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CALGARY FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN

An exciting new opportunity is now available to children ages approximately 10 to 14 who demonstrate psychic gifts. Mediums, Donna Kiss and Susan Gormley, have designed a wonderful program which will be held on the last Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The sessions will open with the parents and children meeting together for the first 15 minutes. Then the children will remain upstairs while the parents meet downstairs.

Donna says that children have so much psychic energy and the goal is to help them focus and control these energies. The beginning work will include exploring different ways to focus their energy by experimenting with divination objects such as pendulums, dowsing rods, cards, etc. Meanwhile the parents will have the opportunity to understand their children's abilities and learn how to encourage their children's development.

Parents who wish to be sent email reminders about the meetings are encouraged to call or email the church with their contact information: email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or phone 403-283-1102.

MATERIALIZATIONS AT CFSC

Marvelous materializations occurred at CFSC during the Christmas holiday! They were undoubtedly the best Christmas gifts that any church member or adherent had received to usher in a new decade of Spiritualism. Thanks to the diligence of members of the Decorating Committee, the church doors opened on January 3rd to welcome all into a beautifully redecorated sanctuary dressed in new carpeting, new paint and new window blinds. The new carpeting continued into the board room and abutted next to the stunning new tiling of the kitchen/office floor.

CFSC's current facelift is the latest in a long history of building renovations:

- ◆ 1972: The City of Calgary's urban renewal plans resulted in expropriation of the original 1920 church building located at the corner of 7th Ave. & 5th St. S.E.
- ◆ 1974: The renovated duplex in its present location became the new home of CFSC. Massive renovations upstairs and downstairs transformed the duplex from two residences to a small workable church.
- ◆ Between 1994 & 1995, with money from various fund raisers, the building was refurbished upstairs and downstairs.
- ◆ Over the next decade, as the number of church programs and activities increased, signs of wear and tear became evident. Hence the decision was made in the spring of 2009 to redecorate the upstairs rooms.

The current upgrades at CFSC have materialized from the intentions and visions of those who value Spiritualism and wish to continue offering ethical mediumship and spiritual healing to the general public. CFSC thanks the following people for generously and enthusiastically giving of their time and energy to refurbish the church interior, including the Decorating Committee for organizing and overseeing the work: Tom & Rev. Ella Groves, Mary Grace Nelson and Sharon Pelech; Kevin Gross, Tom Groves and Greg Deabler for hanging the blinds; and to all those who moved furniture downstairs and then upstairs, who spent time sorting, cleaning up, repairing and adding the finishing touches. Thanks to all those mentioned above for the gift of a beautiful church wherein Spiritualism can continue to serve the public; they have given a gift that keeps on giving!

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi

—Submitted by Marlene Harris

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY 7:30 pm SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 7	Speaker:	Dr. David Jones
	Topic:	Stories from Spiritual Masters
	Medium:	William Pelech
February 14		ALL MESSAGE SERVICE
	Medium:	Susan Gormley, Vreny Zumbuhl
February 21	Speaker:	Hank Baker
	Topic:	Universal Laws
	Medium:	Donna Kiss
February 28	Speaker:	Rev. Ella Groves
	Topic:	White Eagle Explains Christ's Miracles
	Medium:	Louise Gebhart

WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 7:15 pm HEALING SERVICE

Enjoy an opportunity to receive Spiritual Healing with the church healers.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 pm ALL MESSAGE SERVICE

February 3	Medium(s):	Donna Kiss, Sharon Pelech, Elsie Pytel
February 10	Medium(s):	Mary Jane Kapteyn, Vreny Zumbuhl
February 17	Medium(s):	Louise Gebhart, William Pelech
February 24	Medium(s):	Rev. Ella Groves, Jane Fleming

NOTE: Due to personal circumstances, program arrangements may be subject to change.

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ONGOING GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	7:30 PM	A.S.H.A. HEALING – open every Monday except holidays — Donations Welcome
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	A COURSE IN MIRACLES — Facilitator: Greg Deabler
FRIDAY	7:30 – 9:00 PM	EVENING MEDITATION GROUP — Facilitators: Rev Ella Groves, Susan Gormley
SATURDAY	9:45 AM	ADVANCED ENERGY HEALING — Feb 13 & 27
SUNDAY	1:30 – 2:30 PM	EXPLORING PSYCHIC ABILITIES WITH CHILDREN Feb 28 — Facilitators: Donna Kiss & Susan Gormley

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

MEET YOUR GUIDE

with Donna Kiss

DATE: **Sunday, February 7, 2010**
 TIME: **1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**
 LOCATION: **Calgary First Spiritualist Church**
1603 – 6th Avenue N.W.
 COST: **\$30 church members**
\$35 non-members

This is an opportunity to meet with your Spirit Guide on a very personal basis.

EXPLORING PSYCHIC ABILITIES WITH CHILDREN

This is a free, on-going group for children ages 10 to 14 years to explore their psychic abilities. It is held the last Sunday of each month 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. To inquire about this group, please contact the church.

To Register for these programs:
 Phone 403-283-1102 or Email
info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca

Drop-in for the annual Winter Social

MUNCHIES, MUSIC & MESSAGES

DATE: **Sunday, February 20, 2010**
 TIME: **5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper**
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dessert Upstairs
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. A mix of Messages,
Music Sing-a-long & Talent Show

THEME: *Mardi Gras, wear your mask & beads.*

There is no cost but everyone is asked to bring a favorite supper dish or dessert to share with others.

**Plan to attend, make new friends
and bring along some guests.**

MEET YOUR GUIDE WITH DONNA KISS

Donna Kiss presents the first of her regular workshops in the New Year, **Meet Your Guide**, on **Sunday, February 7, 2010** from **1 to 3:30 pm**. This is a very useful workshop in which Donna provides an opportunity to meet with your Spirit Guide on a very personal basis. She will lead a Guided Meditation so that participants can have a 'face-to-face' conversation with the Spirit who is assisting them in their earthly work. There will be plenty of time to discuss and analyze what information is received. This provides insight into each person's life and impacts future decision-making. The cost is \$30 for members or \$35 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register for this workshop email info@calgaryfirstspiritualistchurch.ca or phone the church message line at 403-283-1102.

WINTER SOCIAL—MUNCHIES, MUSIC & MESSAGES

Everyone is invited to join **Mary Grace Nelson** at the annual **Winter Social** titled **Munchies, Messages and Music** on **Saturday, February 20** at **5:30 pm**. The evening will begin with a *Pot Luck Supper* served downstairs from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. This will be followed by dessert with beverages served upstairs from 6:30 to 7 pm. Then from 7 to 10 pm the fun will begin! Church mediums will give *Messages* from the platform, names will also be drawn for private *Mini-Readings* downstairs, Mary Grace Nelson will lead a *Sing-A-Long* and we will have a *Talent Show Case* featuring our CFSC friends. The theme this year will be Mardi Gras so wear your mask & beads. There is no cost but everyone is asked to bring a favorite supper dish or dessert to share with others. There will also be an opportunity to buy tickets for raffle prizes or a 50/50 draw and donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. You will find a sign-up sheet for food dishes or raffle donations at the back of the church sanctuary. To participate in the **Talent Show Case** contact Mary Grace at 403-852-1265 or email mary_gracnelson@hotmail.com. Plan to attend, make new friends and bring along some guests.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of CFSC will be held immediately following the **Sunday Evening Service** at **8:30 pm** on **Sunday, February 28, 2010**. Annual reports from the numerous active committees that help to operate the church will be presented. The meeting will conclude with the election of a new Board. If you have any items to put on the Agenda, please see Tom Groves at least two weeks before the AGM. If you have recommendations of names for those who wish to serve as Board members, please see a member of the nominating committee, Greg Deabler or William Pelech. Marlene Harris asks that your membership be up-to-date for 2010 to ensure your voting privileges, and she is available to answer any questions. However, everyone is welcome to attend, observe and learn about the running of the church.

CHARITABLE DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

Charitable Donation Tax Receipts will be issued during February 2010 if your total annual (2009) donation to CFSC was twenty-five dollars or more. Receipts can be picked up at the church, while those not claimed will be mailed out in March. If you have recently changed your mailing address, make sure that the church has your new address.

HEADS UP FOR MARCH

- March 6 & 7, 2010: **Love & Creating Your Future – Hank Baker.**
- March 20, 2010: **Mini-Readings.**

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOOD BANK ARE APPRECIATED