

the self into waters that are very confining and limiting, where the winds of spiritual truth can no longer dictate, as they should, the journey of the soul.

You, know, it is one thing to believe, it is another to know. One can believe in something but it does not necessarily follow that it is correct, that is truth. But to know something, is quite different. For when you know, then to that knowledge you can add belief. It is better to have knowledge and fact and add belief and even faith unto it than to have belief and faith without knowledge."

### Healing @ SSB

Healing is available, by appointment, on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Appointments are available between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm on a first come, first served basis.

#### July Dates:

12<sup>th</sup> July  
26<sup>th</sup> July

#### August Dates:

9<sup>th</sup> July  
23<sup>rd</sup> July

For an appointment, contact MaryAnn Leonard on: 905 332 9934

### Who's On ...

#### August 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Rev. James Kinnear & Peter Hayes  
8<sup>th</sup> Darlene Compton & Jana Hefferman  
15<sup>th</sup> Rev. Shirley McCarnan  
22<sup>nd</sup> David Wilson  
29<sup>th</sup> Rev. Len Spicer

#### September 2010

5<sup>th</sup> Rev. James Kinnear  
12<sup>th</sup> Jana Hefferman  
19<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Molnar & Ben Gleisser  
26<sup>th</sup> David Jones

## Spiritualist Society of Burlington



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Welcome to Spiritualist Society of Burlington's "The Message" Newsletter. The Message is designed to complement our existing e-mail publication "Over the Ether" by allowing us to reach those members of our community who are not connected to the Internet or who may not be computer literate.

### International Mediums Series – A Success!!

The International Mediums Series workshops that were held in July were a complete success and everyone who attended found them to be fulfilling, challenging and a great experience. The evening of mediumship was also a great success and the student night was well attended and showed that we have a number of budding workers who are well on their way to being able to work on the platform.

It was truly a pleasure to have Karen Willis back with us again and look forward to her visiting us again in the future. Her open and loving energy has brought her close to all of us at SSB and she has become a part of our community.

### Have Your Say ...

*The Message* aims to keep everyone informed and perhaps educate in a way that is accessible and easy to understand. So, if you have any ideas as to what you may like to see included, please let us know.

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## Feature Article

### *The Seven Principles Explained - Fatherhood of God*

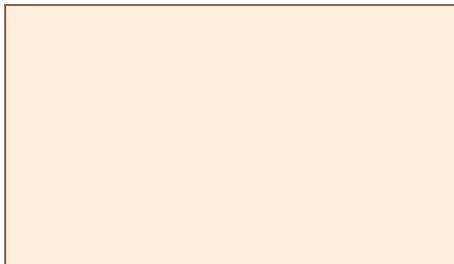
God is conscious of the whole of creation and is eternally aware of its needs. Although God is perfection, He is still expanding His experience through the evolution of His creation.

God cannot be identified in personal terms because He is not an individual, a personal being or deified man with human imperfections, weaknesses and emotions. He is beyond form since this would be a limitation on the expression of the Divine Spirit, but He comes into form and manifests Himself through all of His creations as individualized expressions of the whole. God is neither male nor female, combining both the masculine and feminine principles in one Being, and thus is better thought of Father-Mother God.

Ultimately, there is but one Being that manifests in all forms and aspects of life. God is the highest sense the Father-Mother, Creator of All, with the whole of mankind being part of His family.

The wording of the First Principle is "The Fatherhood of God". The word "father" indicates that man has come from, or has been created by, God and so is seen as a part of God. However, God has created much more than life expressed through man. Whatever exists, wherever it may be, is part of God. God is more than the totality of all the parts. As a writer creates characters within a book, yet still remains capable of writing other characters, so does God encompass all that He has created. He has the ability to create and develop life and is more than the total of that which has been, or ever will be created.

The Creator and the created are indivisible, for there can never be a time when the created can be separated from the Creator. We can never be separated from God. We conceive God in the highest sense as our 'parent', Father and Mother, and ourselves as part of one united family. There is a dependence upon, and interdependence with, God yet man is nevertheless an individualization of God's Spirit. The light of God is within us all, yet burning with different degrees of intensity.



We are all God in embryo, with the capability of reaching any and all our dreams and then surpassing them. The child is the repository of infinite possibility and we are all truly sons and daughters of God.

*Extract from The Philosophy of SNU  
Spiritualism 2007*

## Food for Thought

Reading a book recently about the famous UK medium Albert Best, there was a poem that he was in the habit of giving his friends to help them through difficult time in their lives.

Whether you're having a difficult time or not, the message of the poem is universal, so take it and believe ...

### Believe in Yourself

If you think you are beaten,  
You are:  
If you think you dare not,  
You don't  
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,  
It's almost certain you won't  
If you think you'll lose, you're lost,  
For out in the world we find  
Success begins with  
A fellow's will:  
It's all a state of mind.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man:  
But soon or late  
The man who wins  
Is the one who thinks  
He can!

### Words from Beyond

**White Feather speaks about Knowledge:**

"You know, beliefs are very powerful things. I want to say just a few words concerning this aspect of man's thinking. Because you will find within so many individuals that there is a belief system to which they adhere. So often when one comes into a belief, it is the result of past experiences, actions and events that have shaped and moulded the way in which the mind thinks and behaves. And out of this series of experiences come behaviours and out of behaviours grow beliefs. Now there is nothing wrong with having a belief, indeed one has to believe in one thing or another because without beliefs one is like a ship without a rudder, drifting aimlessly upon the ocean. But the difficulty arises when the belief is so strong that it directs the vessel of