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Annual Gathering Reports  
**Annual Gathering Date:** January 20, 2013

**Board Members:** Janis Farmer – President, Keith Gorley – Vice President, Betsy Pombar/open – Secretary, Pat Masters – Treasurer, Kathryn Nelson and Paul Troutman/Kevin Clardy – Members, Reverend Donald Graves – Sr. Minister

**- Reports on 2012 -**

**Financial Report / Funding Team**

The following data are unverified income and expense values for 2012:

	Sunday Offerings	Total Income	Total Expenses	Facility Fund Contrib.	Net Income	Total Year Attendance	Weekly Attendance	Weekly Offering per Person
<b>2013 Budget</b>	\$260,000	\$277,605	\$272,511		\$5,094	\$7,800	150	\$33.33
<b>2012 Actual</b>	\$156,551	\$212,878	\$196,112	\$ 9,275	\$7,564	\$5,162	99	\$30.33
<b>2012 Budget</b>	\$184,775	\$240,200	\$210,000		\$30,200	\$7,800	150	\$23.70
<b>2011 Actual</b>	\$163,723	\$217,310	\$188,800	\$21,651	\$6,860	\$7,453	143	\$21.97
<b>2010 Actual</b>	\$148,743	\$217,113	\$176,629	\$19,345	\$21,139	\$5,959	115	\$24.96
<b>2009 Actual</b>	\$157,521	\$206,049	\$180,086	\$29,365	<\$3,402>	\$5,777	111	\$27.26

The Facility Fund grew \$9,275 this year, to \$79,636, with \$5,500 of the increase provided by the sale of 110 raffle tickets for our March 31st 50:50 raffle. The remainder was received from private donations, an allocation from an estate, interest on funds invested and contributions from two musical events.

We were delighted with the response to the Learning Circles using Edwene Gaines', *Four Principles of Abundant Living*. Approximately sixty participants shared their increasing awareness and experiences in six Learning Circles. The camaraderie found in each learning circle was beneficial for all involved. Having Edwene speak to us at the Sunday Celebration Service and in her afternoon workshop on September 16 "blew our skirts up". To top off the year Betsy Pombar coordinated the Celebration Dinner at Monterey Court Cafe, with 50+ in attendance was delightful, considering it was unseasonably cold. The CSLT Orchestra, AKA Brother David and the Bad Habits serenaded the audience and called many to the dance floor. Those of you who missed the event really missed something.

**Education CORE**

- Over 40 students took CSL Certificated Curriculum classes offered at CSLT in 2012, which included:  
 FOUNDATIONS OF THE SCIENCE OF MIND                      VISIONING                      PRACTITIONER 2  
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We celebrated the certification of May 2011-May 2012 graduates in a luncheon and ceremony on June 24th after services, with 38 graduates honored and 30+ in attendance.

- Over 316 people participated in other classes & workshops including topics such as: changing the stories we tell ourselves, use of ritual, prosperity, and the January spiritual practices series, covering Meditation, Visioning, Affirmations and Affirmative Prayer.

Guest Speakers included: Rev Kathleen Sibley with her workshop "Pushing the Cosmic Delete Button", Rev Karyl Huntley with her workshop "Accessing the Wisdom of the Earth", Rev Don Chatfield, Rev. C.J. Wright, Rev Sandra Jean and prosperity speaker Edwene Gaines and her workshop, "The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity".

### **Community Inreach/Outreach**

- Laurie Storm facilitated the Bookstore team for most of the year with a small, tireless, group of volunteers who provided us with our own every changing Bookstore every Sunday morning. We were blessed to have such a gift in our community. The Bookstore also sells CD's of the current and previous Sunday Messages. They also handled concert ticket sales and sales for the spring 2012 Fundraiser for the Facility Fund, the 10K Dance. With Laurie's move to Denver in December, we are currently looking for a new Team Leader for the Bookstore team.
- Britt Mbutia continues to facilitate our Compassionate Heart team, which completed its second year. This team serves our congregation when somebody needs a helping hand. A flyer is available each Sunday on the Information Table, and the Team always welcomes new members who care about others and like to serve the CSLT community. The following services were provided during 2012: 61 phone calls, 46 emails, 41 cards, 19 home visits, 1 nursing home visit and 6 meals. Representatives attended two Celebrations of Life (one delivered by Rev. Donald), gave one Reiki treatment, and delivered one bouquet of flowers. Compassionate Heart hosted Thanksgiving dinner at the office for 8 persons, while a second Thanksgiving Day potluck was held at Zach and DeeAnn Saber's office, *WellnessFirst!*, hosting another 20 persons. The first Lunch Bunch met in October, which will continue each third Sunday after services to allow congregants to get to know each other better.
- Sacred Cinema, hosted by Sue Mason, got a big boost this year with the donation of a big screen TV. Thanks, Kevin Clardy! We now have quality sound and an improved picture. We continue to offer an outstanding selection of films, all with a message that encourages dialogue and food for thought. This year we started a raffle to improve donations. Anyone contributing \$5 (or more) gets his/her name in the basket for a drawing at the conclusion of the movie. If their name is drawn they get to take the movie home! We've added a bit of spice to the evening with a selection of hot sauces for sprinkling on the popcorn!
- Two surveys were taken, followed by two town-hall meetings, to assess the state of mind of the congregation with respect to how we are working together as a center and to get a sense of our comfort with our present location. While we realize this is not our "Final Home", it was recognized as workable by most congregants who spoke at the town-halls, recognizing that it isn't the space *per se* that makes us a welcoming community. It is how we interact with each other.

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- Sue Mason gifted the Center with an amazing meditation path in the front yard of the Office and Education Center as her Foundations class project. This is open for anyone to use, at any time.

### Events

- **The 10K Dance, 50:50 Raffle and Silent Auction** was held at the Tucson Rodeo Museum on March 31. The country-dance party was moderately attended and raised \$5,500 for the Facility Fund (through the sale of 110 raffle tickets). Two congregants split the winning ticket, and after federal withholding taxes were paid, split \$4,150. The silent auction, which had 38 items donated by congregants, raised \$930, which helped defray the expenses of the dance. Patti Rondolino and Kay Prince were instrumental in getting this party off the ground and Lynden Kidd and Janie Worrall were instrumental in bringing it to fruition.
- **Tucson Festival of Books.** This was our second year at the Tucson Festival of Books where 24 engaging volunteers handed out well over 2,000 affirmations, tri-folds and bookmarks on March 10 and 11 with our contact information. This year we had an ideal location on the Festival Grounds, near the food court, which lead to higher visibility and the opportunity to have a greater impact in the Tucson community as a whole. It allowed us to be “found” by those who had forgotten we were here, didn't know where we had moved to, or did not know we exist. We had three of our own published authors, Don Chatfield, CJ Wright and Steve Sanders participate in our booth. We added 65 names to our e-mail newsletter through this event. Paul Troutman has been instrumental in this project and has laid the groundwork for us to participate in 2013.
- **Edwene Gaines, September 16.** As part of our 2012 prosperity campaign and fall learning circles, we were delighted to host Edwene Gaines for Sunday morning services and a special workshop. Edwene proved to be a dynamic speaker, and her presence made a real difference for many individuals who chose to participate in the Learning Circles and integrate her suggestions into their lives.

### Hospitality Team

Anne Catarius facilitated this team during most of 2012, which is one of the easiest ways to join in and support your Center through providing goodies on a Sunday morning. A calendar where you can sign up to bring treats is available. Zach Saber has taken over the regular setting up of the hot beverage service each Sunday morning during the cooler months and for potluck Sundays. Janina Latack has stepped up to assist with potluck Sundays and wishes to co-create a team with other congregants to shepherd this welcoming and useful function into 2013. If you would like to play with this team, contact the Office.

### Marketing / Communications Team (MarComm)

The Marketing/Communications team is a brilliant example of a team functioning well without a defined team lead. Each team member has unique skills which come into play on an as needed basis. Dennis Eaves, and to a lesser extent Rick Fisher, have unflinchingly produced our weekly e-newsletter. Ellen Swanson, and Mike Tucker, have maintained the Facebook and Meetup social media presence. When a press release is needed for an event, Carolyn Crawford springs into action. For the Edwene Gaines event, we sent out electronic press releases to more than 35 media centers in our vicinity and paper press releases to the 43 New Thought churches and centers in Arizona. We continued our advertising

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with "Natural Awakenings" (and the Dex Yellow Pages) and are extending it into 2013. We achieved 600 sign-ups with our weekly newsletter and have received 367 "likes" on our Facebook page with an average of 13 posts on our page (by someone) each week and an average "total reach" (how many people are friends of these writers) of 246 people each week. Congregants (Our Faces) wrote blog articles for our website blog at least as often as Rev Donald did. Additionally, thanks to Paul Troutman and Rev Donald, we were featured in the Foothills Supplement of the Arizona Daily Star on Sunday August 16.

### **Membership CORE**

Kathryn Nelson coordinated this Core during 2012, which offered three Membership Orientation opportunities during the year, where 8 new members were added. Guest packets are always available at the Information Table for persons interested in finding out more about our organization. Zack Saber assumes leadership of this team in 2013.

### **Move CORE**

The Move CORE Team worked tirelessly this year to find us a new home, even after moving into Nickerson Auditorium. The auditorium has served Sunday Service needs, although complaints of "too big to support intimacy" and "no natural light" have surfaced. It has been lovely to have separate rooms for meditation and fellowship. The Office & Education Center continues to serve us well for classes and administration. Over the last year, the Team has looked, and continues to look, at many, many, many potential properties, including raw land, buildings for sale and for lease, always keeping in mind the location, adequate parking, beauty, classroom space, kitchen and adequate bathrooms to accommodate 200-250 attendees.

### **Music CORE**

With David Prouty at the piano helm, the music program continues to flourish because of the musical contributions from our talented members, participation of the choir, the mid-year formation of the (volunteer) CSLT Orchestra, and the hiring of guest musicians on a monthly basis. We celebrated a rich and varied music program this past year with (paid) guest musicians for Sunday Special Music including Mike Padilla, Eric Wilson, Shawn Madden, Tryshe Dhevney, Terry Furlong, Chuck Pyle, Sloan Wainwright, Marilyn Harris and Tony Redhouse. The hiring of a paid sound technician late in the year has also been a great addition. Previously sound had been provided on a volunteer basis by Chris Brandlen, Zach Saber and Kevin Anderson. We also were gifted during 2012 with a donated grand piano in preparation for our move to our next new home. Our music program just keeps getting better.

Two concerts were hosted this year, Mike Padilla and Pat Watson performed together at *WellnessFirst!* in March to a packed house and Barbara Harris and Anna Mello performed at the Office and Education Center in May. Both musical experiences were delightful and inspiring, and each performer contributed some portion of their ticket sales to the Facility Fund.

### **Practitioners**

During 2012, the Practitioners participated in each Sunday Celebration Service by providing meditation, evocations, high watch, youth support (if needed), and the opportunity for individual prayer following

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each service; the Burning Bowl/Threshold Ceremony and the Celebration of Light. They recorded many demonstrations (answered prayers) through Good News Reports, supported the Inspiration Line with a new Inspirational Thought each week and assisted in writing the monthly Thoughts and Affirmations. Some hosted Learning Circle Groups and taught or co-taught certificated and non-certificated classes. They are always available individually, or anonymously through the on-line prayer request, or by placing a prayer in the Ministry of Prayer box. And they grew by two new Practitioners this year!

### **Usher/Greeter Team**

Zach Saber facilitated this team for much of 2012 and handed this enthusiastic team back to Donna Hall for 2013. The Usher/Greeter Team welcomes all comers, hands out bulletins, assists with temporary nametags, directs people to meditation and assists with counting the offering if they feel comfortable doing that. We are always looking for joyful new faces to join the team.

### **Vision CORE**

The Vision Core continued to vision on the "Highest and Best" for the Center for Spiritual Living Tucson (CSLT). For most of the year, this small, committed team focused on "CSLT's Perfect Facility", "Youth Leadership", "Youth Ministry", and the open-ended question "Programs". All are welcome to observe the process, and anyone who has been trained in the visioning process (the 8-week certificated class, which will be offered again in April 2013) is welcome to participate. Vision Core meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Office and Education Center.

### **Volunteer Coordination**

Volunteer coordination is handled with the addition of the Sacred Service form to the website, available on Sundays on the Information Table and included in the New Member Orientation packet. Each one is encouraged to find his/her niche through volunteering in our Center and each volunteer is connected with the appropriate team leader through our (currently) volunteer office administrator.

### **Youth & Family CORE**

This team is presently reforming itself and commits to providing quality and heart-felt guidance for our younger congregants. Curricula and guidance are provided for those congregants who have a heart for youth and would like to participate regularly in this valued and valuable service. The certificated class, "Foundations of the Science of Mind", is required for our youth teachers, as is a suitable background check.

## **- 2013 Plans-To-Date -**

### **"Altared States"**

Many have noticed and commented on the stylish upleveling of the stage each Sunday morning. A team of volunteers have self-designated that they will be responsible for improving the ambiance of our Sunday Celebration space through providing pleasing, coordinated altar dressings and live flowers for each Sunday's service. If you wish to join this lovely group, or provide flowers on a one-time basis to celebrate a birth or anniversary or other occasion, please contact Pat Masters, the Team's Board liaison.

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### **Howard Falco, February 23, 24**

CSLT is delighted to bring Phoenix author Howard Falco to town on February 23 for an intimate dinner with the author at a local restaurant (to be named later), and also for a workshop based on his book "I AM" on Sunday afternoon 1:30-4pm. Tickets for the workshop (\$25) and for the dinner (\$-TBD) will go on sale soon. Howard will also speak at our Sunday Celebration Service on the 24th. Volunteers will be solicited for the event, and will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets at half price. Lynden Kidd is coordinating this event.

### **Community Envisioning**

We desire to schedule a community envisioning to catch and share the community's vision of what we would like CSLT to become for ourselves and for greater Tucson. The particulars of this next activity have not been settled on yet. The last time we focused our intention this way, two years ago, we recognized we had a dual goal, to have a facility of our own and to grow-up our congregation. Many of the specific ideas born in that focused Friday (pm) & Saturday (am & pm) of imagining our future have come to pass. What do you want us to become now?

### **Singles/Social Club**

A brand new social club is forming to provide an additional avenue to interact with each other, because we know connection is what makes the world go 'round. Three congregants have stepped forward to facilitate this group, Barbara Schaffer, Alan Hutton and Nancy Reeder. These delightful individuals would love to find out how you would like to socialize and play with other participants of our center. Seek them out and engage in play and joy, which is our true nature.

### **Tucson Festival of Books, March 9-10**

This will be our third year at the Tucson Festival of Books. Thanks to the previous work of Paul Troutman, our booth will be in the same fabulous vicinity as it was last year, with incredible foot traffic and relatively easy access. At this point, we have contacted Rev Karen Russo from New Vision CSL in Phoenix, who will be one of the authors for our booth on Sunday. Don Chatfield has volunteered as one of our in-house authors who will be present to talk with festival attendees and sign his book. If we have other published new-thought authors in our congregation who would like to be associated with the CSLT booth, please contact Janis Farmer, who is lead for the activity this year. If you enjoyed working the festival last year and want to do so again, please contact Janis. If you didn't, and think it looks like fun, please contact Janis.

### **Plans to move into our Consolidated Facility/New Home**

So what's this about? After Edwene's visit last year, William Summers reminded us that Edwene said if we wanted something to happen we had to seriously put an achievable date on the desired goal. The Move Core picked April 1 as the goal to find our new home, and July 1 as the target for us to move into our new home. The Board aligned with that idea and budgeted accordingly. What this looks like exactly, we don't know yet, but we are excited at and by the possibilities. How can you add your enthusiasm to the momentum? It's more than moving boxes, or chairs, or speakers. It can be setting up an annuity, or other financial instrument, to help fund this vision that we collectively hold for our center.

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It can be by helping to find our next temporary and consolidated home, and/or it can be to help find the right piece of ground for us to purchase to build on. It can be by holding the vision of successful completion of this idea which now wants to manifest. It can be by supporting the fund raising programs that we know will come to light, once we envision them.

### **Special Speaker/Fall Learning Circle**

We are actively working to engage a nationally known writer and speaker to be our keynote speaker for our kick-off of our fall Learning Circles. And no, it won't be specifically about prosperity this time. It will be about success...success in every aspect of life. Expect to be engaged by this topic.

### **- Election of Board Members -**

#### Nominations

- We have four open seats; one (1) one-year opening (with the early resignation of Kathy Nelson for personal reasons), one (1) two-year opening (with the early resignation of Betsy Pombar for personal reasons) and two (2) standard three-year openings. Paul Troutman truncated his term in 2012 and Kevin Clardy was appointed to fulfill Paul's term.
- Candidates include Don Chatfield, Barbara Harris, Lynden Kidd, and Zach Saber. Their bios can be found below. The candidates will briefly address the membership at the Annual Gathering.

### **- 2013 Board of Trustees Candidates Bio's -**

#### **Don Chatfield**

I'm delighted to be a part of the Center for Spiritual Living Tucson, where I have the opportunity to work with spiritual tools that improve my life. My educational background includes a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Science degree in counseling. I also hold a Ph.D. in Human and Organizational Systems with a deep research interest in human learning and motivation. As an ordained Religious Science minister, I enjoy speaking, conducting ceremonies, and teaching on a variety of topics. My professional background includes service as a minister, public policy consultant, municipal official, and nonprofit executive. I now relish my work as a therapist at an addiction recovery center and as a provider of hypnotherapy services at my private practice. My vision for our Center, and for myself, is to fully acknowledge and act from the presence and power of Spirit, living with joy and enthusiasm.

#### **Barbara Harris**

A native Californian, after the age of 40 I lived in every Southwestern state. I am a mother to 3 boys, aunt to 6 more boys, grandmother to 3 + one on the way in April. I moved to Tucson in June 2004. I've worked in a variety of occupations, Retail, Banking, Front office, Security, Computer Drafting, Pet/Home Sitting and as a Personal Assistant. Always a "Seeker of Truth", I explored many faith traditions. I was raised mostly in Christian Science and was Class Taught. I came to New Thought in the late 1980's through a neighbor and friend and to Religious Science (CSL) through that same friend in 1993. I embraced this teaching by taking every class that was offered and started the path to Practitioner in 1995 through many stops and starts finally finished Practitioner 2 and became a Licensed Practitioner in 2005. It is my joy and privilege to help others find and use the Spiritual Tools we offer to realize we are always at choice, and if we don't like what we've got we get to choose again. My experience in past boards is Secretary and Board President, plus Interim Spiritual Leader here at CSLT from 2005-2006. My vision for this Center is to complete the process begun in 2005, (helping to create the healthy foundation for our new minister in 2006, Rev. Donald,) by being and integral part of manifesting CSL Tucson's new permanent home and a thriving, vibrant, healthy Spiritual Community.

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### **Lynden Kidd**

I began attending CSLT in 2009. Before my first service, I had never experienced religious science; after I knew it was a philosophy, I had been seeking my whole life. It would be my honor to serve the members and attendees of this Center. I have so much respect for all of us who serve to create this incredible space of learning, heart and fellowship. I came into this community at a very dark time in my life – immediately after the sudden death of my husband. We had only lived in Tucson for just under seven months when he died. We didn't have friends. We didn't have family here. Yet, I knew that in order to heal and grow and thrive again I would need to find a 'village'. We didn't attend church, but I knew I needed that kind of a home. A good friend from the Seattle area said, "let me find out if you have a Center for Spiritual Living".

Since my first introduction to this community I have been held, loved, grown, supported, and stretched to become better. It is a place where I know my daughter can thrive too. I've taken many, many classes offered by the Center and through them have gotten to know the heart of this group. I would be honored to help hold this community to the vision of our goodness; I would be honored to serve this community which has given to me so much. On the task-oriented side, I'm an attorney by training; I'm a serial entrepreneur with my own businesses since 2004. I'm a single Mom and pet owner. Most importantly, I'm being and becoming every moment. I'm proud to be considered for the Board.

### **Zach Saber**

Native Arizonian who has enjoyed traveling the USA, relocated to Tucson April 1, 2010 with my wonderful wife. I have a BSME and BA in Business Admin as well as being Board Certified in Wholistic Mental Health, and a Licensed Massage Practitioner. I have been self employed most of my adult life and have always believed that teamwork creates far better approaches and opportunities to progress. My wife and I own and operate *WellnessFirst!* in Tucson. This means I am well versed in budgets, communication, teaching, coaching into higher achievement to bring out the best in each of us. I grew up in alternative spiritual practices as my grandmother studied with Ernest. Her desire to please my grandfather meant we attended Dutch Reform church, but our own conversations and education were around Science of Mind. I was a member of the Aquarian Foundation and then spent a few years experiencing other faiths, studying many as I went along. I attended CSL Seattle and Seattle Unity. I feel the compromise of thought, approach and practice between those two organizations exists at CSL Tucson. I believe in assisting, coaching and encouraging each of us to reach beyond what we can envision; to trust what we feel whether in our hands, hearts or heads. I believe in commitment and staying in integrity even when it's difficult. For those that have been to our wellness center or to our home, you know we practice what we teach. I am committed to CSL thriving and will always work towards supporting that fact. I bring that dedication to CSL Tucson as a board member. I am excited to be of further service to CSL and feel it is an honor to be in service to each of you.