

**THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN DETROIT**  
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**NOVEMBER œ DECEMBER 2003**

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|               | <b>FRIDAY PROGRAMS</b>   | <b>8 PM</b> | <b>SUGGESTED DONATION \$5.00</b> |
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| <b>NOV 7</b>  | <b>BREATH OF HAPPINESS &amp; YOGA SCIENCE OF BREATH – PART ONE</b><br><b>Marina Sionov, R.N.</b><br>Exoteric & esoteric view of the physiological effects of proper and improper breathing. Find your “correct” breath and genuine voice. Improve your health, your intuition and your life!<br><br>Marina is currently a nurse at Beaumont Hospital, born in Russia and trained as a nurse in her native country; she has been on a spiritual quest for as long as she remembers. Her studies include the deeper esoteric traditions such as Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Yoga and much more for the last 8 years. A student of natural healing techniques, which include macrobiotics, massage therapy and radiance technique - (authentic Reiki) to mention only a few.  |             |                                  |
| <b>NOV 14</b> | <b>DEATH – THE GREAT ILLUSION</b><br><b>Robert Taylor</b><br>Death, the greatest of fears, will be shown to be a transitional and illusory state of being. The Astral Plane, Near Death Experience and higher states of existence, e.g. Angels will be discussed.<br><br>Robert Taylor, born in the Carmarthen, Wales, (the “Town of Merlin”) 200 yards from the famous wizard’s sacred Oak tree, grew up in the backyard of sacred sites such as Stonehenge, Avebury and Glastonbury. He is beginning his 8 <sup>th</sup> season as host & producer of WMTV5’s “Out of the Ordinary . . . into the Extraordinary”, an interview show with special focus on the spiritual, metaphysical, creative & healing arts.  |             |                                  |
| <b>NOV 21</b> | <b>MANY HAPPY RETURNS</b><br><b>Richard Brooks, Ph.D.</b><br>There are many different beliefs about what happens to us when, as Shakespeare put it, “we shuffle off this mortal coil.” Dr. Brooks will sketch briefly a number of them, ranging from the materialist’s view through the views of various religions to two theosophical views. He will also present some relevant evidence from the literature of psychical research.<br><br>Dr. Brooks is a retired professor of philosophy from Oakland University. His fields of specialization include Asian philosophy and philosophy of science, but he also has a deep interest in comparative religion and parapsychology. He has been a member of The Theosophical Society for 50 years and has lectured in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and India as well as Canada and the U.S. |             |                                  |
| <b>NOV 28</b> | <b>THE CIRCLE OF LIFE – THE LAW OF PERIODICITY</b><br><b>Don Elwert</b><br>Not of life and death, but of birth and death, a natural cycle of life. Let’s talk of our experiences of what dies or why we must die. Don has been a member of the Theosophical Society for 30 years and a student of the Wisdom Tradition for many more. He also guides the Wednesday night Open Forum group.   |             |                                  |
| <b>DEC 5</b>  | <b>BEFORE BIRTH – AFTER LIFE</b><br><b>Daya Kujansuu</b><br>Exploration and discussion of beliefs about reincarnation. What are the ramifications of reincarnation—morally, metaphysically, and pragmatically? Lecture and open discussion. Daya Kujansuu has studied and taught metaphysics for over 25 years. She is past president of the Integral Yoga Institute.  |             |                                  |
| <b>DEC 12</b> | <b>INTRODUCTION TO SANSKRIT MANTRA</b><br><b>Mark Shanks</b><br>Chanting traditions span the centuries and are steeped in ritual and sacred ceremony. Sanskrit mantra is a powerful way to awaken the mind and heart to deeper levels of being. Their repetition has the ability to clear the mind and make it more responsive to the inner prompting of spirit. Mark Shanks has practiced Vedic spiritual disciplines since 1974 and is an acknowledged adept with Sanskrit mantra.   |             |                                  |
| <b>DEC 19</b> | <b>VISIONING OUR HOPEFUL FUTURE</b><br><b>Mike Whitty &amp; Dan Butts</b><br>Participate in a mini-empowerment session designed to help you create your own vision of a hopeful future. Gain the passion to build your life legacy and mentor the brotherhood and sisterhood of the possible human. Professor Mike Whitty is a visionary futurist and director of The Institute for Building A Sustainable Community at the University of Detroit Mercy and Dan Butts is the longtime columnist of Phenomenews and author of <i>How Corporations Hurt Us All</i> .   |             |                                  |
| <b>DEC 26</b> | <b>HOLIDAY</b><br>Celebrate the holiday season in your own tradition. See you in January   |             |                                  |

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# **The Theosophical Society in Detroit**

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## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **THE PATH OF THE MOTHER**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**Time: 9 AM – NOON**

**Vegetarian Potluck: 9:00 AM**

**Savatri Bess, Author of *The Path of The Mother***, transpersonal therapist and award-winning artist introduces us to the all-loving Mother God who is at once masculine & feminine, creator & transformer, joy & anguish. Using the Hindu mystic Mata Amritanandamayi (Ammachi) as her primary lens, Bess explores the teachings and practices of Hinduism and its profound respect for God as Mother.

### **SANSKRIT MANTRA WORKSHOPS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 & DECEMBER 7**

**Time: 1 – 4 PM**

**Taught by Mark Shanks.** Chanting traditions span the centuries and are steeped in ritual and sacred ceremony. Mantra is a powerful way to awaken the mind and heart to deeper levels of being. Their repetition has the ability to clear the mind and make it more responsive to the inner prompting of Spirit. Sessions 4 & 5 of a 5-part class.

### **SATURDAY MORNING RETREATS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 & DECEMBER 20**

**Time: 9:00 – 11 AM**

Retreat is a calm affirming of peace, goodwill, insight and freedom. We sit for two 20-minute silent meditations. Before each meditation, a spiritual reading is offered. After the sittings, we gather for sharing and mutual support. We close with prayers for healing and unity. All are welcome. Please arrive promptly – no one is admitted after retreat begins.

### **MEMBERS' WINTER CELEBRATION**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Time: 7:00 – 9:30 PM**

Gathering for TS members, family and friends. Potluck vegetarian supper, gratitude ceremony, blessing tree. For friendship circle, bring something you enjoy sharing for the winter holidays – a poem, prayer, story or song.

### **WORLD HEALING DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**Time: 3:00 – 4:00 PM**

Readings and silent meditation for world healing and peace. Light refreshments. All are welcome.

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

### **MEMBERS' STUDY**

**Tuesdays**

**Time: 7:30 — 9:00 PM**

**Current study: *Talks on the Path of Occultism*. Authors: Annie Besant & C. W. Leadbeater.** The first volume of a 3-volume set, the books cover & comment on *At The Feet of the Master*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Light on the Path*. Three very traditional Theosophical texts. Join us for an exchange of ideas.

### **OPEN FORUM: LIVING IN THE WISDOM TRADITION**

**Wednesdays**

**Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

Wide-ranging studies in applied theosophy, drawing from various traditions and points of view. Informal, interactive. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

### **MEDITATION CIRCLE**

**Thursdays**

**Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

Silent meditation on inspirational readings from the world's religions. Mutual support and sharing. All are welcome.