

Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society In America **2017 Convention**



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to invite you, your family and friends to join us on May 5, 6 and 7 at the 2017 Convention "What Transformation Means in Your Life: From the Ancient Wisdom to Our Quantum Times," with keynote speaker Professor Aryel Sanat, author of The Inner Life of Krishnamurti, and special guest David Bruce, National Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America, and a third generation Theosophist, sharing on

The Voice of the Silence. We anticipate an exciting and informative weekend for participants to network, exchange ideas, and gather empowering and transformative insights, and to have an opportunity to relax and simply enjoy one another's company.

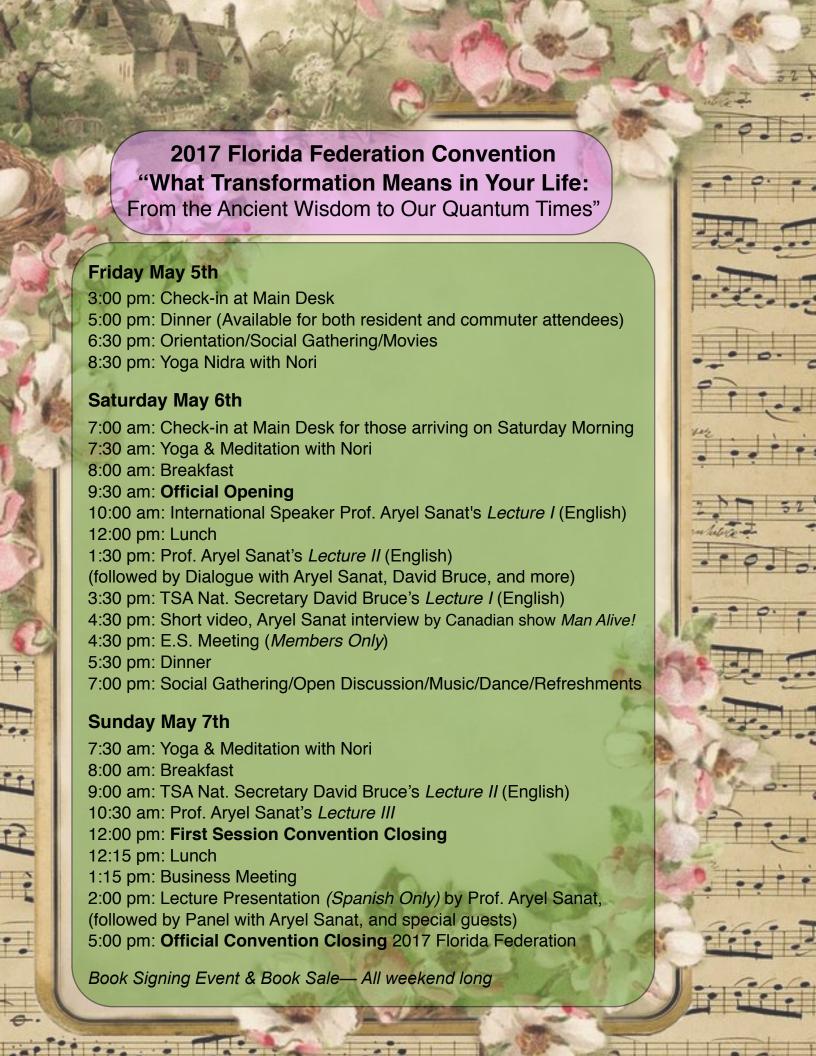
The 2017 Convention will also include accomplished performing artists, panel discussions, social gatherings, movies, creative activities, yoga, meditation, a workshop in Spanish, a book-signing event by Theosophical authors, a book sale—and plenty of free time to visit Casa San Carlos's tropically landscaped grounds, with its colorful garden and walking path surrounding a lake. Attendees from last year's convention commented on the lovely and peaceful atmosphere to be found at the Retreat Center. It is for this reason that we have decided to make it the venue for this year's convention as well.

Casa San Carlos Conference and Retreat Center, 9600 West Atlantic Ave. Bldg. C, Delray Beach, FL 33446, offers the ideal environment for our Theosophical gathering. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration is required for access to the activities at Casa San Carlos, even for those commuting daily or for those securing their own accommodations outside the Retreat Center. If you are planning to attend, it is to your advantage to print out the enclosed registration form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. For any further information and coming updates please visit: https://theosophical.org/files/local_groups/floridafederation/TS_Winter_2016_E-Newsletter.pdf

Equally important, we encourage you to attend the variety of programs and classes presented in the TS Lodges and Study Centers throughout our State of Florida.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Florida Federation's 2017 Convention!

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



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Initiation has always been the very foundation of the ancient wisdom: Without that transformation, the "ancient wisdom" turns into a mere system of thought. By engaging in this *theosophical*, *esoteric* transformation, you not only "fraternize" with your ancient initiate-brothers: It is only through such regeneration that you can live today a more harmonious, meaningful life, and so help create a good society.



Aryel Sanat. Author of *The Inner Life of Krishnamurti*, is a former Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the American University in Washington D.C. He has been an active TS member for 54 years, and his main interest, from the beginning, has been to emphasize the primacy of the esoteric (which is something one does, not a conceptual avocation),

in order to understand any & all exoteric "teachings," which is what most people identify as "Theosophy." He has lectured internationally on theosophical subjects since 1964.

Convención de la Federación de la Florida Mayo 5, 6 & 7, 2017 por el Profesor Aryel Sanat "Lo que la Transformación Significa en su Vida Personal: De la Sabiduría Antigua a Nuestra Era Cuántica"

La iniciación siempre ha sido la fuente primordial de la sabiduría antigua: Sin transformación, la sabiduría antigua se torna en una mera ideología. Dicha transformación teosófica, esotérica no solo nos une a nuestros antecesores, nuestros hermanos iniciados — es solo mediante tal mutación psicológica que se hace posible vivir una vida más íntegra y armoniosa, creando por ese medio una sociedad más sana.

Aryel Sanat. Autor de *La Vida Interna de Krishnamurti*, y ex-profesor de Filosofía y Religión en The American University, en Washington, D.C., ha sido miembro activo de la S.T. por 54 años, y su principal interés, desde el principio, ha sido siempre enfatizar la primacía de lo esotérico (lo cual es una forma de ser, no una creencia o ideología). Solo la vida esotérica nos permite comprender todas las enseñanzas exotéricas — con las que la mayoría tiende a identificar lo que llaman "Teosofía". Desde 1964, ha sido un conferencista internacional.

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THE VOICE OF THE SILENCE

David Bruce

Two years before her death, H. P. Blavatsky published a small book called *The Voice of the Silence*. Since its initial publication in 1889, this marvelous work has established itself as a true theosophical classic, whose timeless message of selfless service has touched generations of Theosophists. Discover some of its memorable verses as well as its distinctive stylistic features.

Biographical Sketch for David Bruce



David Bruce is a third generation Theosophist and was active in the Milwaukee Lodge from 1985-2003. He served on the TSA Board of Directors during President John Algeo administration. In 2003, President Betty Bland hired David to work full time as director of education at the national center in

Wheaton, Illinois. In 2010, he was promoted to the position of national secretary, a position he has held for the past six years. His current responsibilities include working with local TS groups, scheduling national speakers, managing the National Lodge courses, and supervising the TSA prison program.





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The Lodges and Study Centers throughout our State of Florida are aimed at both TS members and the general public.



Florida Federation Convention 2017 (May 5th-7th): Casa San Carlos 9600 West Atlantic Ave. Bldg. C, Delray Beach, FL 33446. Phone: 561-921-4900 www.casasancarlos.org

This year's convention will be held at the *Casa San Carlos Conference and Retreat Center*. Accommodations include semi-private rooms (2 beds per room with a shared bathroom). The rate below is per person for both nights and includes 6 meals. Meals are buffet-style with both ovo-lacto and vegan vegetarian options. Iced tea and coffee are provided. For those wishing to bring their own food and beverages, there is a refrigerator in the kitchenette of the conference room, which delegates may use. Please label any food items you wish to bring. There is a Publix market only half a mile from Casa San Carlos for any shopping needs you may have.

Accommodations are limited, so be sure to register early if you wish to stay at the Retreat Center. Of course, you are free to secure your own accommodations.

Commuters not residing overnight at the Retreat Center may attend the **2-day event** for a fee of \$45 per day, with or without meals. Prices listed below to stay at the Retreat Center, however, **include** event registration.

San Carlos has no specific hotel recommendations for commuters, but here are a couple of online links that may help you with your search for a nearby hotel: http://www.therealplaces.com/zip/33446 and http://www.kayak.com/sem/hotels/destination/-c5173?lang=en&gclid=CLOLuY2 t8kCFZYWHwodD88CmQ.

If you are driving, you may get directions from the "Contact" pulldown menu of Casa San Carlos' Website, which is listed above. At the bottom of the "Contact" page you will find a map for getting "Directions" from your starting point. Of course, there are many options for getting travel directions online.

Check-in is at the main desk and starts at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 5th (7:00 AM for those arriving Saturday morning). Casa San Carlos is providing 6 meals for all registrants, including commuters: Friday dinner, all 3 meals on Saturday, and 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) on Sunday. There are no exceptions and no refunds for missed meals. Registrants, therefore, especially those commuting for both the Saturday and Sunday sessions, should take special care to not miss Friday evening's opening dinner. **Saturday only** registrants will receive the 3 Saturday meals as part of their 1-day registration. Parking at Casa San Carlos is free. Handicap parking spaces are clearly marked. All keys should be presented to the main desk when you check-out, no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday May 7th. We are on our own after hours. The Retreat Center **does not** provide 24-hour staff. Quiet hours at San Carlos are from 10 p.m. to 7 AM.

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To register, please print out and mail your completed registration form (page 2 only) with payment to secure your room and meals below. We must receive your full payment no later than April 15th, 2017. Remember, however, there are a limited number of rooms at the Retreat Center and we cannot guarantee your room reservation if you wait until the last minute to register. Those securing their own accommodations should still mail their registration with payment by April 15th. You must pre-register for this event. Pre-registration is required for access to the events at Casa San Carlos.

Casa San Carlos offers a smoke-free, alcohol-free and drug-free environment for its guests. Please do not bring alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco to the Retreat Center. Their use is strictly forbidden and will be cause for immediate expulsion and loss of any payments, including any security deposit. Please do not bring pets if you are staying at the Retreat Center. A telephone is available for emergency calls only. Bring your cell if you need to make personal calls.

A swimming pool is available for all room guests and is open from 10:00 AM to sunset. No life guard is on duty; thus all guests are swimming at their own risk. No children under the age of 13 can use the pool without adult supervision. Shower prior to getting into the pool. No running around the swimming pool. Excessive noise will not be permitted. No rafts or floats in the pool. No diving. No food, glass, or drinks in pool area. No rough games in pool.

Please print out and mail your completed registration form (page 2 only) with payment to the address below. Your check or money order (no credit cards please) should be made out to the: Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc.

Please mail to: Steve Schweizer, Registrar

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