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community news

FALL IS IN THE AIR

A TIME TO CONSIDER BY JUNE GUMZ

I have a walking partner and we have a two and half mile trek we take several times a week. The past few mornings have been damp or crisp. It is obvious that fall is on the way. The huge Japanese maple in my front yard is just beginning to turn. That is my cue that pledge month will soon be upon us.

Pledge month (October) is a time to consider what PCSL means to us and how we can support our ministers, musicians, programs/retreats and maintain our building.

Personally, a good share of my social life centers around our Center (clever, no?). Since the second step of spiritual mind treatment states that what is true for me is true for others, then PCSL has an important place in all of our lives.

We listen to Truth, we hear beautiful music, we take classes and, if we are so inclined, we attend retreats and picnics. Many of our friendships have their base at PCSL. Our social lives revolve around supporting one another's endeavors whether it is Divine Dining, a concert or Heart 2 Heart help.

The Portland Center for Spiritual Living is a divine idea that deserves our support.



Fall ushers in pledge month as we celebrate and share our Abundance.



Blessing our conscious gifts.



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GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY BY JUNE GUMZ

MIKE WATTERS — AN INDEPENDENT GUY

Mike Watters is a familiar face at the Portland Center for Spiritual Living. As a member of our CORE Council, a prime mover in Divine Dining and the originator of the framed design work on our Center's entry wall, he has made an impact.



Mike and his partner, Brad

Mike was told at a young age that he was fiercely independent. His interests ranged from cartooning, to dance, to fashion design, as well as social justice issues. His childhood bedroom was “Bonanza Orange” and was covered with posters, cartoons and magazine cutouts.

The attention he got from his Grandma Jeanette fostered his interest in social justice and politics. They would watch the Donahue show together and discussions would follow.

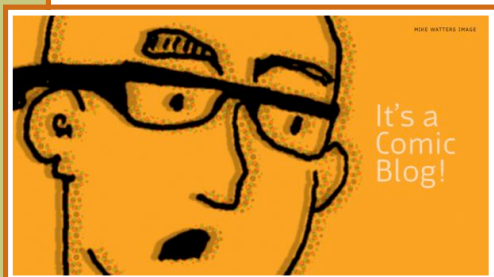
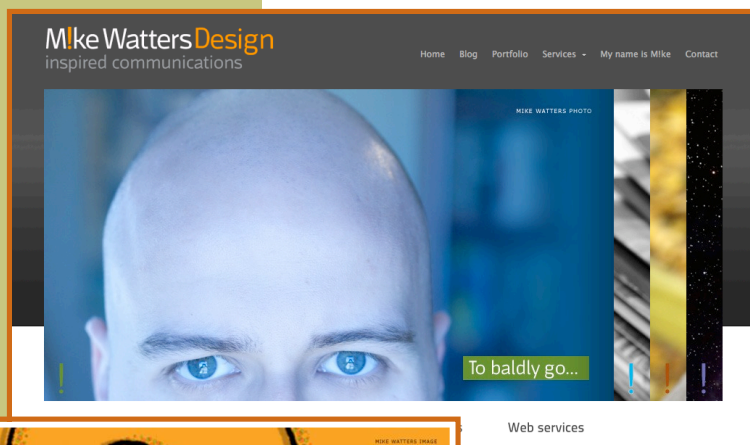
Another connection with her was her love of painting and writing. Her independent streak came out in church. If she didn't care for the sermon, she would turn down her hearing aids.

In the year 2000, Mike and his partner, Brad, lived in Los Angeles and attended the North Hollywood Church of Religious Science. They had their cat, Rufus, blessed in the annual pet blessing. Mike read Ernest Holmes and other New Thought writers but didn't have an official church home until 2008 when he and Brad moved to Portland.

Mike recently reopened his freelance graphic design business, in addition to his day job. He is even considering doing a comic for his blog. When he was in college he wrote comics for his college paper, so it's nothing new for him.

“New Thought has had a profound impact on every aspect of my life. It has been the source of so much healing.” He says that knowing the Truth about God has helped him through the trials of starting his own business, grief over the transitions of loved ones and pets and challenges with his family.

For those of you interested in Mike's creative endeavors, check out www.mikewatters.com.



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SPIRITUAL LEADER'S MESSAGE

PLANNING FOR FALL, WINTER AND BEYOND

Hello Everyone,

I've been putting finishing touches on plans for the remainder of the year—we have so much ahead! A Pledge Dinner, Membership Classes, Concert, Talent Show and Gratitude Service await us—just to mention a few of the special events coming up. Just completed, was one of the most glorious Community Retreats ever. People from ages 6 on up had an outrageous good time as well as many spiritual insights.

October, as you might recall, is our annual “Partners in Prosperity” pledge month. Our theme this year is Lighting the Path to Growth. This is generally the one time of year that we focus on the Center's finances and financial plans. This year we should have some fun on Sundays learning about Abundance from Edwene Gaines' *Four Spiritual Laws of Abundance* book. Edwene's easy-going style is perfect for learning how to create wealth and financial freedom in our personal lives.

During October, take advantage of the various ways we have to focus on success in both your personal finances and the finances of the Center:

- Participate in the “Unexpected Money Club” after the 2nd Services in October
- Stay after the 2nd Service for a “Financial Update” meeting on October 3rd
- Come to the “Pledge Dinner” on Wednesday, October 6th, 6:30 PM
- Attend the “New Member” classes on 10/10 and 10/24 to find out how membership, service, connection and participation work together at the Center
- Make your financial pledge to the Center to acknowledge your best guess of what you will give to the Center in 2011

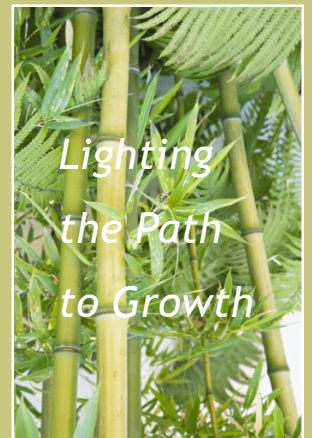
We've experienced a year of growth, Spirituality, fun and connection at the Center. I want to thank everyone who has given their time, talent and treasure to make it happen! Let's hear your voice and your enthusiasm as we begin to develop financial plans, pledges and budgets for 2011.

Much Love and Many Blessings!

Larry



Rev. Larry King



PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY

*This is the time.
We are the people.
This is the place.*

2010 Community Retreat
— an outrageous good
time as well as many
spiritual insights.

6-yr-olds Baron, Zayne
and Pierson constructing
their Kono Cobra kites.



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NANCY ASHLEY AND ED GRAY BY JUNE GUMZ

While the nation celebrated September 11, 2010 with patriotic programs and rallies, the Portland Center for Spiritual Living celebrated the wedding of Nancy Ashley and Ed Gray. The afternoon wedding, presided over by Rev. Larry King, was followed by a cake and punch reception at the Center. The Friends Band and singer, Linda Rossi, provided three lovely songs throughout the service and more music during the reception.



The ceremony was simple and refreshingly casual. Nancy and Ed circulated before and after the service, welcoming everyone, even finding seating for folks. When it was suggested to Nancy that she could let others fend for themselves on her wedding day, she responded with, "everyone here is a friend or family and I'm working the room, thank you very much."

After the reception there was a family supper at Nancy and Ed's home. It was a lovely day for the couple, their friends and family.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

OCTOBER

UNEXPECTED MONEY CLUB

Sun, October 3-31, 12:15 - 12:30pm
Join Nancy Ashley, RScP, directly after the 2nd service to get an instant, hands-on boost to your money consciousness. Learn how simple awareness of existing gifts and anticipation of future good can dramatically change your financial outlook in just a few weeks.

PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY DINNER

Wed, October 6, 6:30 - 9:00pm
The Partners in Prosperity Team, with Rev. Larry, wish to thank you for your past financial gifts and receive your pledge for the upcoming year. Join us for a fun evening with great music and complimentary dinner at the Center. RSVP Now! 503-261-0677

CONCERT: AN EVENING OF TRANSFORMATIONAL & HEALING MUSIC

Sat, October 9, 6:30 - 7:30pm
An evening of exquisite music with acoustic guitarist Michael Mandrell, instrumentalist Anton Mizerak, and singer/songwriter Kim Lorene. Presented on a "Love Offering" basis.

All events held at the Center
unless otherwise noted.
Details at www.pcsL.us/calendar.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sun, October 10 & 24 1pm - 3pm
Join Rev. Larry for two afternoons exploring the basics of what we believe, where we fit in and how we serve. Take the class and find out if membership is right for you. Second class will start with a welcome luncheon at 12:30.

NOVEMBER

STARLIGHT TALENT SHOW

Sat, November 13, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Come CELEBRATE the stars among us — an evening of song, dance and musical comedy to delight friends and family.

GRATITUDE SERVICE

Wed, November 24, 7 - 8pm
Be part of our Annual Gratitude Celebration for Life and its many blessings. Join us for music and sharing. Everyone is welcome.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

DRUMMING CIRCLE: 2nd Fridays, 7pm

LUNCH BUNCH: 2nd and 4th Sundays, 12:30pm

MEN'S GROUP: 1st and 3rd Sundays, 12:30pm

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Thursdays, 10:30am

FORWARD FLOW—12 MO OF GIVING:

For information, Suki McDonough 360-624-5615 or Annette Sanders 971-227-9050.

ABOUT US: PORTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING is a community of people dedicated to *Opening Hearts* by knowing that the Divine Presence of Good lives in and as every person; *Igniting Minds* by teaching people how to use this Power for Good to create the life they want; and *Making a Difference* in the world by using love to remember that we are One with all of life and with each other. We enrich global consciousness by demonstrating the Wisdom of Spiritual Principles in all our affairs.