

**ANTHROPOSOPHICAL
SOCIETY IN AMERICA,
LOS ANGELES BRANCH**
September, October, November
2016
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PEACE HEROES WALK OF
CONEJO VALLEY**

Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m. at
California Lutheran University
60 W. Olsen Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

In collaboration with reGeneration, the Los Angeles Branch will participate in a walk to honor our peace hero, Rudolf Steiner, whose Anthroposophical teachings have seeded significant worldwide movements.

Together with 24 other 'teams' we will have a poster bearing the picture and story of our peace hero, and a set of trading cards honoring all these heroes.

We welcome friends, family, students and colleagues to walk with us. If you cannot attend, know that your financial donation will help put Rudolf Steiner's name out in the world, and support this worthy cause.

We ask your support; please consider writing a check, made out to the Anthroposophical Foundation, and send it to 110 Martin Alley, Pasadena, CA 91105 with 'for Peace Heroes Walk' written on the memo line.

For further information about the walk, contact: peaceheroeswalk.org, or Joyce Muraoka, the team captain for the Los Angeles Branch at jmuraoka8@gmail.com.

MEMBERS' MEETING:

"From Symptom to Reality"

Saturday, September 17, 2-3:30 p.m.

Each year the Goetheanum Leadership suggests a theme for members and friends of the Anthroposophical Society

CLASS LESSONS, Blue card required.

Sunday, September 11 (note: Second Sunday)

3:30 p.m. Conversation on *A Way of Serving*

5 p.m. Recapitulation Lesson 1

Sunday, October 2

3:45 p.m. Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 1

5 p.m. Recapitulation Lesson 2

Sunday, November 6

3:45 p.m. Conversation on Recapitulation Lesson 2

5 p.m. Recapitulation Lesson 3

in all parts of the world to work on. The aim of such work is to foster a "spiritual connection [which] will enhance the power of anthroposophy to contribute increasingly to creating a more humane world at all levels of reality." The theme for 2016/2017 is *World Transformation and Self-Knowledge in the Face of Evil*. We will attempt to address this from the perspective of a lecture ("The Historical Significance of the Scientific Mode of Thinking") given by Rudolf Steiner on October 25th, 1918. It is the fourth in the lecture cycle *From Symptom to Reality in Modern History* (GA 185), and available on the Rudolf Steiner Archive (rsarchive.org) website. Copies will be available at the meeting.

**TRANSFORMING EVIL IN
EVERYDAY LIFE: THE SPECIAL
TASK OF MICHAELMAS TIME**

with Julian Roberts

Saturday, October 1,

10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

Julian's talks will explore how the questions of normal life pose challenges to inner development: how practices for overcoming fear, doubt and resentment can create pathways to inner experience. A hands-on approach will be taken, and participants will use their own experience as a basis for learning.

Suggested donation, \$15 per session

Julian Roberts is a '97 graduate of the Sacramento Waldorf School. He holds a BA in philosophy from UC Berkeley and an MPH/MBA from Johns Hopkins School of

Public health. In his early 20s, he was mentored by Friedemann Schwarzkopf and Orland Bishop and he currently studies the work of Rudolf Steiner.

THE HIERARCHIES: SUB- AND SUPER-EARTHLY

with Astrid Schmitt-Stegmann
Saturday, October 15
10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

Human Beings stand every moment between forces of good and evil. These are necessary for our freedom, but how do we recognize and work with them? Astrid will give two talks on this complex subject:

10:30-11:30 a.m. The Impact of Sub-earthly and Super-earthly Forces on Human Life.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Connecting with the Beings of the Third Hierarchy.

Suggested donation \$15 per talk

ENTER LIGHT: VOICES FROM PRISON

Poetry and Art Fundraiser for Anthroposophical Prison Outreach With Kathy Serafin
Saturday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

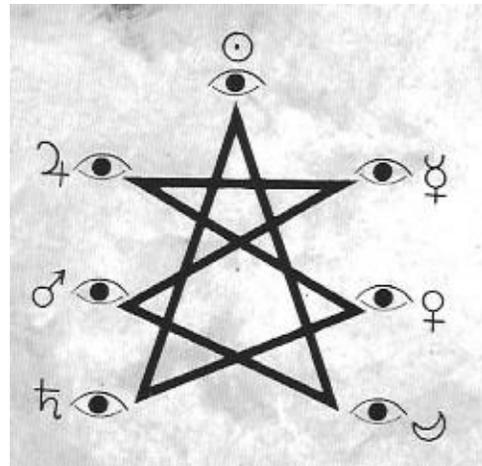
Local students and young poets will powerfully bring to life the poetry and biographies of incarcerated individuals who are striving for insight and inner change through the Anthroposophical Prison Outreach (APO) program. Through their poetry and artwork, the prisoners' voices can be heard and understood, sharing their journey and their humanity beyond prison walls. The funds raised will provide a gift from our Branch to help bring spiritual healing to those working toward self-rehabilitation through the APO program.

Suggested donation: \$25

FESTIVAL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD

Saturday, November 5, 3:00 – 4:30 pm

This traditional remembrance will include music, poetry, and reading of the names of persons who have passed into the spiritual world. Be sure to write the names of those you wish to remember on the list at the door of the auditorium as you enter. Members who have experienced the passing of someone dear to them during the past year will be invited to share their thoughts and feelings. We will also read portions of lectures by Rudolf Steiner, including: *The Mystery of Death*, Leipzig, March 7, 1915 (GA159); as well as lectures from GA 168 and GA 154.



THE REVELATION TO JOHN

A study in preparation for November 19
Sunday, November 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

"I grew up thinking that the word 'Apocalypse' meant war, disaster and destruction. It was a real *revelation* to learn that it meant just that - revelation, revealing, uncovering. Its images are powerful and prophetic and seem, at first, dismal. Yet we also find here, through the messages, seals, trumpets and vials, insights which will bring understanding

and strength to meet the unfolding power of the adversaries.

The Book of Revelation is a challenge for our time. Hopefully, today's preparation will open our ears to hear more clearly Mr. Birran's dramatic recitation of this enigmatic Bible book on November 19." Margaret Shipman

THE MAN WHO SAW HEAVEN: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Recited from Memory by Rickie Birran
Saturday, November 19, 2-3:45 p.m.

"I am quite sure that there is no other presentation like this in the entire world. That is, a dramatic recitation of the book of Revelation from the character of the Apostle John. My first performance was in 1989 for the missionary organization that I had served with for nine years in the Watts District of Los Angeles. I later performed a portion of it for the Interpretive Speech class that I taught at Northwest Christian College in 2003. In 2013, I returned to it and I hope to perform it for the rest of my life. Although my approach to performing Revelation has changed over the years, my primary goal remains the same: to enable you to feel what John felt and see what John saw -Heaven." Rickie Birran
Suggested Donation \$20



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CONTINUING ACTIVITIES

ACCESSING COURAGE IN CHALLENGING TIMES –

Three Nonviolent Communication Workshops with Gail McManus
Saturdays, 9:30am - 12:30pm,
September 10, October 8, November 12

Nonviolent Communication is a set of skills which enable us to clarify our intentions and understand our objectives as we come to a compassionate balance within ourselves. We learn how to communicate fearlessly what is important to us in such a way that others will listen fearlessly as well. Empathetic connection grows and exciting, inspiring ideas manifest among us. We can become agents for change!

Fall workshop topics include: Listening within to our deepest wishes; recovering from reactivity, reconnecting to Self; honest speaking in tough situations; empathetically connecting with "difficult" people; making a difference in challenging times
Suggested donation, \$25 per session

Gail McManus is a practicing Communications Counselor and Mediator. Contact Gail at gail@gailmcmanus.com or 518-653-2957. Gail's website is www.gailmcmanus.com.

EURYTHMY

With Andrew Dzedulionis
Saturdays, September 24 and October 29
2:30-4:30 p.m.

From the rich legacy of Rudolf Steiner's art of movement, these classes will work with poetry by Gerard Manley Hopkins in speech eurythmy, and do tone eurythmy using music by Johann Nepomuk Hummel. All are welcome to participate. Give it a try.
Suggested donation, \$25 per class

RUDOLF STEINER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday Nights, 7 to 8:45 p.m.

This is an ongoing study group, currently studying Rudolf Steiner's "*Occult Science*." All are welcome. No charge. Linda Connell 818-546-1440.

THE RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY

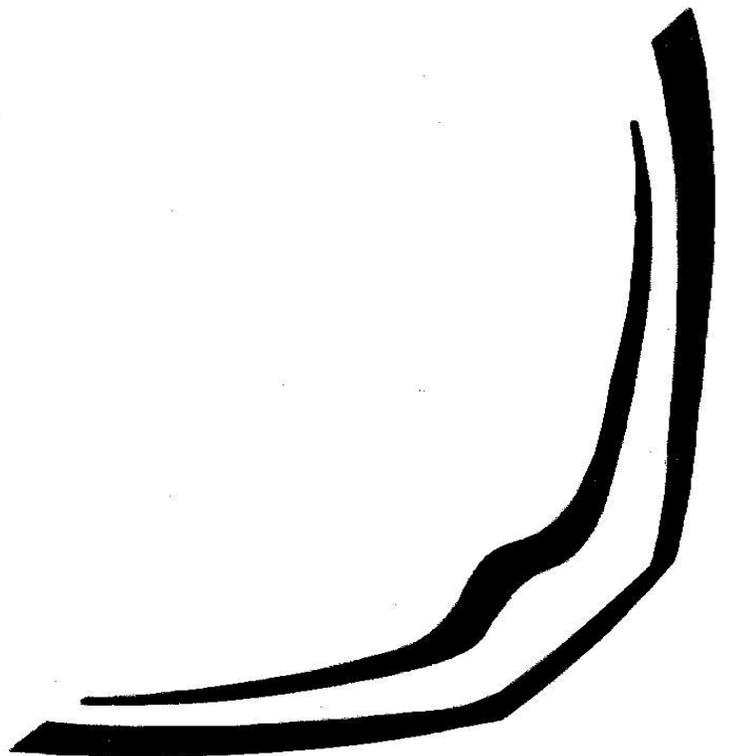
The library has received a number of donated books recently, so do come in and spend some fun time perusing. We also have some super periodicals for reading on site. Ask for *The Present Age*.

We look forward to some of you offering a little volunteer time to help us keep the library's "open hours" shown below. Volunteering is a great way to get more acquainted with anthroposophical treasures and books which are new to you.

And if you have extra books, or duplicates, on your shelves, we'd love to have your donation. And cash donations help us to pay for new books for the library.

We are open Saturday afternoons 1 to 5, and before and after Branch events.
Library Phone: 626-795-7105.
Email: rslibraryla@gmail.com.

For information about study groups and about the activities of the Los Angeles Branch, please visit our website, www.anthroposophyla.org. For updates on study groups in Orange County, please email Eloise Krivosheia, ekrivosheia@dslextreme.com.



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