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DAY	TIME	FACILITATOR	DESCRIPTION
MONDAY	7.30 pm– 9.00 pm	Marcia Parkes	Meditation/Development
TUESDAY	10.30 am – Noon	Carmel John	Meditation/Healing
	Committee Meeting	**7pm**	10TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY	11.00am-2.30pm	Yvonne Warren	Meditation/Development
	7.30pm-9pm	Jo Burgess	Meditation/Development
THURSDAY	8.30am-1pm	Entry through side door	Readings
FRIDAY	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Carmel Colquhoun	Meditation/Development
SUNDAY	3.00 pm & 7.00 pm	Various	Services All welcome
SATURDAY	15TH OCTOBER	OUR AGM	BE INVOLVED!

Our Philosophy is based on Seven Principles

(With liberty of interpretation)

- 1. The Fatherhood of God.*
- 2. The Brotherhood of Man.*
- 3. The immortality of the soul and its personal characteristics*
- 4. The proven facts of communication between departed human spirits and mortals*
- 5. Personal responsibility.*
- 6. Compensation and retribution hereafter for all good and evil deeds done here*
- 7. A path of Eternal Progress open to every human soul who wills to tread it by the path of eternal good.*

Dear Friends,



Well. Time to pack the doonas away, and get the sun hats out. So good to see the sunshine, let's hope it blows away all the colds and coughs.

Now we have hit October, the rest of the year quickly barrels towards the Christmas season, and plans to be made for Church and family and all our other interests.

Our Christmas Get together this year is planned for 18th December, after the 3pm Service. Why not plan ahead so you are able to attend on that day, before we go to our short break.

Final dates for readings and Circles will be listed next month. Circle leaders are asked to contact Alva, before the next newsletter, with details of just when their Circles are to go into recess. Final date for Thursday readings 24th November. Once again "thank you" to those members who regularly give their time to "read" on Thursdays. Such an important function of our Church.

I am looking forward to the Cruise on the Hawkesbury River, it is a delightful area, and travelling down by coach makes it an easier trip all round. Still seats available, money is due now.

Our AGM is on the 15th of this month, I am sure you do know, having received letters with details. The nominations are posted as usual on the noticeboard, and I wish to thank those accepting nomination. It would be wonderful to have members along to give their support, no one can be elected, without already having accepted nomination, so no need to think you could be pressured into taking a position. Your support for those standing on the day is important. I look forward to seeing you there on the day,

Carmel Colquhoun

YOUR HEAD WILL COLLAPSE WHEN THERE IS NOTHING IN IT.

ANNUAL SUBS ARE OVERDUE. PLEASE PLACE YOUR DUES IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME, AND HAND TO YOUR CIRCLE LEADER OR PLACE IN THE SAFE. \$10 PER ANNUM \$5 TO CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

Bits and Pieces.

Common Sense Solutions - Starting Now

Barefoot Grandmothers Install Solar Power Powered By YouTube

<http://www.nextworldtv.com/videos/community/barefoot-grandmothers-install-solar-power.html>

Mahatma Gandhi's central belief was that the knowledge, skills and wisdom found in villages should be used for development before getting skills from outside. He also believed that sophisticated technology should be used in rural India, but it should be in the hands and in control of the poor communities so that they are not dependent or exploited while maintaining or replacing this technology. Barefoot College in Rajasthan, India has implemented this message of Gandhi's since its inception. The only fully solar electrified college in India started training rural people to be solar engineers in the 1990's.

They found that the best candidates were middle aged women. Reading skills are not necessary - nor is understanding any Indian language. Here they train women from other parts of the world, such as Africa and Asia using colour codes and sign language!

These women learn to install and maintain solar powered home lighting systems in their villages. They have electrified 350 villages in India alone.

Worldwide, they have brought solar expertise to over 750 villages -- to over 19,000 households that lacked electricity in 19 countries!

They offer a 6 month training period, and when they go home they establish workshops in their villages to install, maintain and repair the systems - and the most powerful aspect: they teach each other.

The new: "Teach a man to fish" is "Teach a barefoot Grandma to install solar power."

-- Bibi Farber

from my emails.. Thank you!

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet.

She poured the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even.. The total had to be exactly perfect.. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention, but he was too busy at this moment.

Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

'And what do you want?' the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice.. I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages,' he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

'Well, I want to talk to you about my brother,' Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. 'He's really, really sick....and I want to buy a miracle.' 'I beg your pardon?' said the pharmacist.

'His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?'

'We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you,' the pharmacist said, softening a little.

'Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs.'

The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, 'What kind of a miracle does your brother need?'

'I don't know,' Tess replied with her eyes welling up. I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money..'

'How much do you have?' asked the man from Chicago .

'One dollar and eleven cents,' Tess answered barely audible. And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to.'

'Well, what a coincidence,' smiled the man. 'A dollar and eleven cents---the exact price of a miracle for little brothers.'

He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said 'Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need.'

That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well.

Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place.

'That surgery,' her Mom whispered. 'was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?'

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost....one dollar and eleven cents...plus the faith of a little child.

In our lives, we never know how many miracles we will need.

A miracle is not the suspension of natural law, but the operation of a higher law.

I know you'll keep the ball moving!

DOG FOR SALE:

A guy is driving around the back woods of Montana and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: 'Talking Dog For Sale '

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

'You talk?' he asks. 'Yep,' the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says 'So, what's your story?'

The Lab looks up and says, 'Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young.. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping.'

'I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running...

But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in.

I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals.

'I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired.'

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

'Ten dollars,' the guy says.

'Ten dollars? This dog is amazing!

Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?'

'Because he's a liar. He's never been out of the yard'
Sorry, I just couldn't resist this clever dog!!!



A friend of mine opened his wife's underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper- wrapped package: 'This, - he said - isn't any ordinary package.'

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box.

'She got this the first time we went to New York , 8 or 9 years ago. She has never put it on , was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it.

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothing he was taking to the funeral house, his wife had just died. He turned to me and said:

'Never save something for a special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion'.

I still think those words changed my life.

Now I read more and clean less. I sit on the porch without worrying about anything. I spend more time with my family, and less at work.

I understood that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through.

I no longer keep anything. I use crystal glasses every day...I'll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if I feel like it.. I don't save my special perfume for special occasions,

I use it whenever I want to.

The words 'Someday... ' and ' One Day... ' are fading away from my dictionary.

;If it's worth seeing, listening or doing, I want to see, listen or do it now....

I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be there the next morning, this nobody can tell.. I think she might have called her relatives and closest friends.

She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels.

I'd like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favourite food.

It's these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come..

Each day, each hour, each minute, is special.Live for today, for tomorrow is promised to no-one..

No matter if you're superstitious or not, spend some time reading this. It holds useful messages for the soul.

More bits and pieces.

So many of us are trying desperately to shake off some affliction, sinusitis seems the most prevalent, although mysterious "viruses" are always in the running. Let us hope that the bright sunshine will help sort them out, but do try to stay out of the cold winds that seem to arrive often.

Today, here at Tanilba it dawned a great day, but now by lunch time it is cold and overcast. Still every day brings summer closer.

Have you booked for the Hawkesbury River Cruise? All details on notice board. Coach pick ups at Marathon stadium and Wallsend Plaza Cost \$65 which includes coach, cruise, morning and afternoon tea and fish and chips luncheon on board, (I think) that is, I think on board. I know there definitely is lunch. 26th October Names please as soon as possible, and payments are need now.

Sadly the Body Mind & Spirit day planned did not receive enough support. So the ladies have put it on hold. Disappointing for those that had booked.

This year we are trying a new idea for our Christmas get together. This will be held after 3pm service 18th December our final service for 2011.

We will let you know the closing dates for Circles, when facilitators have advised us, so everything will be in the November newsletter.

Happy to let you know that donation of \$500 has been made to John Hunter Childrens' Hospital, and a further \$600 to Father Chris Reilly working with Youth on the Street. Both worthy and needy causes.

A further inspection has been made regarding the cracks that have appeared since Ausgrid work, and we will have the result shortly.

When this is finalised, we can go ahead with the painting etc.

Had a phone chat with Miros, he is now the proud owner of TWO titanium knees, and is still working at John Hunter. He certainly is not one for complaints.

I am curious, who made the smart suggestion box, and how is it opened to get all the good suggestions out?.....I tried, but short of destroying it couldn't open it. Is it symbolic? Is a statement being made that suggestions aren't acted on. If so let ME have them, I can promise you they won't just disappear. I am so curious.

I know you enjoy a joke, so I will share this one, tongue in cheek, cos we all know it's not true!

ENJOY BEING AN AUSSIE!

Just imagine...If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Qantas one year ago, you would have \$49.00 today!

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in AIG one year ago, you would have \$33.00 today.

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you would have \$0.00 today.

But, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminium cans for recycling refund, you would have received \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle.

A recent study found that the average Aussie walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Aussies drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that, on average, Aussies get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Makes you damned proud to be an Aussie!

You can fill your life with many, many people, many kinds of relationships. Do not think that you will be fulfilled and completed by one other person in this world. That is only true if that one other person is you.

"You are the only person who can make you complete for the rest of your life. You are the only person who can truly fulfil you. Work on this. Work on finding your own centre and building up your own core through meditation and quiet contemplation. Work on becoming the very best and fullest expression of yourself that you can. Make this your goal. And then, when you meet other people, accept them for who they are. Encourage them to be full expressions of who they are, not expressions of who you want them to be." ~ Quado ~

**f r o m T h e L i g h t C i r c l e E z i n e
A "Consciousness Raising" inspirational newsletter**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TYou> may not like to hear this, but your life is not so serious as you seem to think. Will you take your life as fun instead? Can you not take your life as a spin down Lover's Lane? What is this seriousness that you are so bent on declaring? You point to your life as the most serious of all.

In life, you toddle off in your car and see where you wind up. Your body is your vehicle. Your life is the lane you drive on. The fuel is love. It is so simple, this life that you see as complex. Certainly, your life is intricately woven. But complex? No, simple. Just something you are to observe, foster, move within. Do not have bated breath while the wheels of your life turn. Merry-go-round or Roller Coaster, you are on the ride you are on. Your life is a wisdom and love machine. It is an intertwining of hearts. Let your life be your Valentine to the world. Why, yes, even let it be a humorous Valentine. Why not laugh? Why weep?

Subject: No Power? Lights for You - What a Great idea! Received by email!

Last week, a thunderstorm rolled through our neighbourhood and a huge oak tree came down on some power lines, creating a power outage for a large area around us. We lost power for about 5 hours.

We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, flashlights, etc.

We looked Outside, and noticed our solar lights shining brightly all around our patio, stairs, dock, etc. They were beautiful. My wife walked outside, and brought several of the solar lights inside.

We stuck the solar light pipes into plastic drink bottles containers and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could ever imagine.

We put one in the bathroom, the kitchen, the living room, etc. There was plenty of light.

I must admit I hadn't thought about using these lights. Most of us have them, so I eagerly await our next blackout. (NOT REALLY)

The Best Pubs are Irish

"As good as this bar is," said the Scotsman, "I still prefer the pubs back home. In Glasgow, there's a wee place called McTavish's. They go out of their way for the locals, Buy four drinks and they'll pay for the fifth."

"Well Angus said the Englishman, "At my local in London, the Red Lion, the barman will buy you your third drink, after you buy the first two"

"Ahh, dat's nothing" said the Irishman"Back home in my favourite pub, the minute you set foot in the place, they'll buy you a drink, then another, all the drinks you like actually. Then, when you've had enough drinks, they'll take you upstairs and see that you get laid. All on the house.!

The Englishman, and the Scotsman were suspicious of the claims. The Irishman swore every word was true."Did this actually happen to you?"

"Not myself personally, no, " admitted the Irishman, " but it did happen to me sister quite a few times.

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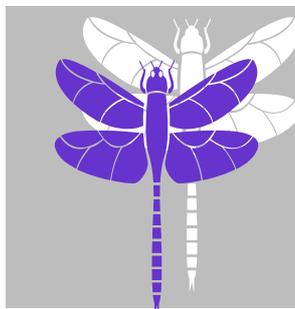
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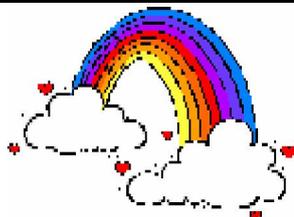
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