



Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment

A Religious Science Community

"Open at the Top"

November 2017 Newsletter

Sunday Services, 11:30 a.m.

578 Bonanza Trail, Big Bear Lake

(Across the street from the Little Greenhouse florist)

P. O. Box 4184, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

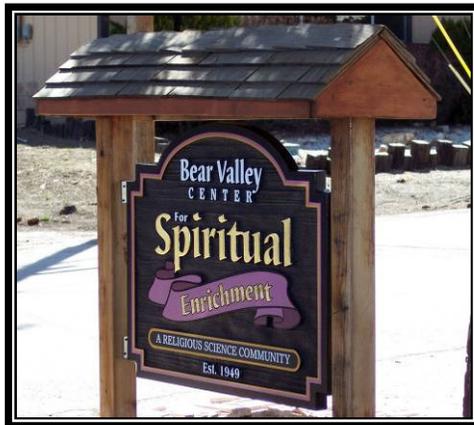
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Our purpose is to inspire and nurture spiritual growth by accepting a loving, all inclusive community through teaching, healing, and serving, for the highest good of all.

We are the Mind of God knowing, the Heart of God loving, and the Hands of God serving.

November Topics and Speakers



November 5th

Liz Harris

"Love is a Verb"

November 12th

Rev. Dr. Warren Chester

"Get Ready"

November 19th

Nancy Walker

"Giving Thanks"

November 26th

Rev. Jules Jones

***"Spiritual Nourishment or
Dieting for the Soul"***

Meet New Board Member

Kim (Kiki) Williams

My name is Kimberly Williams. I use the nickname, "Kiki", since there were already some members here named "Kim".

I was born in Newport Beach and grew up in Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa. I lived in Irvine before moving to Long Beach for my job at the police department as a Records Clerk, typing crime and arrest reports. After over 30 years, I took early retirement and moved to Big Bear where I had good memories of coming here with my family. Here, I was able to buy a house, which would not have been possible in Long Beach or Orange County. ☺



I am enjoying Big Bear and all it has to offer, enjoying the Wednesday meditations at Carolyn's, and Eric's Buddhist meditations on Sundays, the drum circles, and being creative with The Big Bear Writers Group. When I'm not doing those things, I can be found watching too much television. Too bad they canceled my favorites, "Monk" and "Boston Legal". I like "Endeavour" on "Masterpiece Mystery", especially since Morse likes classical music like I do!

As for my spiritual journey, I went to pre-school at the Unitarian Universalist Church Huntington Beach and would occasionally attend Easter or

***New Board Member Kiki Williams
(continued)***

Christmas services. Both of my parents were interested in Buddhism and my mom explored different religions, taking me to a Church of Religious Science in Huntington Beach when I was younger. We always had a lot of Terry Cole-Whittaker and Wayne Dyer books in the house and I enjoy Dyer's translation of the *Tao Te Ching* and read a verse every night before I go to sleep. I knew the Unitarian church was a nice support system for my mom and knew I wanted to find something similar, since I moved up here without knowing anyone. I say my "gratitudes" every day and always include how grateful I am for finding the Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment and the nice people within.

Kiki Williams

***Center Board OFFICERS
And Board of Trustees***

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November Birthdays

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| <i>Marty Lipp</i> | <i>November 6th</i> |
| <i>Julie Grandi</i> | <i>November 8th</i> |
| <i>Kim Boda</i> | <i>November 10th</i> |
| <i>KC Huffman</i> | <i>November 12th</i> |
| <i>Larry Huffman</i> | <i>November 13th</i> |
| <i>Nancy Walker</i> | <i>November 19th</i> |
| <i>Paul Penardi</i> | <i>November 29th</i> |



November Calendar

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| <i>November 1st</i> | <i>Meditation 10:00 a.m.</i> Carolyn Dawley's house (every Wednesday) |
| <i>November 5th</i> | <i>Zen Meditation 4:00</i> With Eric Reid, (every Sunday_ |
| <i>Daylight Savings Ends – Fall Back!</i> | |
| <i>November 11th</i> | <i>Veteran's Day</i> |
| <i>November 12th</i> | <i>Board meeting following service</i> |
| <i>November 19th</i> | <i>Thanksgiving Potluck And service</i> |
| <i>November 23</i> | <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> |

Practitioner's Article

DARE TO LOVE

Dare to love everyone

Hate is a waste of time and talent.
Fears is a lack of faith in the Divine.

Dare to love everyone.

Especially the politicians, enemies, neighbors
and kin who annoy you the most.

This is the Divine informing you that your
spiritual work is not yet done.

Dare to love yourself.

Just as you are,

Everything about you,

Even the parts you don't like or you think need
fixing.

Love yourself anyway

Work to change society's broken places and
broken spaces.

Do it with love.

Love mends our hearts and heals our minds.

Dare to love.

Dare to love everyone.

By Falomi Mendoza, RScP

*Practicing the Philosophy of Ancient Spiritual
Wisdom and New Thought.*



September 2017 Financials

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Collections | \$ 4,824 |
| -Other income | \$ 3,763 |
| Total regular income | \$ 8,587 |
| Mortgage reduction income | \$ 1,985 |
| Total all income | \$10,572 |
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| Expenses | \$11,335 |
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| Net September Income | (\$ 763) |

September Attendance

| | <u>Adults</u> | <u>Children</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9/3 | 26 | 0 |
| 9/10 | 26 | 0 |
| 9/17 | 41 | 0 |
| 9/24 | 25 | 0 |
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| Totals | 118 | 0 |
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| September Averages | 30 | 0 |

Our Bill Board Contributors for September Bills

Gas – Kim Williams
Water – Kim Williams
Electricity – Gloria Meade
Phone/Internet – Rhonda and Bruce Smith,
Kim Williams
Mortgage – none
Grizzly – none
Snow Removal - none

We are so grateful for your help!

Elk's Call

In reflecting on this time of year, I went in search of something written to cover the topic of being thankful. How can anyone in written form possibly express a feeling for this special time of year –the changing, brilliant colors, the smell of fireplace smoke in the neighborhoods, crisp night air, animals food-scrambling before their winter sleep?

The last two mornings, I watched Goldfinches eating the seeds out of the blossoms of my sage bushes, then jump down and grab a drink from the remaining pond water. I was grateful I hadn't cut back the blossoms as planned. I had never seen them do that before. Then some kind of tiny flying bug hovered by my patio table, like a helicopter, as if contemplating what it was, then repeated the performance by the chair. Suddenly, a chipmunk came scurrying down the pine tree on the branch where my empty birdfeeder was, only to freeze in place discovering the dogs on the porch. He/she sat there frozen, just twitching his ears for a good few minutes until deciding it was safe to jump back up the tree. Time to fill the feeder.

I am thankful for taking the time to watch all this. It's so important to stop, listen, and observe.

So I'm sharing this short written piece I found in one of my personal notebooks I've kept since high school. I think it expresses being thankful in many ways.

Happy Thanksgiving month to all!

Ellen Kesler, Editor

The Gift

A bus was along a back road in the South recently. In one seat, a wispy old man sat holding a bunch of fresh flowers. Across the aisle was a young girl whose eyes came back again and again to the old man's flowers.

The time came for the old man to get off. Impulsively, he thrust the flowers into the girl's lap. "I can see you love them," he explained.

"And I think my wife would like for you to have them. I'll tell her I gave them to you."

The girl accepted the flowers, then watched the old man get off the bus and walk through the gate of a small cemetery.

What's the Haps?

Art is Back! Art Harriman returned to Big Bear on October 24th.

Thanksgiving Potluck will be following the service on November 19th. Please sign-up for a dish you'd like to bring. Sign-up sheet is in the Hospitality Room.

December 3rd – there will be a *workshop* following the service led by ***Rev. Ali Benjamin***. Details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Our Prosperity

*Notes from your Board about our
September tithing*

The Board of Trustees has decided to tithe weekly, taking 10% from the Sunday collections. This September, they tithed to ***Tom Cook, Ellen Kesler, Sally Cornett, Genesis Global WA, Dallas CSL, Seattle CSL, and Kaua'i CSL***

The Board also tithes back to any church making a donation to the Mortgage Reduction Fund.

Book Review

Everyday Enlightenment: The Twelve Gateways to Personal Growth Kindle Edition

Author: Dan Millman
Print Length: 372 pages
Publisher: Grand Central Publishing
(October 23, 2008)
Publication Date: November 15, 2008
Price: \$16.95 in Imagine

spiritual wisdom to the practical realities of everyday life.

Explore the challenges and mysteries of body, mind, and emotions. Discover a new approach to success. Change confusion into clarity and knowledge into action. It begins as you turn the first page and enter.

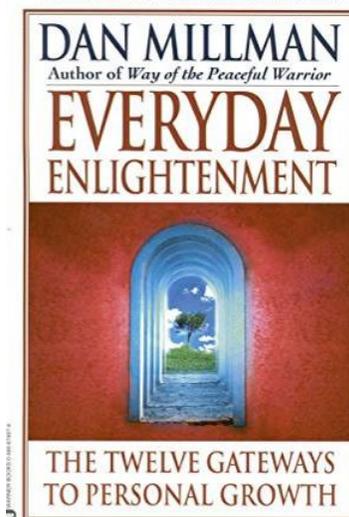
ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE, DO YOU SOMETIMES WISH YOU HAD A MAP?

You now hold such a map in your hands -- a guide through the twelve gateways of personal growth to the summit of your potential. Dan Millman makes your ascent accessible by bringing enlightenment down to earth – applying

THE TIME IS NOW. THE ROAD IS OPEN. YOUR DESTINY AWAITS

Mindy Mathewson
Bookstore Manager

"Offers gentle yet profound reminders of important principles for effective living."
—RICHARD CARLSON, PH.D., AUTHOR OF *DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF*



ADVERTISE!

Let your spiritual community know about the services and products you provide. *We want to support you!* You are invited to advertise your business in our monthly newsletter, which reaches over 300 people. Please provide camera-ready art and a check for \$25 to the church office (or any Board member) for the December issue by November 15th. Questions? Call 909-866-7100.



Are you a Caregiver?

CarePartners of Bear Valley
is a support group providing friendly & insightful tips for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia & other illnesses.

For further information
Please call Mary Andresen
909-585-7958
or Ellen Kesler
909-585-1062

Please join us at 1 PM
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Senior Center
42651 Big Bear Blvd





Spiritual Journeys
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Wednesday Meditation
Group 10 AM**

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CAROLYN DAWLEY, R.Sc.P.



Holly says....

**Attitude is everything
SO....
Pick a good one!**

and pass it along....