



GGSC News

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Winter Festival Success

Based on four planning sessions by Barbara Dullea, Maria Watts, Charlyn Spitzer, Bethany Decof, and Charlotte Hennessy the **Winter Festival** kept everyone in good spirits with an abundance of food, gifts, Spin the Wheel prizes, photos with Santa, and the Grand Raffle. Maria Watts orchestrated the booth for “Boutique Gifts” offering donated jewelry, scarves, crocheted potholders and Marilyn Lander’s hand-sewn ones, and our new church logo mugs and tote bags. The popular Spin the Wheel had Bethany Decof giving away a lot of prizes.

The “Baked Goods & Savory Foods” booth featured homemade pies and flan, as well as beef, tamale, and lumpia dishes thanks to Claunce Santos, Dave Haddick, Del Lauderback, Hassan Zee, Christina Gutierrez, and Ben Panipanci, and to Jim Ehrhart who staffed the booth. And thanks to Charlotte Hennessy for making her vegan soup, and to Barbara Dullea for preparing sandwiches, ingredients supplied by Del Lauderback. And thanks, too, to Gina Fogarty for offering Christmas tree ornaments and to Charlene Spitzer and Erin Morgan for their work as a photo elf and Ms. Santa. Major thanks go to Susan Hazard who donated the garden painting for the Grand Raffle, and to all who contributed prizes and helped the success of the evening. Lots of people came and enjoyed the day.

The full list of Grand Raffle prizewinners will be posted on the church bulletin board.



Santa with Gina Fogarty and grandson

Spiritualists Celebrate Christmas

Attendees of Spiritualists Celebrate Christmas and Winter Solstice, held the evening of December 14, participated in a lovely candlelight service led by the Rev. James Ehrhart.

Christmas Tea

Rounding up the Solstice festivities, the **Annual Christmas Tea**, held following the Sunday service on December 22, proved a great event and a fun time for the 50 people who enjoyed holiday treats including chocolate covered cherries.

Upcoming Events

How much do you know about
Spiritualism?

Spiritualist Trivia Tournament

January 19, 1:30-3:30

Free refreshments

Free chance to win a door prize

“Peanut Gallery” seating, \$10

Tournament participants, \$15

Learn and have fun!

Bring your sense of humor and your interest in Spiritualism to the **Spiritualist Trivia Tournament**. Join ordained ministers Del Lauderback and James Ehrhart, and Licentiate Minister Charlyn Spitzer as they ask the questions—and watch or join contesting teams as they vie to demonstrate greater knowledge of the philosophy, science, and religion of Spiritualism.

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING
TRIVIA TEAM!

GGSC Birthday Dinner Saturday, February 15

We will be celebrating our
96th year!

Share your favorite dishes with the church community, or just come for a great meal and offer your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Workshop on Ectoplasm

- What is ectoplasm?
- Where does it come from?
- What is it used for?

Learn and then experience how to *produce* ectoplasm and various physical phenomena at the **Ectoplasm and Mediumship Workshop** on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 6 pm. Conducted by the **Rev. Lorraine Radice** of the Church of Spiritual Growth, NSAC in Burlington, Massachusetts. The Rev. Radice is a National Spiritualist Teacher and a Certified Medium with more than 30 years of study and experience.

Meeting



Membership Renewal

Dues for church membership are due at the beginning of each calendar year. Members will be mailed a dues statement the first part of January. Yearly dues are \$45. Payment must be received by start of the GGSC Annual Meeting in order to vote at the meeting.

The **GGSC Annual Meeting** is set for February 23, 2020 at 1:30 pm following a members-only coffee hour. Your ideas for the good of the church will be welcome.

Medium Hollister Rand Scheduled for March 7



Medium-Author-Speaker

Hollister Rand will return to Golden Gate Spiritualist Church on Friday, **March 7** from 6 to 8 pm, to bring

MESSAGES FROM LOVED ONES IN SPIRIT

This will be followed by a book signing and reception. Tickets are \$30.

To purchase tickets please visit: tinyurl.com/hollisterrandgolden_gate.

Mediumship Workshop Set for April 18



The **Reverend Rosemary Caldero**, NST, CM is scheduled to present a workshop on Mediumship Saturday, **April 18** and serve the platform on Sunday, **April 19**.

She is Director of the NSAC Department of Endowments; General Secretary of the International Spiritualists Federation; and served as a facilitator for the MPI Master Class on Mediumship at 2019 NSAC Convention.

Special Guest Medium

Haruka Takate is pleased to introduce her mentor, Japanese medium **Jikan Kaido**, to our congregation.

In addition to serving the platform on Wednesday, **April 22** and Sunday, **April 26** we have the opportunity to experience his approach to mediumship the evening of Friday, **April 24** and attend a unique Workshop on Saturday, **April 25**.

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Lessons from Spirit and Spirit Circle Changes

GGSC's Associate Pastor, the Reverend James Ehrhart, is now offering a combined monthly **Lessons from Spirit** class / **Unfoldment Circle** scheduled from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the last Sunday of most months. The class will conclude with the Spirit Circle at 2 pm for a half hour, allowing attendees to take advantage of the *Lessons from Spirit* class and have the option of remaining another 30 minutes for the Spirit Circle.

Looking ahead for the next six months, save the dates of these Sundays: **January 26, February 16, March 29, April 12, May 31, June 28**.

Morris Pratt Institute Educational Opportunities

MPI, America's Spiritualist College, offers opportunities for Spiritualists to continue their education.

Ministerial Skills Course

A Ministerial Skills course, bringing knowledge of ministerial responsibilities in 96 hours of class work, will be held in two locations in 2020:

- Albertson Memorial Church, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, March 29–April 10; registration by February 1.
- Western Wisconsin Camp Association, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, May 30–June 12; registration by March 28.

For details contact MPI at info@morrispratt.org or 414-774-2994. Website: www.morrispratt.org.

Intensive Weekend of Spiritualist Studies at Morris Pratt

Bridge Crossing

MPI will present an intensive weekend of Spiritualist Studies, *Bridge Crossing*, held at Morris Pratt Institute in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Friday evening through Sunday, **April 24–26**.

Bridge Crossing weekend provides a clear understanding of the processes and practice of Spiritualist Methods for unfoldment of healing and platform mediumship. The intensive weekend provides an opportunity to strengthen the bridge of Spirit Communication between the two worlds, a bridge upon which people in the Spirit World may come to us and we go to them.

The weekend will be facilitated by Jim Ehrhart and June Killmer, MPI's Vice President and President, respectively.

The objective is to assist students who are interested in pursuing a more learned and

spiritualized understanding of Mediumship.

Emphasis is Mediumship demonstrations on a church platform and in healing.

The intensive weekend will include immersive, interactive, hands-on experience. Students participate in various spiritual techniques, leading to relaxation, fruitful meditation, prayer, attunement of body and soul, spiritualization.

The schedule includes 14 classroom hours among other activities. Tuition is \$250 (\$300 received after March 31).

Complete details can be found on MPI's website, www.morrispratt.org; or from info@morrispratt.org or 414-774-2994

Volunteers Needed

Planning ahead, if you are willing to volunteer to help with a clean-up and prep for a **Saturday Garage Sale** next May, email info@ggspiritualistchurch.org or text 925-998-4051.

Would you like to Donate?

Keeping the doors of GGSC open relies on the generosity of members and friends. We all benefit when our donors "give until it feels good." However, due to limited storage, we ask that you please first contact President Michael Franklin or church Secretary Barbara Dullea before bringing items intended for sale at fundraisers to the church. Email info@ggspiritualistchurch.org or call 415-885-9976

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