

# Presentation Center

Retreats and Conferences

Fall 2010

## The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology: Where Spirit Changes Lives

The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (ITP) is a private, independent, non-profit graduate school in transpersonal psychology. Founded in 1975 by Dr. Robert Frager (ITP), has been coming to Presentation Center Retreats and Conferences since 2007. Its unique curriculum focuses on six core areas of inquiry: the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, physical, social and creative aspects of life. The educational model incorporates the tenets of transpersonal psychology and offers the student of psychology not only a solid intellectual foundation, but an extraordinary opportunity for deep growth and personal experience of the subject matter as well.

Since 1983, the Institute has offered education at a distance for students wishing to study transpersonal psychology without being in residence at the school. In an effort to support and bond our community of learners, on-line students attend two seminars each year. These seminars are an exciting and integral part of our on-line program, designed

to support student progress by providing a setting for community building and deep connection with their peers.

The tranquil setting of Presentation Center provides a unique backdrop for course introductions, meditation, movement, body awareness processes, group interaction, creative expression, ritual and more.

The seminars bring together students from around the globe, faculty, administrators and distinguished guest speakers for a week-long experience that inspires, facilitates, supports individuals and develops community, families, organizations and societies toward their fuller potential for wisdom, health and wholeness. The program attracts students diverse in age, ethnicity and professional background, seeking to increase their knowledge and integrate transpersonal principles into their work and life. Students from 45 states and over 32 countries including Argentina, Qatar, South Africa, France, Ghana, Mexico, Australia, Russia, and South Korea have participated in ITP's distance learning programs.



Thank you so much!

*Anna O'Connor, Executive Director*

As we near the close of 2010 I would like to thank you for your support of Presentation Center. It is only through your continued generosity that we are able to maintain and preserve our historic 100 year old property. We are so grateful for all your help in keeping the spirit of the Sisters of the Presentation and their foundress, Nano Nagle, deeply rooted in all we do. In this newsletter, you will find our annual listing of donors from the past fiscal year.

Let us continue to work together as we meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead on the spiritual journey of the Center. Thank you again.

## Welcome Sister Stephanie Still and the New Leadership Team!



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## Donor Dollars at Work

We offer our heartfelt gratitude for the support of our donors. Through your continued support our beautiful, but aging, property benefits in so many ways. Here are some of the recent ways in which your donations have gone to work:

- Installed concrete pads for propane tanks to meet new county code
- Chimney spark arrestor and mortar in the fireplace
- Two new pumps at Pump Station #2
- Liners for potable water tanks
- Structural upgrades to rear wall, on the first floor of Pueblo
- Remodeled guest half bath in Pueblo lower level
- Pueblo building lobby upgrades
- Pond restoration Phase 1
- Ride-on Mower
- Solar insulation cover on swimming pool
- Pool Furniture
- New Lamps for cottage bedrooms
- New Linens



## 2010 Spring Gala

On April 24, we hosted our Annual *Spring Gala "Past to Present."* It was a beautiful evening to celebrate our property's 100th year Anniversary. The Gala, combined with Sr. Michele's Donation Drawing, raised \$86,753. Thank you, everyone who participated – donors and guests alike!



The evening opened with a liturgy by Fr. Tony Mancuso, accompanied by the beautiful music of Theresa Mai Nguyen. Following the liturgy, guests enjoyed cocktails, appetizers and a Silent Auction in our Courtyard. We offer a special thanks to all of our evening sponsors, whose generosity

contributed to such a successful event. Delicious appetizers were provided by St. Christopher Ladies' Guild, and a generous open bar was provided by St. Christopher Holy Name Society. Bay Area Produce, Bi-Rite, S. Martinelli & Company, and Trustees Sr. Michele Anne Murphy, PBVM, Gene O'Rourke and Lupita Vital all contributed to the delicious three-course dinner prepared by Chef Tom Fernandez and his staff. With the support of our community at large who so generously provided items for our Silent Auction, our guests had a wonderful time "shopping" for their perfect auction item. Karen Cleveland and Gina Marciano-Siewit selected stunning jewelry pieces, and intern Rebekah Bing spent countless hours visiting merchants and collecting the items.

Dinner was beautifully served by the delightful sisters of San Jose State's Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Sigma

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## Upcoming Programs and Events

For more information, please visit our website [www.presentationcenter.org](http://www.presentationcenter.org), or call us at 408-354-2346.

Date/Time	Cost	Topic
March 5, 2011	\$85 Lunch included	Spiritual Spa Day <i>Led by Sr. Joan Prohaska, OP</i> Details to be announced.
<b>March 26, 2011</b>		<b>Annual Spring Gala, Save the Date!</b>
May 8, 2011		Annual Mother's Day Brunch, Save the Date!
July 25-31, 2011	\$500 per person \$75 (Non-Refundable Deposit)	Mystics, Rebels & Prophets. "Women who went before us and walk with us today." <i>Facilitator, Edwina Gateley</i> Explore and Discover something of our own mystical power and potential.
October 22, 2011	TBD	Day of Meditation and Contemplation through the Arts Details to be announced.
Dates and cost may be subject to change. Check our website for updates on these events and more!		

To be added to the Presentation Center Programs email list please contact [marketing@presentationcenter.org](mailto:marketing@presentationcenter.org)

### Valued Volunteers



In April we welcomed **Presentation High School Alumnae** for a Volunteer Day. The volunteers took bookstore inventory, assisted with gardening projects, and helped repaint the Bethlehem cottage interior. We were delighted to host the women for a day to help us complete much-needed projects.



The **Delta Sigma chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi** from **San Jose State University** did a wonderful job serving at our Annual Spring Gala. They served with a smile and paid great attention to detail. We were blessed to have them, everyone enjoyed their presence, and we hope to work with them again.



We extend our deep appreciation to the **Montezuma Foundation** for their volunteer day in July to refurbish and repair the **Redwood Amphitheater**. Foundation members have been coming annually to take care of this necessary work.

A huge **Thank You** goes to **Christopher Heath and his son** who came up this August to help Facilities prepare new concrete pads for our propane tanks and help trench for new piping.

### Community Service:

#### St. Christopher School

On May 22, eight 7th Grade Students from St. Christopher School came up for a half-day of community service. The girls toured the convent, visited with the Sisters, and helped in the office. Their presence brought much joy to the Sisters, staff and guests.



We welcome 7th grade through high school students seeking community service hours. Please contact [volunteer@presentationcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@presentationcenter.org) to arrange projects.

#### St. Christopher Ladies' Guild Grant

Presentation Center wishes to thank the St. Christopher Ladies' Guild for donating the funds to purchase emergency and disaster supplies to fulfill our Emergency



Response Plan. These supplies will provide for the safety and comfort of our guests in the event of a major emergency such as an earthquake. The Ladies' Guild generosity is a tribute to all Presentation Sisters who have served the St. Christopher community over the past 55 years.

*Pictured above is the AED purchased with 2009's Grant.*

## Donors from the Past Fiscal Year

*Thank you to all of our generous supporters. Your donations have made it possible for us to offer this peaceful sanctuary at reasonable rates as well as continue to make our retreat center more welcoming with improvements and regular maintenance. These donations were made during our fiscal year - September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. Thank you so much!*

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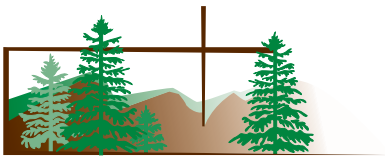
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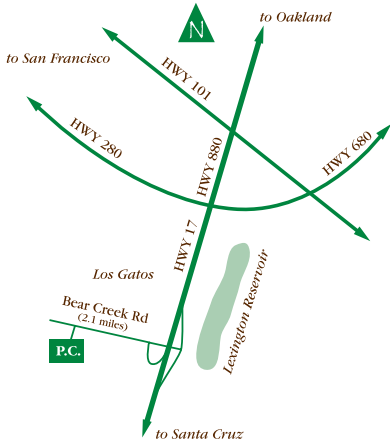


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## Eagle Scout Completes His "Stations of the Cross" Project

**D**oug Guastaferrero of Boy Scout Troop 286 completed his Eagle Scout project at the Center last fall. He chose to refurbish our aging Stations of the Cross.



Through extensive research, he created a design to house the artwork. He custom built each Station according to his design using high quality weather resistant

redwood. He assembled a team of fellow scouts and parents to help him with the installation.


We are grateful to Doug for taking on such a major project and executing it so beautifully. Doug can take great pride in his eye for design and workmanship. He modestly said, "It came out better than I expected," and he hopes the new Stations will help people focus on their prayer and meditation.

The Stations of the Cross are located around the perimeter of our lower meadow.

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chapter, sorority. John Lloyd, a former student of Montezuma Mountain School for Boys, shared his memories to the delight of dinner guests. Guests were also treated to a video showing live footage from the early history of Montezuma Mountain School as it was being built, including many buildings still in use today.

Guests departed still talking about what a fabulous evening they had enjoyed, and looking forward to our 2011 gala. Save the date for our 31st Annual Spring Gala on Saturday, March 26, 2011!





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