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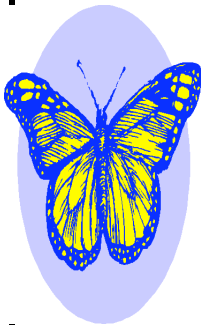
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From the President . . .

Spring is here . . .

It is time to dust of the cobwebs and rejuvenate ourselves. What is it that needs dusting off? Perhaps, there are too many cobwebs to deal with. Step by step, moment by moment is the best way to deal with any cleaning.

In myself, there are many areas that could use a real good dusting. In my spiritual life, I have tended to become complacent and content in just doing what I always do. Quiet time for reflection is something that is easily forgotten in the hustle and bustle of fast paced Southern California. Setting up a time and space for meditation and quiet reflection is essential to living a healthy life. Making a commitment to get with a small group of friends to reflect on scripture has been a wonderful opportunity for me to turn off from my constant "busyness", and focus in on what is most important in my life.



I have noticed that as I get older, a reluctance to explore new things. I tend to do what I know. This prevents me from really growing as a person. There are so many opportunities to learn new things, discover new people and grow in ways that we didn't know were possible. With a simple trip to the bookstore or online word search on something of interest, you will be amazed and what you can discover.

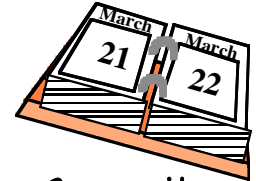
One of the cobwebs that I need to sweep out of my life is the one that stores all the faults of others and the wrong they have done to me. When we can so easily see people's faults it's time to ask ourselves about our own faults. I always say to my children, "if you can't say something nice about another person, don't say anything." Of course, I have not practiced this myself. In an attempt to spring clean, I really need to start letting go of the labels, and finding assets in those I deal with each and every day.

Well, there seem to be a lot of cobwebs that need sweeping out. I know what I need to do, and I will do

it bit by bit. I hope your Spring cleaning brings with it a rejuvenated self.

Happy Spring to all.

Ann Nguyen



Happy New Year -Persian Community

Mar. 25th **Interfaith Walk of the Cross**

St. Anselm — 12:00

St. Columban — 1:10

Garden Grove Methodist — 1:50

Garden Grove Presbyterian — 2:45

— Good Friday —

Join us as we walk and pray.

Mar. 27 **Easter Sunday**

Apr. 2nd **Mamograms** — St. Polycarp

Apr. 7th **Monthly Meeting**

When Faiths Collide

Rev. Doug Johnstone

Lutheran Pastor

Apr. 7th **Sikh Center Open House**
6:45 p.m.

Apr. 30th **Evening in Africa**
Cultural & Humanitarian Awareness

May 5th **Monthly Meeting**

May 7th **Ninth Annual Interfaith Banquet**

Food for Thought . . .

*The love of our neighbor in
all its fullness simply means
being able to say to him.*

What are you going through?

Simon Weil



Miscellaneous . . .

IFC Banquet — May 7, 2005 . . .
*An evening
Food, Fellowship, Entertainment &
Enlightenment*

Kay Lindahl — Music — Art Auction — Art Contest — Awards —

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY
—Get your tickets now. \$15.00 —

Ninth Annual Banquet . . .
Think Globally — Act Locally
Interfaith in the 21st Century

Kay Lindahl, author — consultant, will be our keynote speaker. She founded the Alliance for Spiritual Community, chairs the Religious Diversity Forum, leads workshops on Centering Prayer & the Sacred Art of Listening. This should be an exciting and informative evening.

Spirit in Action . . .

We are proud to announce this years' *Spirit in Action Award* winners. These people exemplify those qualities that are needed the most in our time. They give of themselves to others. Their service continues to make our world a better place.

John Seymour— Orange County News — for continually looking for the truly newsworthy accomplishments of our community.

Bruce Broadwater — Former Mayor— for a long-standing commitment to promoting Interfaith outreach and cooperation in the local community organizations.

Sherrel Johnson — Interfaith Outreach for CAIR — for her work in education, peace and justice issues in the community.

It is a privilege to know you all.
Congratulations to each of you!!!

Banquet Display Tables. .

The faith community displays are always fascinating, especially, to the new attendees. It is usually their first experience of the diversity that is ours.

Silent Auction . . .

We have been asked for suggestions. Unique items are always welcomed and popular. Tickets for shows, movies, harbor trips, small electronics, children's items. Items need not be expensive. If you have anything that would be appropriate, please contact:
Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

Unity Table . . .

Remember to bring your item for the "Unity Table" and be prepared to give a 1 minute or less explanation of the object and it's significance. This is always a special part of this evening.



Thanks . . .

To Deanna Armbruster for her presentation on the "Oasis for Peace" organization in the Holy Land. Palestinians, Israelis, Jews, Muslims & Christians working together for a peaceful resolution since 1972.

Sikh Open House . . .

The Sikh Center of Orange County at 2514 West Warner Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92704; on April 7th at 6:45 p.m.
R.S.V.P: 714.979.9604

The program details are as follows:

- 6:45 p.m. Welcome and Orientation
 - 7:00 p.m. Keertan (Musical Discourse) by Dya Singh
 - 7:50 p.m. Langar (Community Kitchen)
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Evening in Africa . . .

Be the Cause in coordination with INSAKA and the BAHA'I Community invite you to an Evening of Awareness. The entire event, including attendance, parking and dinner is free.

Saturday April 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Turtle Rock Community Center
(1 Sunnyhill Drive, Irvine, CA 92612 corner of Sunnyhill & Turtle Rock Drive)

RSVP: email michele@bethecause.org or phone 714-636-3067

Our Heartfelt Thanks . . .

Your presence, prayers, thoughts and love were gift to us in the recent loss of our youngest son Andy. Thank You — The George Family



Mamograms . . .

Apr. 2nd from 9:00 to 12:00— St. Polycarp (for women over 40)

Tamale Sales . . .

Thank you for your support

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Next Meeting: April 7th

Garden Grove Community Center
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, 714-741-5262.
12:00 — Bring your own lunch & meet new friends.
Meeting 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

Rev. Doug Johnstone will be addressing

When Faiths Collide

See you there!!!