

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE MILWAUKEE LODGE
WELCOME TO OUR 2015 WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

This season's schedule will feature eight guest speakers including five national speakers from Wheaton: Reuben Cabigting and David Bruce will return followed by newcomers Elvira Carbonell, John Cianciosi, and Ed Abdill. Local presenters include Dirty Kettle, Peig Myota, Diane Bloom, and Susan Wasserman. The remaining programs will be hosted by lodge members.

Among the subjects to be discussed are healing in this life, conditions in the afterlife, and the process of reincarnation. The Study Group will turn its attention to "Twelve World Teachers" by Manly P. Hall, originally published in 1937. The first sessions will be dedicated to the lesser known of the teachers covered in the book and, since preparation time is not required, all members and friends may consider these talks as regular meetings.

Please note that our schedule begins on February 4. Winter—especially last year—caused a rethinking of our standard practices. It is probable that, if January programs are scheduled in the future, they will not include presenters who have to travel any appreciable distance.

Please review our programs and plan to attend often!

Bob Bendykowski
Program Chairman



Emblem of the Theosophical Society

The emblem or seal of the Theosophical Society consists of seven elements that represent a unity of meaning. It combines symbols drawn from various religious traditions around the world to express the order of the universe and the spiritual unity of all life.

	<p>The Sanskrit word <i>Om</i>, a very sacred word in India, symbolizes the Absolute expressing itself as the three-in-one divine intelligence or Logos from which the universe emanates and to which, at the end of time, it returns.</p>
	<p>A whirling cross within a circle, a very ancient symbol, found all over the world—in India, among American Indians, and in many other cultures around the globe. In Sanskrit it is called a <i>swastika</i>, meaning “good,” its clockwise motion suggesting the dynamic forces of creation.</p>
	<p>This symbol was called by the ancient Greek Gnostics and alchemists <i>ouroboros</i>. The serpent swallowing its tail represents the cycles of nature, the bounded eternity of the world, and the infinite order of life. The area inside the serpent’s circle represents the whole universe and everything in it.</p>
	<p>Upon that background of the universe are two interlaced triangles, another worldwide symbol. The hexagram or six-pointed star that they form is universal. The upward-pointing triangle, which is light in color, symbolizes spirit or consciousness. The downward-pointing triangle, which is dark in color, symbolizes matter or substance.</p>
	<p>At the center of the six-pointed star of spirit and matter is the Egyptian cross or <i>ankh</i>, symbolic of life. The six points of the triangles and the ankh at the center represent the seven principles of the universe. The ankh represents the idea that life results from the interaction of spirit or consciousness (the upward triangle) and matter or substance (the downward triangle).</p>

“There is no religion higher than truth” is an English translation of a Sanskrit motto, which might also be translated as “Nothing is greater than truth.” The motto is not specifically about what we think of as religion. Instead it is saying that none of our commitments or social conventions or ideas can measure up to the reality of what truly is. Reality is greater than any of its parts and is beyond all our notions about it.

Spring 2015 Program Schedule

February 4: **World Teacher Akhenaten**

Kathleen Neuman

This series begins with Akhenaten (aka Amenhotep IV) who was a pharaoh of the 18th dynasty of Egypt.

February 11: **"A Flute Circle"**

Dirty Kettle

Herb Heck, aka Dirty Kettle, returns to conduct a program of Native American story, song, and flute music. With his assistants he will give attendees basic instruction in playing the flute.

February 18: **Round Table Discussion**

Bring your ideas and questions to an open session. Suggestions for future programs would also be appreciated.

February 25: **A Journey Through The Afterlife (DVD)**

Kathleen Neuman

Dr. Eben Alexander shares his near-death experience and its implications regarding his understanding of consciousness. Members who have experienced an NDE are encouraged to share their insights.

March 4: **World Teacher**

To be announced

March 11: **The Essential Simplicity of Healing**

Bob Bendykowski

As he nears the end of his quest Bob offers a recap of forty years of investigation into the simple principles underlying all types of healing.

March 18: **Inner Sacred Marriage: Integrating the Human Spiritual and Physical Bodies**

Peig Myota

Peig Myota, spiritual psychologist, joins us to show how building a bridge of Light Energy between divine and human consciousness allows the entire constitution to become wholly integrated.

March 25: **Life After Death**

Ruben Cabigting

International lecturer Ruben Cabigting returns to Milwaukee to explore the afterlife in the light of Theosophical teachings. This will be a PowerPoint presentation.

April 1: **World Teacher Orpheus**

Bob Bendykowski

Man or Myth? Bob explores the information about this historical (?) character as found in Manly Hall's book.

April 8: Reincarnation

Jean Dean

Jean Dean joins us to share personal flashes from her past lives and discuss reincarnation in general.

April 15: Theosophy and World Religions

David Bruce

Discussion on how Theosophy might be able to integrate the bewildering variety of faiths and practices on Earth into a unified and comprehensive body of beliefs.

April 22: Transformation through Sound

Susan Wasserman

The use of sound for healing. Learn about general sound healing principles and experience the beneficial effects possible with crystal bowls and toning.

April 29: Can Crystals Really Heal?

Diane Bloom

The history and science behind the use of crystals in physical healing.

May 6: White Lotus Day

In her will, HPB suggested that her friends might gather together on the anniversary of her passing (May 8, 1891) and read from Sir Edward Arnold's "The Light of Asia" and from "The Bhagavad Gita." Lotuses grew in unusual profusion one year later. Hence, May 8th became known as White Lotus Day. This evening the public is invited to join the Lodge in honoring HPB's request. Refreshments will follow.

MAY 13: (to be announced-Elvira Carbonell)

May 20: Karma and Rebirth in Buddhism

John Cianciosi

Contrary to the tenets of many religions Buddha did not believe in a soul that transmigrates from life to life. His process was one of conditioned becoming, governed by impersonal natural laws that do not require a creator nor a soul. John Cianciosi joins us from Wheaton to discuss this form of personal evolution.

May 27: The Adepts—Our Brothers

Ed Abdill

The Mahatmas, authors of the well known Letters to A. P. Sinnett. His talk will include information on the spiritual and material nature of the universe and of ourselves, and the principles of living required to achieve the ability to work for humanity as they do.

June 3: General Meeting

Speakers

Ed Abdill, author of "The Secret Gateway", is a former director of the TS in America. He was an international lecturer for the Society and currently teaches courses on Theosophy at NYTS.

Bob Bendykowski divided his working career between music and electronics. He is currently researching and promoting distant healing as a scientific and teachable discipline.

Diane Bloom, owner of Free Spirit Crystals in Butler, offers workshops on Integrated Energy Healing as well as a certificate program.

David Bruce is well known to Milwaukee Lodge members. He is now National Secretary in Wheaton.

Reuben Cabigting has been a member of the TS for 67 years and lectures internationally. He is a bishop in the Liberal Catholic Church, a 33rd degree co-Mason, and a retired Navy commander.

John Cianciosi was born in Italy and raised in Australia, and practiced as a Buddhist monk for twenty-three years. In 1982, he helped found the Bodhiyana Forest Monastery in Serpentine, Western Australia, and led a community of monks and nuns. He also served as mentor for the Buddhist Society of Western Australia. John decided to disrobe as a monk in 1995. He is the author of *The Meditative Path* (Quest Books) and presently serves as director of programming at Olcott.

Jean Dean is active in too many spiritual and historical disciplines to enumerate. In her spare time she teaches college level English and performs poetry and dance.

Herb Heck is a Native American in every way except genetically. He lives, breathes, and promotes the culture and history of the earliest Americans.

Kathleen Neuman has been a TS member for 22 years and is currently president of the Milwaukee Lodge and a member of the board of directors of the TS in America. Now retired, she was an educator and counselor in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin spanning 35 years.

Peig Myota is a spiritual psychologist and teacher of the Science of Light Energy. She presents international seminars on Energy Frequency Healing, Transformation of Consciousness, and Activation of Spiritual DNA.

Susan Wasserman has been in private practice as a psychotherapist and counselor for over 24 years. She is the co-founder of Inner Journeys - Psychotherapy in Milwaukee, WI - Counseling Services. Staying current on leading edge psychotherapy approaches and healing strategies that include body, mind and spirit, Susan will present, this evening, Sound and Energy Healing - combining crystal singing bowls and toning with subtle energy work in private sessions or groups