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2010 – 2011 LECTURE SCHEDULE

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**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
IN PITTSBURGH**



**THE OBJECTS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY:**  
To form a nucleus of the Universal Brother & Sisterhood of Humanity regardless of race, sex, caste, creed or color. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science. To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

**Happy Holidays!**

We're back just in time to celebrate the Holidays! We begin the season with a perennial favorite – **Phil Jannetta** who brings his special knowledge of eastern teachings to the problem of the change of seasons. And then (the following week) ... *Could it be?!?... SANTA CLAUS* (in the flesh) will provide an autobiographical look into his purpose, significance and meaning (I certainly hope you've all been *good*).

We have another GREAT schedule; make sure you mark your calendars for these exceptional programs. We're back at Woodland Hall room 103

As usual we are very close to the free 129-space Jennie King Mellon Library parking lot. Our elderly and handicapped attendees will appreciate the easy walk between parking and destination. Those who drive can get to the lot from Murray Hill Road, which runs between Fifth and Wilkins Avenue.

See you there.

Andrew Nesky  
President  
The Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh.

*Unless otherwise announced, lectures this session are presented Sundays from 1:30 to approx. 3:00 PM and are held in room 103 on the first floor of Woodland Hall on the Campus of Chatham College. Attendees need not be a member of the society, but must abide by the society's standards of civil conduct. (as posted on our website [www.pittsburghts.org](http://www.pittsburghts.org)). Unless otherwise indicated, programs may be attended free of charge.*

***Call our 24-hour automated phone system at (412) 462-4200 for the most current information on lectures and Society sponsored events. This number will have all the latest information on weather and unforeseen cancellations. Officers can be reached at this same number.***

**December**

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**12<sup>th</sup> PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**Embracing the Energies of Renewal** – Phil Jannetta

The new-year-season is rich with symbols central to individual and family well-being. Ideally, we participate in life's annual regeneration in ways that resonate with personal values and aspirations. Phil will offer insights and suggestions for opening to nature's rebirth imperative consciously, joyfully, productively.

**19<sup>th</sup> t YES VIRGINIA THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS** – Kris Kringle

In 1897 the New York Sun answered eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon by saying Santa Claus existed "as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist" - but is that accurate - or is there more to tell? Come participate in this *NEW AND IMPROVED* timely investigation into the life of one of the Earth's more controversial seasonal guests. Is Santa merely the world's most popular uncompensated salesman or is he more "Myth" and "Archetype"? What meaning (if any) does he have for modern culture? This lecture will be delivered by the ancient red-suited toy-giver HIMSELF! **SEEING IS BELIEVING!** If you've been good - *maybe* you will get a present.

**January**

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**9<sup>th</sup> PARANORMAL OPEN FORUM** – Frank DeAngelis

Wikipedia defines "Paranormal" as "experiences that lie outside the range of normal experience or scientific explanation". Come open the New Year with your experiences and your questions as we attempt to bring answers to the unanswerable.

**16<sup>th</sup> THE ENLIGHTENED ONE** – 55 Minute Documentary – Then Discussion

A part of the *Joseph Campbell's Mythos Series*, this video sums up Campbell uses stories of the Buddha's life and enlightenment to reflect the essence of the Buddhist Religion. He explains the difference between the two principal types of Buddhism- Theraveda (Hinayana) and Mahayana. Campbell also probes the differences between eastern and western religion by focusing on Buddhism as a religion of "identification

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with” the divine rather than “relationship to” it. He also compares Buddhism with Taoism and Confucianism and explores the ancient collision of East and West. Oscar Award winning actress **Susan Sarandon** narrates.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> **WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?**

**A Star Gazer's View** – Donna Greco

Astrologer Donna Greco will discuss the 12 signs of the zodiac presenting the light filled manifestation as well as the shadow expression of each sign. She will also discuss the significance of current planetary events and the messages we are being graced with both personally and collectively. Donna will also offer insight into the benefits of astrological counseling as a tool for personal transformation affecting long term global healing. And, there is always the unexpected inspiration that strikes just before the talk! There will be opportunity for open discussion.

### 30<sup>th</sup> **KABBALAH & THE 10 COMMANDMENTS** – Ruth and Charque Newell

Ruth and Charque are planning on covering some basic precepts of Kabbalism and The Tree of Life, in order to present a non-fundamentalist, Kabbalistic interpretation of The Ten Commandments. Placing the commandments on The Tree is both revealing and enlightening. The so called “Laws of Moses” are actually a basis for a non-physical, mystical view of human interaction with divine law. Most people either take the commandments literally or ignore them altogether. Ruth and Charque’s approach gives The Ten Commandments a new relevance to life in a way the traditional, cast in stone” meanings just don’t.

**“WATCH FOR IT” AS OUR SERIES CONTINUES IN FEBRUARY!**

## Speaker Biographies

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**Frank DeAngelis** has been involved in parapsychology since the early 70’s; He has studied and attempted research in the field of the paranormal since 1980. He has taught several different classes on the paranormal at area colleges. I have investigated approx. 48 haunted houses in the Tri-state area and acted as an adviser on about 30 more houses.

**Donna Greco** has pursued the study of Astrology and Tarot for 25 years within the context of personal and spiritual transformation, blending artistic sensitivity with spiritual knowledge and attunement as a facilitator for healing and personal transformation. She is available for private counseling sessions, lecture-presentations, workshops and mentoring. She does readings in person, by phone and on line having attracted in recent years, an international clientele. An accomplished pianist-teacher-composer, her musical career spans 35 years in the classical, jazz and contemporary instrumental genres. Her Intuitive Music practice is designed to create personalized musical settings for the facilitation of healing and meditation. She also receives commissions for specialized musical recordings produced and designed for personal and sacred intentions. She is a certified Music Practitioner providing music for healing and transition in the hospice setting. Native to Pittsburgh, she counsels, teaches and composes in her Squirrel Hill Studio.

For further information her website is: [WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM](http://WWW.DONNAGRECO.COM) or [WWW.DONNAGRECOPIANOSTUDIO.COM](http://WWW.DONNAGRECOPIANOSTUDIO.COM)

**Phil Jannetta:** After studying macrobiotics in Boston for 5 years in the 1970s, Phil spent 16 years in Asia as a student and practitioner of the energetic arts of Traditional Oriental Medicine, Buddhism, Feng Shui and Taoist Astrology. Phil now teaches and consults on health and well-being topics in the U.S., Western Europe and Asia.

**Kris Kringle** comes to Pittsburgh due to an exchange program between the FOEF (Fraternal Order of Elves & Fairies) Workshop #1 and the Pittsburgh Theosophical Lodge. While Mr. Kringle is speaking, Pittsburgh Theosophical Society president Andrew Nesky will be hosting a North Pole discussion group on the topic "Sentient Human Beings - Fact or Fantasy" (some disputed photographic "evidence" will be analyzed as part of the discussion). Mr. Kringle is an authority on his existence and the role of reindeer in inter-dimensional time travel

**Andrew Nesky** is the president of the Theosophical Society in Pittsburgh. He has twice been elected to the position of Master of a Masonic Lodge and is a published writer. An actor with over 300 performance credits, he also lectures on the subject of metaphysics and human development and has coached high-school competitive public speaking, specializing in value-based Lincoln-Douglas format debate. In addition to being a ULC Minister, he has hosted the web-casted talk show “Science and the Outer Streams” which investigates the frontiers of human thought, science and spirituality - it can be seen at [www.esotericgateway.com](http://www.esotericgateway.com).

**Ruth and Charque Newell** have been an active part of the Pittsburgh metaphysical scene since 1995 when they became full time Tarot readers and spiritual counselors. They have given classes on many metaphysical disciplines including Tarot, I-Ching, Kabbalah, Runes, Meditation, and A Course in Miracles. As well as offering readings and counseling, they are presently conducting regular classes in Basic Tarot, Applied Tarot and A Course in Miracles. They occasionally do lectures and workshops on specific metaphysical subjects. They work from their apartment and can be reached at 412-731-3747.