

Triangle Centre Newsletter #1 April 2006

Dear Triangle Centre Friends,
Greetings!

In the Western Tradition the New Year begins on January 1. In the East, many traditions welcome the new year cycle in April. The Triangle Centre seeks to harmonise with both traditions so newsletters will be prepared around the Capricorn Full Moon, before the Aries Full Moon and at the Leo Full Moon.

The three major spiritual Festivals which form a high point in the annual cycle are approaching. They are the Festival of Easter, the Festival of Wesak and the Festival of Goodwill. They are concentrated in three consecutive months at the time of the Full Moon and offer potent opportunities for alignment, reception and distribution of higher energies. **A meditative note for the Spiritual Festivals in 2006** will be held at the Triangle Centre.

Full Moon Meditations

Meditation at the Full Moon (or Solar Fire Meditations as they are sometimes known) are held at 7.30p.m. on the scheduled day at 124 Wellington Rd, Paekakariki and Turnbull House, Bowen St, Wellington.

www.trianglecentre.org.nz for more information on dates and keynotes.

If you are convening a group for Service Meditations please send details for interested folk in your area to info@trianglecentre.org.nz

Easter Festival is the Festival of the risen Christ, the teacher of humanity, the expression of the love of God. Meditation meeting - **Thursday April 13, at 7.30pm.**

Wesak Festival is the Festival of the Buddha. The Buddha is the expression of the Wisdom of God, the embodiment of light and the indicator of Divine purpose. Meditation meeting - **Saturday May 13, at 7.30pm.**

The Festival of Goodwill celebrates and strengthens the spirit of humanity aspiring toward God. There is deep invocation and striving toward fellowship and unity. The potency is a result of the work of the Christ and the Buddha in the two festivals which precede it and may be considered a gift and divine opportunity for humanity, hence the observation of World Invocation Day at the full moon in the Festival of Goodwill. Meditation meeting - **Sunday June 11, at 7.30pm.**

World Invocation Day is Sunday June 11.

The NZ World Invocation Day Vigil will begin at midnight on Sunday June 11. This will herald a 24 hour wave of invocative meditation across the world.

This is how it works - Participants are invited to select a fifteen minute time slot or multiple slots in which to say the Great Invocation (World Prayer). Many include the Vigil with their regular personal meditation times, or gather in groups to focalise the Vigil.

The Triangle Centre will enter participants names and times on a schedule for viewing by those taking part.

To register for the Vigil or for more information contact info@trianglecentre.org.nz or drop us a line at Triangle Centre PO Box 25 Paekakariki

TRIANGLE LIBRARY NEWS 2006

The library opening hours are: 11am - 3pm every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, or by advance appointment at other times by phone/ email. ph: 04 902 1667 library@trianglecentre.org.nz

The library now sends books throughout New Zealand. The one-off library life membership is \$20.00 for new members and a \$10 one off optional upgrade for existing members. The Triangle Centre will pay for postage to borrowers by trackable courier post, borrower to pay return. The membership form and booklist will shortly be available on the website, allowing folk from out of town to join and access the library.

Borrowing: Books - 6 wks,
Magazines - 4 wks
Audio visual material - 2 wks.

The periodicals loaned by the Triangle Library; 'New Internationalist, Resurgence' and 'Kosmos' hold the note of international connection and world service. (Resurgence is also available at Wellington Public Library.) The popular DVD 'What the Bleep do we know?' has just been added to our collection and is available to library members.

We are currently compiling a Web download list for all our main authors and titles, with many books accessible for seekers new to Esoteric themes or meditation.

A new brochure and postcard has been produced. If you would like copies for distribution, please let us know. library@trianglecentre.org.nz

International Centre for Agni Yoga Opens in India

Steve Nation represented the Triangle Centre in Darjeeling! He sends this wonderful report on what took place

In December the Triangle Centre was represented at a historic event in the small hill station of Kalimpong, in the Darjeeling District of the Indian foothills of the Himalayas, close to the border with Sikkim, Nepal and Bhutan. Helena Roerich, who wrote down the Agni Yoga teachings, lived in Crookety House, a fine building in Kalimpong, for the final years of her life. During the past two years the Italian Community of Living Ethics, working in close co-operation with the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter Trust, has purchased the house and renovated it to a very high standard.



On Sunday, December 4th, Crookety House was formally opened as the International Centre for Agni Yoga, with a ceremony of joy and beauty. Around 70 invited guests (including: 30 Community members from Italy; the Russian and Italian Consuls from Calcutta; leaders of the Kalimpong community; New Zealanders Joy Breayley from Nelson and Steve Nation from the Triangle Centre; Australians Christine & Jeremy Townend, founders of the Darjeeling Goodwill Animal Shelter; Barbara Valocore, from Lifebridge foundation in USA) assembled first at the hill-top stupa dedicated to Helena Roerich and then at Crookety House itself.

It was a brilliant day. The sun was shining and the sacred mountain, Kanchenjunga, third highest mountain in the world, dominated the stunning views from the front lawn.

As we entered the grounds the Banner of Peace featuring the UN Culture of Peace manifesto (a banner designed and produced by Triangle Centre friends in Wanganui, Gita and Anthony Brooke of Peace Through Unity) fluttered in the breeze. Following a performance by a local string quartet, speeches, a tour of the house, and a wonderful lunch of Indian and Italian delicacies, a Tibetan Dance group from a local school entertained us.



Joy Breayley with Punam Subba, librarian and Barbara Valacore on the balcony of the Darjeeling Goodwill Reading Room.



The International Centre is described as a place: for study, application and diffusion of Agni Yoga, according to the principles expressed by Helena Ivanova Roerich in her writings. It is a

meeting place, where people promoting a new culture have the opportunity to deepen the knowledge of this Teaching.

Every afternoon visitors to Kalimpong are invited to join in a group study of passages from the teachings.

For enquiries, email: Crookety@sify.com



Interfaith Forum Delegates on the steps of Parliament

Interfaith Forum 2006 - Report

Barbara Gibb and Julie Coulson attended the recent 3rd national interfaith forum, organised by servers from the Bahá'í, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh communities in Wellington. The forum offered a diverse range of small discussion groups, inspiring speakers and networking over the full day. Joris de Bres, Race Relations Commissioner, focused on the role of the media in creating a climate of Peace. Jean Holm spoke on a religious studies curriculum in NZ schools. Barbara reported, "I was heartened by the variety of regional grassroots activities and the commitment to growing dialogues between the media, government and non-governmental organisations and local communities. This forum and the grassroots activities at its core, have indeed stimulated heart and wisdom."

Suzanne Mahon spoke from the Bahá'í Perspective "The interfaith experience must be marked by a commitment to achieve genuine unity...This requires a strong committed body of people, working at a local level, who are consciously creating a global culture, a culture with a richness and depth that reflects humanity's oneness while also expressing its diversity"

Professor Paul Morris, Head of the University's Religious Studies programme, launched the first Directory of Interfaith and Activity in New Zealand.

www.hrc.co.nz/diversity
or nzdiversity@hrc.co.nz

Directory is a collaborative project with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, the Asia New Zealand Foundation and the Human Rights Commission's diversity action programme.

Professor Paul Morris said "The Directory is the first scan of the current state of interfaith activities in New Zealand and what surprised us was the amount of discussion that was occurring. Contrary to the popular image of religious conflict, New Zealanders from different faiths are reaching out to each other and attempting to understand each other's beliefs."



Forgiveness Week Feb 11-18. Julie's Report

*Forgiveness does not change the past,
but it does enlarge the future* Paul Boese

Forgiveness Week, the initiative of the Gajalomawa Foundation offers a daily focus of meditations which cover a widening field of forgiveness. It is an enlightening and potentially liberating process to follow. Stored hurt – arising from the ill-tempered act of a loved one or work colleague, rigidity of a local or national institution, prejudice of racial ancestors, or our own shortcomings – stunts the growth of all involved. The antidote - forgiveness – opens our hearts and minds to the fact that, in deeper soul intent, we are united, 'seekers all' on the path. These and other issues were discussed at the Triangle Centre on Forgiveness Day, the culminating day of Forgiveness Week, and a short song played. Originally a poem found in a Philippine hospital during World War II, the lyrics ask St Peter to welcome the incoming dead and to let them experience in Heaven all those things war denied them 'down here'. In the group meditation that followed we were invited, by analogy, to forgive and be forgiven by those whose life experience (including ours) may have been diminished by negative thoughts, words, and actions.

*Every individual effort to forgive on whatever level
is a contribution towards a more active, worldwide state of
reconciliation, peace and harmony* Gajalomawa Foundation

New Moon Series 2006

Please join us for this upcoming evening:

Monday 24 April 7.30 - 9.30pm Slide and commentary - Keith Lyons, author, photographer and journalist - six months in the Old Tea Route area of Southern China.

Venue: 141A Wilton Road, Wilton (car park main Otari-Wilton Bush Park) Please RSVP Julie Coulson
Ph: 04 475 7022 Investment: \$5 (includes a cuppa)

Barbara and Steve's wedding day

Thursday February 9th was a joyful occasion.

Steve Nation and Barbara Valocore returned from New York to be married on the lawn, under the pohutakawa tree at the Triangle Centre in Paekakariki. Although umbrellas were at the ready, the rain waited until they had exchanged vows and run the gauntlet of rose petals!

Family, friends and co-workers joined to share in the celebration and to wish them well in their life and work together in New York. ..

"let love be the keynote in all relationships, for the power which must salvage the world is the precipitation of love"

(Bailey. Esoteric Astrology p 333)

Steve, as co-founder of the Triangle Centre, will remain dynamically linked to its activities and will from time to time contribute to the newsletter.

Interesting Bytes

Here are a few international initiatives that you may want to check out:

www.triangles.org Triangles is a world service activity in which people link in thought in groups of three to create a planetary network of light and goodwill.



www.goodnewsagency.org carries positive and constructive news from all over the world relating to voluntary work, the United Nations, and institutions involved in activities which improve the quality of life.

www.themoralcompass.co.uk A resource site for anyone involved in universal or global ethics. Global values, core moral values, ethics and conflict resolution.

www.peaceoneday.org

www.peacealliancefound.org both these organizations promote a consciousness of global peace and unity.

www.peace.net.nz Initiating Wellington as a Peace City to foster peace nationally and internationally.

“Being a Peace City would provide an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the wonderful activities already happening in Wellington to help people resolve conflicts and build peaceful relationships in their homes, schools, workplaces and in the wider community,” said Alyn Ware, Director of the Peace Foundation Wellington Office.

Wellington as a peace city contd...

The idea of establishing Peace Cities has been encouraged by United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO) and endorsed by the United Nations Study on Disarmament and Nonproliferation Education. In New Zealand, the cities of Christchurch, Hutt Valley and Waitakere have become Peace Cities, and Waitakere has recently been awarded a UNESCO Peace City prize.

For more information on establishing Wellington as a Peace City, contact Alyn Ware Ph: 04 385-8192
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www.un.org **Did you know?** - 2006 is UN International Year of Deserts and Desertification

If you have any sites you would like to share please feel free to submit them to info@trianglecentre.org.nz

*A shared vision for Understanding,
Service, and Unity
in our various spheres of activity
is gratefully acknowledged.*

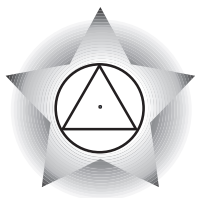
Your Co-workers for the Triangle Centre.

We are currently updating our website so you can access information directly including our newsletter, upcoming events, relevant resources and links, or subscribe to receive our newsletter/ mailings electronically.

Would you help us with the following? Email us with your email address so we can:

- update our database
- provide you with occasional email notification of Triangle Centre activities in your area that may be of interest.
- Notify us if you do NOT want to receive information from us

Thank-you Please reply to us atinfo@trianglecentre.org.nz



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