

January 2024 NEWSLETTER



President's Message

Doug VanOrsdall

Dear Beloved Members of our Radiant Community,

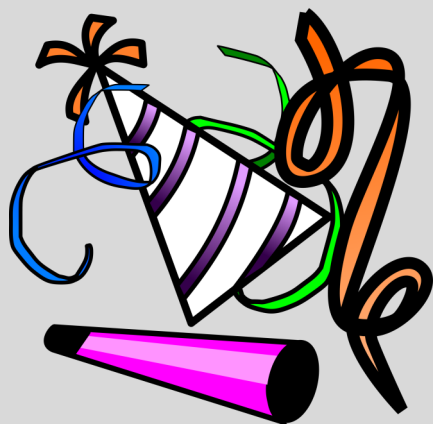
As we stand on the threshold of 2024, I greet you with a heart brimming with gratitude and warmth. The energy that surrounds us is filled with the vibrations of love, unity, and the promise of new beginnings. I trust this message finds you still basking in the glow of the recent Christmas celebrations, a time when we collectively embrace the spirit of giving and joy. In recent months, I have been devoting my column to profiling an SLC member to give each of you some additional insight as to what makes each one of these members special to us.

As 2023 draws to a close, I have decided this month to use this forum to recap where we are at SLC Franklin and share with you some of the weighty business matters our board has been working on during the last six months.

Currently serving on our board of directors are: Doug VanOrsdall, President; Frank Smith, Vice President; Rhonda Murphy, Secretary; Susan Ditch, Treasurer and Claudia Arnold, Assistant Treasurer. Nancy Cottrell and Larry Turlington are serving as interim administrators on a volunteer basis, working quietly behind the scenes with other volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Among other things, Nancy is generating our monthly newsletter and scheduling speakers, and Larry uses his jack of all trades skills to stay abreast of routine maintenance. They rotate with other volunteers to serve as greeters on Sunday, Nancy facilitates monthly, and Larry is just about to complete his training on collecting tithes each Sunday morning when the basket gets passed around. (HA HA)

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- January 7th...Rev. Anne Hartupee
- January 14th.....Barbara Vitale
- January 21stRev. Becky Whitehead
- January 28.....Tom Tyre



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Penny Page has been doing an outstanding job on our Facebook page, monitoring our Instagram account and keeping both of these social media websites in top notch working order. Penny and I stay in contact with each other on a regular basis to ensure the “politically correct” spiritual matters are staying in alignment with the beliefs of our Center. I can't say enough about all that Rhonda Murphy does every week for the Center, including volunteering her services as our bookkeeper and doing the music/guest recordings, not only on her scheduled week, but also on Sundays when there is a gap and there isn't anyone other than myself to help fill in these time slots.

The “music desk” up front is not that difficult to learn; and if you feel so urged, please let us know if you would like to volunteer your time one Sunday each month to help with this task. Any additional volunteers will be greatly appreciated and this task comes with free, top notch training by those folks in our IT department. (HA HA HA).

At the present time we are faced with some extra, and not so typical financial challenges, that can be easily managed with each person offering a little more each time you feel Spirit moves you to take some extra cash out or open your checkbook to make a tithe. You will be amazed at how quickly money matters get resolved with just a little extra effort by everyone. Here are some of the financial obligations that are pending. Installation of a back-flow device mandated by the state of North Carolina which required one plumbing contractor to install and yet another plumber to inspect (\$1,662.00); installation of a cement berm and flower bed the length of the fellowship hall to prevent further water erosion undermining the foundation piers (\$5800); and our annual dues to the Heritage Hollow Association which must be paid by March, 2024 (\$1965). There are three new signs that are needed to replace the ones that are falling apart or in one case, stolen (\$1,049.00). Specifically, one of the signs will be placed on the Heritage Hollow entrance island; a new wooden hanging sign will go across the road to replace the one that was destroyed by a bad wind storm, and a third



Saying Goodbye—On a recent Sunday morning at SLC, Doug VanOrsdall enjoys an armful of puppy love on the deck as two more of his five Commodore pups head to their forever homes in Franklin.

one will update the hanging sign near the front door entrance to the chapel. As you can see, these few items total +/- \$10,476.00; and each one of these items mentioned above have been voted on

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Our Vision

The Spiritual Light Center is a peaceful and joyful fellowship of individuals, centered in love, dedicated to the God within, and honoring the many paths to truth.



unanimously by the Board as being necessary matters.

Aside from these large ticket expenses, we still have the ongoing financial responsibilities which keep our front doors open to all those who enter. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this period of financial challenges!

In acknowledging the challenges we face, I wish to share with you the transparency and dedication of our Board of Directors. We, as stewards of this spiritual haven, are working hard to navigate the financial currents that face us. Every financial decision made is infused with the intention to keep our doors open, our lights shining, and our mission alive. During this season of generosity, I invite you to consider an extra step in support of our shared vision. Your financial contributions are what you feel comfortable with doing as a sign of love for our spiritual home.

Contributing money to our center will bring about a sense of freedom, no matter how much you are tithing. By doing this, it is yet one more way we can loosen the grip we have on earthly possessions and brings us all into a greater level of faith and trust, and redirects the focus from "what we have" over to "what we can give". Your generosity fuels the light that guides us all.

Our journey together in this sacred space, unbound by traditional dogmas, has been nothing short of magical. Each one of you contributes to the tapestry of our metaphysical family; and as we reflect on the transformative energies of the past year, I am filled with awe at the incredible spirit that defines our congregation.

As we embark on the adventure of this new year, let us also embrace the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Our community, nestled in a region where like-minded souls abound, offers us unique opportunities for growth. The universe is conspiring us to bring more like-minded seekers

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*Extend the life of your
floral arrangements*

*A money saving tip from
our Master Gardener
Sue Ditch*

Clear solution

Ever notice how the water in the vases of cut flowers gets cloudy and greenish after a few days?

Here is a solution. Use two or three drops of liquid chlorine bleach mixed into the water before the cut flowers go into the vase. The chlorine kills the contaminants that turn the water murky. If you have to top it off later, put one drop of chlorine bleach in the new water before pouring it into the vase.

The flowers are unaffected by the added bleach, and you don't need to disturb the arrangement to change the water.

THURSDAYS AT 3:00

Join us in the Fellowship hall for thought provoking videos and conversation, followed by supper and more fellowship at a local eatery.



Healing Autoimmune “Disorders”

received by Rhonda Murphy on Dec. 9, 2023

Science has implicated various viruses in the origin of many autoimmune “disorders.” Spirit provided the following perspective. Perhaps it will resonate with you.

We have various dormant DNA segments that are on standby for when they’re needed. When some types of virus are encountered, one of these segments may be activated. The activated DNA segment calls in light energy from another dimension to transform the attacking virus into something less harmful, innocuous, or even helpful. (This light energy is not always from the same place. It differs depending on what is needed.)

When the light energy assistance is no longer needed, the activated DNA is supposed to go back into standby mode, and it usually does. If the DNA segment stays activated, the body continues to receive light energy from another dimension, which it has no way to use or dispose of. The nervous system or other parts of the body become overstimulated by this overabundance of light energy that is in essence alien to the body.

So the DNA segment is not actually damaged or mutated. It has been activated to the purpose for which it was created, but then somehow did not get put back in standby mode until it might be needed again. In essence, the DNA segment did not go back to sleep.

Remember that everything is One with Creator. And everything, including our DNA, has some form of consciousness, because Creator IS consciousness. Consciousness is something we all share, no matter what form we take. This means that we can communicate with the activated DNA segments.

It is helpful to first thank the DNA segments for coming to your rescue when they were needed, sending

Members Offering Energy Work

Jeannine Johnson, RM, CHT, who is a Reiki Master and teacher, offers ultimate deep relaxation, stress reduction and balance of mind, body and spirit through Reiki. Her office is above Mountain Valley Health Food in Franklin. Contact her at (828) 421-9567.



gratitude and love, and letting them know that they have completed their job for now. Send flowers!

Then, ask the angels to wrap you in their wings, holding you and surrounding you with love, while they sing a beautiful lullaby to your activated DNA segments to lull them back to sleep (standby mode). The angels have agreed to provide this service to those who request it. You may not hear this song, but you will feel it. It is a vibration of love.

Finally, **know absolutely that it is so.**

Author Visits SLC and Donates Books to Our Lending Library

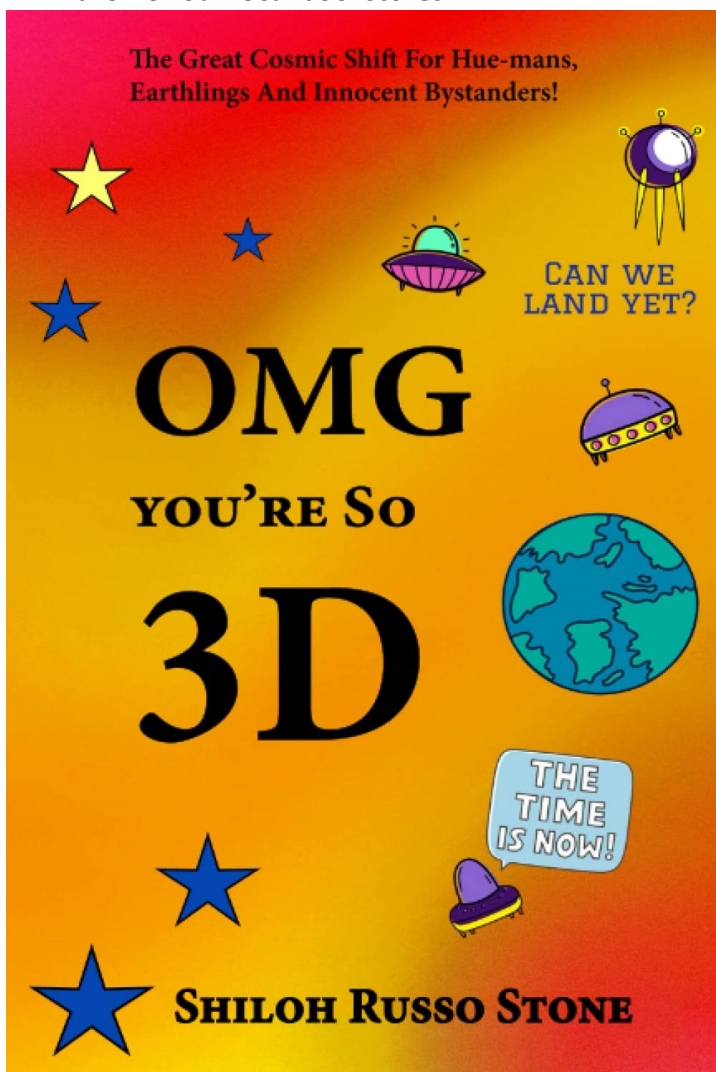
Author Shiloh Russo Stone, who recently relocated to Bryson City from Florida, visited SLC on Dev. 17th and donated copies of her two most recent books to our lending library. **OMG You're So 3D: The Great Cosmic Shift for Hue-mans, Earthlings** which was published in January 2023 and **Innocent Bystanders! And The Free Will Zone: 300,000 Years of Bystander Quarantine**, published in 2020, are available in the Fellowship Hall or can be ordered from Amazon or our local bookstores.

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to our doorstep; and together, we can create a haven for those on a quest for spiritual awakening. Let us unite by envisioning a vibrant future for our metaphysical family, where our collective energy propels us to new heights. Your support, both in spirit and substance, is the catalyst for our evolution.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our shared journey. May the new year unfold before us like a tapestry of endless possibilities and may our collective light shine even brighter in the expansive universe of consciousness.

With Immense Gratitude, Much Love and Blessings To All,
Doug



Doug and Craig, Ho, Ho, Ho...

I gratefully receive the blessing that each experience brings.

Volunteer Opportunities at SLC

It's common knowledge that the more you give of yourself to something, the more you are apt to get out of that association. Are you looking for a way to become more involved at the Spiritual Light Center? We have several opportunities just waiting for your unique touch.

We need someone to send ecards through our Jacquie Lawson account to help celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, seasonal events and holidays. We will supply everything. There is no personal expense involved just a computer, a bit of your time from home and a love to communicate.

Do you like to chat on the phone? How about calling members who are sick or otherwise unable to attend. Other opportunities include speakers, greeters, facilitators, manning the music board, decorating, help with maintenance. Let any board member know how you would like to help.



A dozen SLC family members gathered at Casa Tequila for lunch and fellowship following a recent Sunday service. Impromptu Sunday lunches are a tradition at SLC and a great opportunity to become better acquainted and discuss the topic of the day.



Our Mission Statement

We are developing our highest selves by continuous sharing of spiritual ideas in an environment of unconditional love and respect for others.

Please consider the Spiritual Light Center in Your Charitable Giving as the New Year Unfolds

The Spiritual Light Center is facing some unusually heavy expenses as the new year unfolds. Concrete work has begun to divert the runoff from the road which has been dangerously undermining the support columns under our fellowship hall. Our Heritage Hollow Association annual assessment comes due



in March, and the state has required us to install a back-flow valve on our water supply. New signs have been purchased for the center as well. Any financial help you can extend the center will be ever so gratefully appreciated to keep us fiscally sound as we move forward into the new year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on 10/31/23.....\$11654.18
 Income.....2199.54
 Expense.....779.83
 Balance on 11/30/23.....\$13073.84



The **Spiritual Light Center** is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Drive in Franklin (28734) right behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow. 828-369-3065

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If you would like to contribute to SLC, we have a PayPal account, <https://tinyurl.com/SLC-donate>. This link takes you to a page where you can easily donate one time or make a recurring donation.