
The Theosophical Society in Detroit

Chartered in 1916 as a Branch of the Theosophical Society in America



November 2010

We are happy to continue our Friday night meetings.
Movies or lectures will be presented, followed by thoughtful open discussions.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Movies begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

From 6:30 to 6:55 is time for socializing, browsing through the bookstore and library, and enjoying light refreshments.

- Nov 5** *Endless Becoming*. **Lecture** by David Zimmerman. Life is an endless series of cycles - each seeming endpoint contains the seeds of new potential. Take a look at the big picture.
- Nov 12** *Food Matters*. **Video** With nutritionally-depleted foods, chemical additives and our tendency to rely upon pharmaceutical drugs to treat what's wrong with our malnourished bodies, it's no wonder that modern society is getting sicker. Food Matters uncovers the trillion dollar worldwide 'sickness industry' and gives people some scientifically verifiable solutions for overcoming illness naturally.
- Christiane Northrup, MD, Author of *Women's Wisdom* states "Anyone who is serious about their health needs to see this stunning film". This is a wonderful and information packed film. We can almost guarantee you that you will hear something new that you have not heard before.
- Nov 19** *Our Thirst for Meaning [Meaning and Mantra]* **Lecture** by Tim Boyd, Vice President of the Theosophical Society in America. To be human requires a sense that life and its countless experiences have meaning. The person on a spiritual path chooses to engage in a process of discovering ever-deepening layers of meaning. To do this requires certain tools. One powerful tool is mantra - words that "protect the mind". In this talk we will examine our need for meaning and the relationship of mantra to human unfoldment.

Also join us on Saturday, November 20 for a special workshop:

Elements of Spiritual Practice

A balanced approach to the spiritual life involves a process of constant refinement. The freedom of an effortless awareness seems to require an evolving discipline in the beginning, middle and end. We will examine the theoretical underpinnings of a spiritual practice and its practical elements. Our goal is to develop an effective, ongoing practice that can be an aid to us in all of the situations we face in life.

Biography for Tim Boyd

Tim is the Vice President of the Theosophical Society in America. He co-produced, narrated and conducted interviews for the *Eternal Quest* radio series, broadcast on stations in the U.S and Canada. He is a founding member of a spiritual community which was active for more than 25 years. It was situated in Chicago's inner city in what had been a deteriorating urban area. The group worked with at risk youth, established organic food gardens on vacant lots, purchased and renovated numerous buildings in the area, and placed bee hives on the roofs of buildings. He has lectured and conducted workshops throughout the North America and in Asia. He currently serves as President of the Theosophical Order of Service.

Nov 26 *Closed for the Holidays*

Ongoing Activities

MONDAYS: 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 7:00 PM

Book Study: *To Light a Thousand Lamps*. For details call Marina Sionov at (248) 545-8553 or (248) 545-1961.

BOOK STUDY: TO LIGHT A THOUSAND LAMPS

TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Multi-media study of *The Secret Doctrine*. "This massive study of man, of nature, of spiritual evolution, of the essence of reality is an astonishing document. . . . Blavatsky synthesizes science and spirituality into an exhilarating journey of spiritual awareness." — *The Book Reader* Contact Mara Radzvickas for details at (248) 545-1961.

MEMBERS STUDY: THE SECRET DOCTRINE

WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM SHARP

Don Elwert continues the grand tradition of the Wednesday night open forum. Meetings involve a wide ranging exploration of theosophical writings and ideas, Christian Mysticism, astrology and Rosicrucian thought.

OPEN DISCUSSION

THURSDAYS: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

The meditators' support circle emphasizes meditation as a way to be with Spirit and in Spirit. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early. For information call Ron at (248) 280-4711.

MEDITATION CIRCLE