

This month, we remember ...

- Frank Samuels, Grandfather of Frances Hatcher and Anne Lenoir.
- Doris Funnell, aunt extraordinaire to Tony & Norma Pettit, Val Potter & TC Kendall, passed to spirit in 2011, one week after her 98th birthday.

Healing @ SSB

Healing is available, by appointment, on the third Monday of each month (except for holidays). Appointments are available between 6.30 pm & 8.30 pm.

April Date: 16th

May Date: 14th (The 3rd Monday of May is a holiday)

For an appointment, contact MaryAnn Leonard: 905 332 9934

Who's On ...

April 2012

1st Rev. Sandra McFadden
8th Addariah Susan Waugh
15th Carolyn Molnar & Ben Gleisser
22nd Rev. Patti Tomczyk
29th Rev.s Sharon & John Golsby

May 2012

6th Gail Ingwall & Jana Hefferman
13th Rev. Doug Eyre
20th Victor Abbot
27th Rev. James Kinnear

Upcoming Events

- April 4th – *An Evening of Mediumship SOLD OUT*
- April 6th & 7th – *Reaching Further workshop SOLD OUT*
- April 22nd 1:00 p.m. (following service) – *Mediums In Training demonstration*



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The Message

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I have a Question ...

Every so often, members of our congregation ask questions about spiritualism. Just recently, someone asked: *"What's the difference between a psychic and a medium?"*

In North America, the terms "psychic" and "medium" are often used interchangeably, so it tends to add to the confusion that may exist. However, there are distinct differences between the two and it relates to the connection with spirit. A psychic does not typically link with spirit and does not provide evidence of life after death. A psychic reading usually focuses on the individual, exploring their feelings, emotions and what's currently happening in their lives. This information can be "picked-up" from the person being "read" in a number of different ways such as using Tarot cards, palm readings or what is sometimes termed ESP.

A medium, on the other hand, links with spirit and provides evidence of life after death. A reading from a medium usually takes the form of describing people, and events associated with people, who have passed over into the spirit world. The medium discerns the information through a developed connection with the spirit world, usually established through meditation and contemplation.

Mediums can sometimes begin work with a psychic connection and move on to a spirit connection, but a psychic cannot. That is to say: A medium can be a psychic, but a psychic cannot be a medium. To get around the confusion, some mediums use the term "Spiritual Medium" to emphasize the difference in the way they work.

If you have a question relating to Spiritualism that we can answer in The Message, drop us a line at sbmessage@hotmail.com or just ask Peter or Fran next time you see them.

People are where they are because that's exactly where they really want to be ... whether they'll admit that or not.

Earl Nightingale

Spiritualist Society of Burlington

Spheres of the Spirit World – Part 3

In this third part of our series on the spheres in the spirit world, we start to look at the higher spheres of realms.

Third Sphere

There is considerable overlap in the descriptions of the second and third spheres. Some suggest the higher levels of the second are the same as the third. The continuous nature of the spheres in the spirit world make the borders blurred and the descriptions of the spheres and their numbering are only used for ease of understanding and have little real meaning.

The third sphere has also been called “Summerland”, and it has been suggested that this is where the most of humanity resides, although as previously mentioned, the higher levels of the second sphere has also been described in similar terms. Here, the beauties of earth are augmented and accentuated; there are no imperfect conditions. As you feel and think, so are the surroundings. Cities have attractions; homes and small farms are pleasant and adorned. The many varieties of fruit are of good quality, and the animals and birds are of higher orders.

It is suggested that most children go directly to the third sphere, as do all well-intentioned people. Also here are those spirits who have progressed from the first and second spheres. Those who are above average in goodness go directly to the fourth sphere. Most of the communications from the spirit world come from the third sphere.

Fourth Sphere

The atmosphere in the fourth sphere is even more rarified. The light is dazzling, but the visual apparatus is adjusted for that. The trees, flowers, birds, and animals are very beautiful. The cities have no blocks of buildings, and the architecture is highly developed. Homes are spacious and far apart, fruits are plentiful, and garments are brighter and of a finer texture. Everything is formed by thought, without the use of hands, and embodies the living character of those who establish it.

People dwell in brotherhoods, groups, and associations instead of isolated houses. Concerns are more intellectual than material.

Philosophy, science, and the arts are studied, and those more advanced in these fields live here. They are concerned with matters of universal importance to earth, and devote their interests to the spheres above and in training those in the third sphere to help and teach those below them. Since there is a desire to inspire those on earth, musicians, artists, philosophers, scientists and others get ideas from the spirit world.

Fifth Sphere

The fifth sphere is similar to the fourth, but still more perfect with a brighter light. People live in more beautiful surroundings, and their clothing is light and spiritual. Residents are calm, serene and balanced, and clear in their expression of spirit understanding. This sphere has colleges and schools for fine arts, astronomy, mathematics, agriculture and other subjects. Laboratories and factories are here for purifying and clearing the elements.

It is difficult to adequately describe the higher spheres because there are no words that will provide us with a meaningful comparison; it is like trying to describe colour to someone who is either blind or only sees in black-and-white. The higher spheres work with and use feelings and emotions that are far finer, subtle and creative than those we experience on the earth.

*Extract based on: The Spirit World: Descriptions
by Early Spiritualists by Barbara N. Starr*

Food For Thought ...

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.

Socrates