



Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society of America 80th Anniversary Celebration!

2014 Winter - Spring Newsletter



Dear Friends:

It will be, indeed, a great joy to welcome you to the Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, at the celebration of its 80th Anniversary on May 16-18, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Hotel located at 4333 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33140.

The theme of the conference is: *The Key to Theosophy - Past, Present and Future*, presented in English by Tim Boyd, TSA National President, and David Bruce, TSA National Secretary; and in Spanish by Gaspar Torres, Former National TS President of the Cuban Section, and Terry Hunt, TSA National Speaker, in addition to the presence of special guests and performing artists.

The event will give the participants an opportunity to interact with many theosophists from Florida and visitors from other areas, and to engage in leisure activities like relaxing on the sand, strolling along the boardwalk, doing group yoga at sunrise, practicing meditation, dining together, and having a wonderful time for fellowship.

The Convention site at the Holiday Inn has a premium oceanfront location with white-sand beaches and clear turquoise warm waters. The hotel is located just minutes away from South Beach, a popular and cosmopolitan tourist destination. It is also close to downtown Miami and to the Miami International Airport.

For more information, please see our 2014 Convention Program and Registration form in this Newsletter and on our Webpage at: <http://www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida> www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida.

Early registration is encouraged; deadline is April 15th.

The Board of Directors of the Florida Federation is looking forward to seeing you at this very special anniversary celebration!

In Love and Light,
Nori Rao, President
Florida Federation, TS

**Florida Federation Convention
May 16th -18th, 2014
Celebrating our 80th Anniversary!**

**Tim Boyd, President TSA
David Bruce, Nat. Sec.
Gaspar Torres, Cuba's TS Former Nat. Pres
Terry Hunt TSA Nat. Speaker**

Registration info and
further details TBA soon
If you would like to attend
please leave your contact info:
239-603-6058



**May 16th -18th, 2014
Holiday Inn Oceanview
Miami Beach, Fl.**



PROGRAM

2014 Florida Federation Convention

The Key to Theosophy Past-Present and Future

An inspirational journey exploring aspects of the evolutionary process and the interconnectedness of all things. Join us for an examination of the all embracing principles of the ageless wisdom.

Friday 16th

3:00 pm Hotel check-in & Registration (Days Inn Lobby)
Dinner on your own/ Free time

Saturday 17th

6:30 am Sunrise Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori (optional)
7:00 am Breakfast
7:00 am Registration (Holiday Inn Celebration Room)
9:30 am Official Convention Opening
10:00 am Tim Boyd's presentation (English)
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Tim Boyd, David Bruce
& Terry Hunt (English)
4:30 pm ES meeting (members only)
5:30 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Entertainment

Sunday 18th

6:30 am Sunrise Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori (optional)
7:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am David Bruce (English/Holiday Inn Palm Room)
10:30 am Tim Boyd (English)
12:00 pm Convention Closing First Session
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Business Meeting
3:00 pm Tim Boyd/Terry Hunt (Español)
4:30 pm Gaspar Torres (Español)
6.30 pm Convention Closing



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The Key to Theosophy: Past, Present and Future presented by



Tim Boyd, President of the Theosophical Society in America (TSA), is a founding member of a spiritual community that was active in Chicago's inner city for more than 25 years. His involvement with the Theosophical Order of Service and the Chushul orphanage in Tibet led to an audience with the Dalai Lama. This meeting resulted in the TSA sponsoring His Holiness visit to Chicago in July of 2011 for a two-day event which was attended by ten thousand people.



David Bruce served as Director of Education at the national center of the TSA from 2003-2010, and since then he has served as National Secretary. He is a third-generation Theosophist.



Gaspar Torres was born in Cuba into a Theosophical family and has been active in the TS from his youth. He has served as National President of the Cuban Section; presented in events at Adyar, the Society's International Headquarters in India, the Theosophical Caribbean Basin, and the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, and has supported TS work internationally. In the last two years is residing in the Krotona Institute of Theosophy in Ojai, California.



Terry Hunt has studied Theosophy since 1975 and is an avid student of The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett. He is a national speaker for the TSA and an international speaker for the Inter-American Federation. He is co-author of *Ancient Wisdom for a New Age: A Practical Guide for Spiritual Growth*.

ENTERTAINMENT Sat 8 p.m.

You are invited to a wonderful evening of music and spiritual poetry, singing and dancing, presented by talented performing artists, and special guests!

Florida Federation Board of Directors

President: Nori Rao

1st Vice President: Ricardo Basurto

2nd Vice President: Judith Snow-Clewell

Secretary: Bill Bauer

Treasurer: Steve Schweizer

The three declared Objects of the Theosophical Society:

- To form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color.
- To encourage the comparative study of religion, philosophy and science.
- To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

FLORIDA FEDERATION

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To update your information

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ADDITIONAL Info:

Parking at the Event

CHARLES GARAGE 2013

Address: 4332 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33140

(Across the Holiday Inn Hotel)

0 - 15 mins \$ 3

16 mins - up to 59 mins \$ 6

1 hr - up to 3 hrs \$ 9

3 hrs - up to 6 hrs \$ 15

6 hrs - up to 8 hrs \$ 20

8 hrs - up to 12 hrs \$ 22

12 hrs - up to 16 hrs \$ 24

16 hrs - up to 24 hrs \$ 30

LOST TICKET \$ 40

Hotel guests with validated ticket

(no in/out privileges) \$ 25

PLUS ALL APPLICABLE TAXES

Pricing for parking is subject to change as this
is contracted by an outside company



Restaurant available at the
Holiday Inn, more dining
options along the boardwalk
and within walking distance.

Convention 2014 Event

Cost: Suggested Donation:

\$20 per person

(it may be paid at the door)

Further questions: **239-603-6058**

Florida Federation Convention 2014 (May 16th–18th): Registration Information

The Florida Federation of The Theosophical Society in America is pleased to announce early registration for its 2014 convention. We have contracted for special pricing on a limited number of rooms at the **Days Inn Oceanside**, located within easy walking distance of the **Holiday Inn Oceanview**, where the convention will be held, and just minutes away from the popular South Beach, Ocean Drive, and downtown Miami areas. We want to be able to offer as many rooms as possible at these reduced rates and, because of our deadlines with the hotel, early registration will help make that possible. Please note that **rooms are limited** availability, on a **first-come, first-served basis**. **Payments for rooms are non-refundable**. **Standard** or **Ocean Front** rooms are available at the per-night prices listed below for either single, double, triple, or quad occupancy, **taxes included**. **These are excellent prices for the area, so please book early if you are interested**. Meals are not included. **Catered ovo-lacto vegetarian meals** for lunch and dinner are available at special pricing below. Specially priced **breakfast vouchers** are also available from the Days Inn Oceanside and the Holiday Inn Oceanview. Of course, you are free to secure your own accommodations and meals. Your rooms, meal tickets, and breakfast vouchers will be given to you during the check-in and registration times for the conference. Check-in and registration begin at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 16th in the hotel lobby of the Days Inn. Saturday registration begins at 7AM in the Holiday Inn lobby, just outside the conference room.

The Key to Theosophy: Past, Present, & Future, with Tim Boyd (Registration Form)

To register, please complete and mail this form with your full payment or a 50% good-faith deposit to secure your room and meals below. We must receive your **full payment** no later than **April 15, 2014**. Remember, however, we have a limited number of rooms at these prices and cannot guarantee your room reservation if you wait until the last minute to register. **All room and meal reservations are non-refundable upon receipt of your payment or deposit**. Those securing their own accommodations and meals should still send in their registration by April 15th.

Your check or money order should be made out to the:

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc.

Please mail to: **Steve Schweizer, Registrar**
Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society
P. O. Box 07095
Fort Myers, FL 33919-5835

Attendee(s): How many in your family or group, including you? _____ (Use a Sharpie felt tip pen if ballpoint should fail).

Name (payee or responsible party): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Days Inn Rooms* (Optional) Based on the number of persons staying with you, please check one of the room rates below.

Standard Room: _____ Single(\$120/night) _____ Double(\$120/night) _____ Triple(\$130/night) _____ Quad (\$140/night)

OR

Ocean Front Room: _____ Single(\$150/night) _____ Double(\$150/night) _____ Triple (\$160/night) _____ Quad(\$170/night)

Hotel Arrival Date: _____

Hotel Departure Date: _____

Total nights at hotel _____ x Room-rate chosen from above \$ _____ = \$ _____

OR _____ I already have or will secure my own accommodations (\$0).

***Note:** Please choose **either** a Standard or Ocean Front Room. Only one room per registration form allowed. Extended stay at these prices is available for those wishing to come before or stay after the convention dates. Days of stay must be consecutive and include convention dates.

Catered Meals** (Optional - **see complete menu at bottom**) Please indicate below how many of each meal you wish to purchase for you and your family or group members. Taxes and gratuity are included in the prices below.

Saturday Lunch: **(How many)** _____ x Vegetarian Buffet (\$26.40 ea.) = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner: **(How many)** _____ x Fettuccine Primavera (\$38.40 ea.) = \$ _____

Sunday Lunch: **(How many)** _____ x Veggie Pita (\$21.60 ea.) = \$ _____

_____ I will secure my own meals (\$0)

****Note:** Availability of catered meals is dependent upon a 20-person minimum for each meal. If the minimum is not reached, then the meal will not be offered. In the unlikely event that this should occur for 1 or more meals, a refund will be issued to you at registration, in the form of a check, for any meals not offered. **You are responsible for your meals.** Delegates may still order from the Holiday Inn regular menu and from local restaurants nearby.

Breakfast Vouchers*** (Optional): **(How many)** _____ x Days Inn (\$10.95 ea.) = \$ _____

(How many) _____ x Holiday Inn (\$15.95 ea.) = \$ _____

_____ No thank you on the breakfast vouchers (\$0)

*****Note:** Breakfast vouchers are non-transferrable and must be used at the hotel from which they were issued. Taxes included.

I am including a **tax deductible donation** for the Florida Federation: (\$20.00 per person suggested): \$ _____

Total enclosed: (Check or Money Order) \$ _____. Check here _____ if amount is equal to 50% of total.
Full payment due no later than April 15, 2014. We cannot guarantee your room if the deadline is missed.

We will contact you by phone or e-mail if there is a problem with any portion of your registration. **Pre-paid room and meal reservations, either full or partial, are non-refundable.** If you have any further questions, please contact **Steve Schweizer** at sschweizer@theosophical.org; or call **239-603-6058**. Further details are available **online** at: www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida.

<u>Saturday Lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m.)</u>	<u>Saturday Dinner (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)</u>	<u>Sunday Lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m.)</u>
Caesar Salad: Romaine Lettuce tossed with Caesar dressing & finished with parmesan cheese and garlic croutons.	Tomato Caprice: Fresh Mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, served w/extra virgin olive oil & balsamic Vinaigrette.	Veggie Pita: Grilled eggplant, sun-dried tomatoes, butter lettuce and spinach artichoke spread in a grilled pita.
Mushroom Ravioli Al Forno: Baked in our creamy Alfredo sauce, diced tomatoes, topped with toasted Parmesan bread crumbs.	Fettuccine Primavera: Delicious Linguine pasta served with spring vegetables and tarragon cream sauce.	Seasonal whole fruit, potato chips, homemade cookies, bottled water or soft drink.
Carrot cake, bottled water or soft drink.	Cheese cake, bottled water or soft drink.	