUCT – Six Virtues for Daily Living	Pablo Sender (Video)
JULY 2021		
6 JUL, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - 1: Self-Control as to the Mind	Discussion
13 JUL, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - 2: Self -Control in Action	Discussion
18 JUL, SUN	2.00-4.00pm - Theosophical View on Evolution + Cleaning Bee	Sushma Webber
20 JUL, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - 3: Tolerance	Discussion
27 JUL, TUE*	7.00-8.00pm - 4: Cheerfulness	June Vallyon
AUGUST 2021		
3 AUG, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - 5: One Pointedness	Discussion
8 AUG, SUN	2.00-4.00pm - Atman -- The Higher Self + Cleaning Bee	Sushma Webber
10 AUG, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - 6: Confidence	Discussion
17 AUG, TUE*	7.00-8.00pm - LOVE -- or An Intense Desire for Liberation	Esme Ridgeway
24 AUG, TUE	7.00-8.00pm - Guidelines for a Spiritual Life	Pam Stinton
31 AUG, TUE	7.00-8.30pm - Synthesis in Healing	Orest Tarnawsky, National Speaker

* Committee Meeting (5.45pm)
Members are welcome to attend as Observers. Please contact the Secretary a week in advance.

Visit: www.theosophy.nz
Contact: tswlgt@gmail.com (Secretary)

Library Timings (4.00-7.00pm)
Tuesdays only
All are Welcome

**Please note: Changes in the programme might be made without prior Notice, based on the availability of volunteers.