

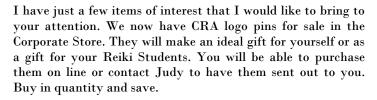
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I look out my window I cannot help but notice the season changing once again. The brilliant reds and yellows of my maple tree in

the front yard remind me that another year is slowly coming to an end. It has been an interesting and productive year for me and I hope it has been the same for you.



We have had a lot of inquiries from the non Reiki Community regarding our Practitioner and Teacher listings. In the past we have permitted all other modalities that we practice or teach in this listing. It has been confusing. The board of directors have decided that we will list only what is related to Reiki in this

area. To compensate for this change we have added a CRA Logo button in this section that will link to your picture and bio. Please check out the example that has been put up under my listing.



There will be a charge of \$10.00 to help cover the web mistress' cost for this extra service. The fee includes two updates of your bio for future updating. The change on the website will be over a period of a couple of months, so you will have time to correct and update your information. We hope this will be of special interest to our members who do not have a computer or a web site.

Once again the CRA will be at the Toronto Whole Life Expoheld in Hall B of the Metro Convention Centre on the weekend of November 24, 25, & 26th. Please stop by our booth, #141 and say hello.

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Just a reminder that the next Annual General Meeting will be at the Lonsdale Quay Hotel in North Vancouver on May 26th, 2007. With the success of our 2006 AGM this meeting will be opened to nonmembers as well. We are looking for door prizes. If you would like to contribute a prize or a service please contact Judy at reiki@reiki.ca.

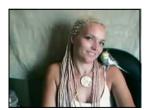
As of September 2006, Jennifer Thibodeau joined the CRA as an intern as part of her Post-Baccalaureate Diploma of Journalism through Thompson Rivers University, BC. In this volunteer position, she will be writing articles and book reviews for the CRA newsletter as well as helping with Media Relations, such as writing press releases to help publicize CRA events in the media. Her first article for the CRA, "A Day Trip to Mt. Kurama", is included in this newsletter. She is currently living in Osaka, Japan and studying Reiki with Hyakuten Inamoto. You can visit her web site at www.mountainskyreiki.com.

Note to RM's: Please review the revised Educational Guidelines at: www.reiki.ca/application.htm.

Love & Light Bonnie Smith, President

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Bridgit Miezlaiskis, RT- CRA Huntsville. ON



Tell us how you were introduced to Reiki, your path with Reiki and what you do now?

July 18, to be exact.....was the beginning of my end, or so I thought. It was actually the beginning of my awakening and ascension.

I was driving on the highway heading 2 hours out of the city with my five year old son, when my heart began racing a mile a minute and it was all I could do to keep myself from passing out. I managed to pull the truck over and I remember calling 911 and my son putting his head on my chest telling me I was going to be ok. Then I was at the hospital. Within the next six weeks I had three seizure like attacks and four hospital stays. I was vomiting for eight weeks and slept very little; my body vibrated

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'Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed.' —Grenville Kleiser

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Advertise your business, sell merchandise or place job ads in the newsletter. On review of the content, non-members can also advertise in our newsletter.

	Ad Size	Members Cost	Non Members Cost
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1/4	3" x 4.25"	\$40	\$80
1/8	3" x 2.125"	\$20	\$40
1/16	3" x 1"	\$10	\$20

all the time and I had these very strong movements in my brain....like a worm was wiggling around. I was terrified....absolutely terrified. By January 2005 I had seen specialists, underwent a lumbar spinal tap, CT's, MRI and numerous amounts of blood work; everything came back fine.....100% healthy. No medical explanation for what I was experiencing. My last doctor's visit I cried.....I asked him how was I suppose to help myself if you can't figure out what's going on? He handed me 3 different prescriptions saying that they should help the symptoms......I threw them out as I left.

Six months later with rest and peanut butter & jam sandwiches I began feeling my symptoms at a lower vibration. I was on the phone with my best friend from Ireland when she was mentioning Reiki to me and its benefits and what she had experienced herself after receiving her first attunement....then it hit me like a hammer on the head...REIKI....I had researched it a year prior and through the hectic way of life I had ignored and forgotten all about it or even why I had researched it. I still had it under my favourites on my computer. I skipped the treatment and went for my level one Reiki attunement... I wanted to get as much of that energy flowing through me as possible. It was the most incredible moment I had experienced with myself; as the energy entered my body I felt the most incredible sense of grounding and emotional balancing. It felt like the top of my head had opened up and this little pin like pressure was touching my brain and my third eye received an enormous amount of pressure. When I rejoined my class everyone was asking me how I got the red mark between my eyes. I left class with this wonderful empowerment and a shift in consciousness that allowed me to pay attention to all the little details around me. I began self treatments and became a Reiki junkie. After one month straight of self Reiki treatments I went for my level 2 attunement. My second attunement wasn't as dramatic as the first one and I was disappointed....however....as soon as I rejoined the class my mind was taken somewhere else and I began getting the visual images in my head of this beautiful garden and grounds and what it is I am to create in the future. I had to leave the class to go home and write everything down....it was the most intense brainstorming I had ever undergone. It is exhilarating to see yourself doing something before you are even close to beginning the "doing something". I began meditating and speaking daily affirmations. My soul had been awoken and my symptoms had disappeared. I was given back to myself.

I began to realize that I was not separate from anyone or anything. I began to let go of situations and people that were not working for me and began to attract the things and people that do work for me and who support me.... and oddly enough....are the "puzzle pieces" to your life that help show you the bigger picture. I had three major doorways open for me. The first would be Karen Bishop. Karen has had a lifelong inner knowing of human & planetary evolution & events, as well as psychic abilities & multidimensional access since birth. I highly web recommend reading her site: www.whatsuponplanetearth.com. She provides information about physical, emotional, spiritual and planetary changes many of us are experiencing regarding the new evolving vibrations and ascension symptoms. Through Karen I came to realize that my illness I endured was not an illness but rather symptoms and DNA restructuring needed for the ascension process we are all going through. Most people have flu like symptoms (which many, many did this past winter) but for those who are connected a little deeper to the Earth....part of the original blueprint as Karen says.....the symptoms are more severe; which brings me to my next doorway; Allan Green. Allan Green is a past life & spiritual journey facilitator. He has been guiding people through past lives since 1982 and can see what you see and feel what you feel. He truly is a remarkable person. Through Allan I was able to journey back to the creation of the Earth...I was translucent and floating. I was assisting in the creation and flow of water. During the session you see and feel what you are doing...you have this knowing...a knowing like you know who you are now and what you are doing now. I can't tell you how or when I was doing this only that I was. It's actually funny.....considering this time around, my sign is cancer; a water sign, I have spent my entire life around water; my teen years were spent life guarding on a beach, I swim like a fish and I can never seem to drink enough of it. Between Karen and Allan's information is where my third doorway opened. Doreen Riley, "The angel lady", has the amazing ability to communicate with your guardian angel. Through Doreen I physically felt my angel and received messages regarding my ascension process and the gifts I have been given. I will get into my messages at a later time but I can say that I will share my gifts with everyone.....and it begins with Reiki.

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Where does all this leave me? Excited! I can't wait to see what's around the corner. What have I understood my journey to mean thus far?

Well....there is definitely more to our lives than the jobs we carry and the drama we create and that everything has a reason, even the smallest of details. Mother Earth and her people are ascending into higher realms and it is most definitely time to start healing "Gaia"- Mother Earth. It is "wake up" time.

July 18 was a blessing and I wouldn't change a second of it. We are all ascending into a higher realm where there is a beautiful world waiting for us....but before we arrive we will need to release our "old" ways and beliefs. I know what it is I am to do. How I get from now to then..... I don't know.....I will leave it in the hands of the universe and my angels to work out; until that time.... I am a devoted light worker channelling the energy and love to you.

What is your major focus for 2006?

I am currently working on two projects. The first is that I have designed a program that will promote and educate the world (masses) about Reiki. It is within the depths of my heart that everyone everywhere should be attuned to levels I and II.....and as a light worker that is what I intend to do. This project will be launching in October of this year.

This is a crucial domino effect required in the ascension process.

My second project is attuning Reiki master to Lightarian Reiki......

"It is my intention to reawaken humanity to the sacred levels of the higher vibrational bands of Reiki-- to assist humans as they enter this new phase of their existence. My hearts desire is to have the use of the Reiki Ray clarified, demystified and expanded. I offer this special gift of Lightarian Reiki to all humans to accelerate their healing, raise their vibration and prepare them to become the new human species." ASCENDED MASTER BUDDA

The use of the word Lightarian is a way of describing an individual who learns about and masters the use of etheric Light energies for the purpose of expanding awareness and enhancing spiritual evolution. Lightarian offers the most potent, highest vibrational Reiki healing energies. Lightarian Reiki uniquely prepares you to deliver a broader spectrum of Reiki energies by extending the vibrational range beyond Usui-based and Karuna-based Reiki inspired by Ascended Master Buddha.

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"Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor."

— Truman Capote

A DAY TRIP TO MT. KURAMA

By Jennifer Thibodeau, RT-CRA Osaka-shi, Japan

As a Reiki person, I know I'm fortunate. I live in the city of Osaka, Japan, and a trip to Mt. Kurama is a relatively easy day trip for me. Within about two hours, and four different trains, I can be standing at



Kurama Station at the base of the mountain. They say some people can live in Paris their whole lives but never go up the Eiffel Tower, and I didn't want that to happen to myself while living so close to the birthplace of Reiki. So on a Wednesday at the end of August, 2006, my Reiki teacher, Rev. Hyakuten Inamoto and I made the

trip to have the experience of a lifetime.

According to his memorial stone in Tokyo, Mikao Usui was spiritually awakened and received the gift of Reiki while fasting and meditating on Mt. Kurama. After he received this gift, he found he was able to use Reiki to heal, and he began to practice and teach this form of healing at his Tokyo clinic. Of course, we all know that Reiki continued after his death in 1926, and spread around the world to be shared with millions of people. I believe Usuisensei's gift was a gift for us all.

After getting off the train at Kurama Station it is only a short walk to the first entry gate, where carved gods stand guard at either side. It's impossible not to be struck by the beauty of the

mountain. Everything is perfectly arranged, simple and elegant. Orange painted lanterns line the walkways, thick braided ropes connect to the prayer bells in the Shinto shrines, and rich brown wooden beams are placed together to form the Buddhist temples. The pathway proceeds up the mountain, sometimes with a gradual incline and sometimes with broad steps designed for kimono-wearers to walk safely upon.



Lanterns along the pathway

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For an affordable 200 yen (about two dollars) you can take a cable car part of the way up the mountain - we



Inspiration for the Second Symbol

chose this option to help save our legs! Our plan was to go to the summit and then walk down the entire way. Interestingly, the museum that leads to the cable car station has a plaque on the wall that is believed to be the inspiration for the second symbol.

The mountain is bejeweled with a number of shrines and temples, and in front of Mt. Kurama Temple is a beautiful sacred stone. Hyakuten-sensei told me that long ago this stone was used as the lid for a stone box holding sacred Buddhist scriptures. When I passed my hand over the stone I could feel a cool and clear energy from it. Finally we

came to a level space near the summit where Usui-sensei is believed to have been when he was given the gift of Reiki. There were many old-growth trees and the sunlight fell on us in dappled beams. There we sat on some wood benches, drinking Japanese tea and having some snacks, and Hyakutensensei discussed Reiki for a while.



Sacred Stone in front of Mt Kurama Temple

Then we went to a near-by shrine and meditated while the shrine's incense burned. When we were finished he gave me a Reiju (Reiki attunement) and then it was time to head back down the mountain.

I really didn't want to leave. Although we had spent about an hour at the summit it felt like it had been no



Tree roots near th

time at all. The tranquil energy and peacefulness of the location were intoxicating. In fact, although I was there less than a week ago at the time of this writing, I can't wait for my next visit. If there is ever a way for you to travel to Mt. Kurama, and especially if you are a Reiki person, I highly recommend that you do so.

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To see more pictures of Mt. Kurama, please visit the Mt. Kurama Photos page on her website at www.mountainskyreiki.com

THE POSITIVE LIGHT OF REIKI

By Mary Catherine Darling, M.A., RT-CRA Hamilton, ON

The scene is a tranquil, sunlit room. Delicate flowers grace the wide windows and polished wooden floor with their fragrance. A Reiki practitioner sits in meditation, robed in silence, focusing their spiritual strength on their mantra: "anger, worry, anger, worry".

What's wrong with this picture?

We all know Usui-sensei had great compassion for us, his students. His life and work are a testament to the enlightenment he expressed in the teachings and system of Reiki Ryosho. Like us, his words and thoughts were shaped by the society he lived in.

When Usui-sensei adopted the Gokai, or Reiki principles, which are the last instructions of the Meiji Emperor, he used the words in which incorrect behaviour was defined, and warned against. Just like many of the great rules of behaviour laid down by religion and law, these principles were expressed in a negative way: "thou shalt not..."

The Meiji Emperor was very wise to write these principles, and Usui-sensei was very wise to pass them on to us as life instructions. It would, however, be even better for us if they worked.

The understanding of how people think and learn has come a long way since 1922, when the Gokai were adopted. Back then, speaking of avoiding bad behaviour and immorality was a common and accepted way of communicating, both to others and in our own internal dialogue.

Through the work of great researchers and observers, we have learned now that many of the language rules we took for granted are both ineffectual and counterproductive. We now know, through the body of work known as NLP, or Neurolinguistic Programming, that your deep mind doesn't actually hear the words: "do not". Your mind just focuses on the instruction following those words.

"Negatives exist only in language, not experience... the unconscious mind does not process the linguistic negative and simply disregards it. A... teacher who tells a child not to do something is ensuring the child will do it again" (Pg. 120, L. NLP)

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This is where the story of the pink elephant in the corner comes in. Now don't think about it... there's no pink elephant, no elephant. Now what's on your mind?

"What you resist persists, because it still has your attention". (Pg. 120, L. NLP, O'Connor, Seymour).

As children, we have tended to hear from parents, "Don't do that" rather than "Please do this instead". Getting caught eating with my fingers when young more often brought: "don't be rude" instead of "clean up & be polite". Of course, understanding that the subconscious doesn't register negatives, I know now that all that sank in from my mother's admonition was "be rude". Hmm.

When we recite the words of the Reiki principles morning and night, as instructed by Mikao Usui, why are we repeating the names of the emotional states we don't want to have in our minds? Focusing on the positive state we want to achieve just makes more sense. The last three principles are wonderful as is, however the first two "Just for today..."s can produce the opposite effect than what is intended.

"Usui-sensei created Gokai as the base of Reiki... to heal heart and soul first..." Pg. 191, Doi). Since this is Usui's goal, it is important that we follow the goals and spirit of his teachings. To better reach these goals, we need to use the knowledge of language we have in a purposeful and effectual way.

"Teacher/ trainers should be totally positive in their approach" "#4 of 13, Accelerated Learning, Woodsmall, 1988).

A new way of phrasing these principles is in order then, in keeping with Usui-sensei's conclusion that "the ultimate purpose of life is to... live in peace". (Pg. 47, Doi).

"Just for today, be joy".

The opposite emotion of anger is joy. One of the ways we get joy is through laughter, and it is impossible to be angry while laughing freely.

"Just for today, be peace".

The opposite emotion of worry is peace, having faith in that knowledge. This was, after all, Usui-sensei's stated goal!

The end result of meditating on these words is the emotional states of joy & peace, with no thought of anger or worry in your being.

Using NLP, we have an excellent exercise (to) help you move faster and more fluidly in the achievement of the states of joy and peace that Usui-sensei

recommends that we adopt.

Anchoring, a technique to help us learn better and retain it, is very useful to us here.

"Imagery principle - correct recall for vivid pictures is 99% or higher". (#10 of 21, Learning Strategies, Woodsmith, 1990).

Using our own senses completely, including pictures, helps us much more than just words. Try this exercise in a quiet place where you will be undisturbed.

Settle yourself as usual to begin meditating as instructed by Usui-sensei. As you repeat the first principle: "Just for today, be joy" think of a time where you felt intense joy, or imagine what it would be like to feel it. Let yourself feel, see, smell and sense this joy. As it reaches its peak, perform a small physical action to anchor the feeling, like making a fist, or touching your ring finger to the heel of your hand. Make the action quick and brief, as well as something you don't normally do. Make sure the action happens as the feeling is building and at its peak, not as it's fading. Repeat this three times as you meditate on the first principle.

Next, repeat the second principle. "Just for today, be peace". Think of a time when all was right with the world and you were in the flow, obviously connected to the cosmic rhythm, or imagine what it's like. Just as with joy, fully experience peace; do a different action to anchor the peace, perhaps with the opposite hand. Complete the exercise as with

The end result of this exercise, after only a couple of days, is being able to do your small, discreet physical action and immediately experience the emotional state of joy or peace you anchored there. Of course, this technique will also work for the last three principles.

Picture again the sunlit room, with the figure focused on "joy, peace, thankfulness, diligence, compassion". Feel the amazing energy coming from and through this Reiki practitioner, and know it can be you.

- Just for today, be joy.
- Just for today, be peace.
- Work hard.
- Be grateful.
- Be kind to all things.

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Positive Light of Reiki (Article sidebar)

The words of the Gokai or Reiki principles are found in the monument erected to Mikao Usui's memory in Bodhi temple, Tokyo. They were written in 1927 by Juzabura Ushida and Masayuki Okada, Usuisensei's students. This translation is by Hiroshi Doi and Tetsuyuki Ono.

- 1. Don't get angry today.
- 2. Don't be grievous.
- 3. Express your thanks.
- 4. Be diligent in your business.
- 5. Be kind to others.

(From Lyashino Gendai Reiki- ho by Hiroshi Doi, 2000.)

Explaining NLP (article sidebar)

NLP is the art and science of excellence. It is a set of models, skills and techniques for acting effectively in the world. NLP, or Neurolinguistic programming, began in the early 1970's when John Grinder and Richard Bandler studied the three top therapists of their day, and codified the patterns and skills which made them the best.

"NLP is one of the fastest growing, and most effective, developments in applied psychology." (O'Connor, Seymour)

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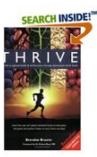
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BOOK REVIEW



THRIVE by Brendan Brazier Submitted by Mary Charette, RP-CRA West Vancouver, BC

THRIVE, a guide to optimal health & performance through plant based whole foods is an excellent book for vegans, vegetarians and omnivores

who want to reduce stress and promote health.

Written by Brendan Brazier, one of the few professional vegan athletes in the world, the book clearly and concisely explains how to implement a simple nutritional plan and helps the reader to understand why certain foods create stress while others improve health and decrease biological age.

The Foreword, written by Dr. Zoltan Rona, discusses why illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, autoimmune disease, osteoporosis and arthritis are increasing and how nutritional stress may be the most underestimated cause of sub-optimal health.

The book itself is very fast and easy to read and clearly demonstrated how to correctly implement a simple nutritional plan that would quickly reap the following benefits:

- Increased energy and vitality without stimulants
- Reduced visible signs of aging and lower biological age
- Increased muscle tissue and reduced body fat
- Better sleep quality and quicker recovery from exercise
- Improved productivity and enhanced mood
- Elimination of junk food cravings and hunger
- Stronger immune system function

On a personal level, I managed to kick the coffee habit overnight with no cravings and absolutely no caffeine withdrawal. I no longer crave chips and chocolate and I have effortlessly lost 18 pounds and gained significant muscle mass.

This book is available at Capers, Whole Foods or from Amazon.ca.

Viva la Veggie!!

THE JOURNEY TOWARDS BECOMING A FULL TIME HEALER

By Tania Bakas, RP-CRA North Vancouver, BC

Since the day I realized I was going to follow the path of a healer, up until today, still early in my journey, my excitement and profound awe has only amplified. Yet as I get closer to achieving my dream, bliss in close approach, I must admit the journey has brought forth several obstacles and challenges.

The beginning was fun. I had another job that paid the bills, and in my spare time I was taking courses for my personal transformation. It was great. Then before I knew it, I was qualified to practice Reiki professionally, and I was a certified Reflexologist. What now could be holding me back from starting my own practice?

I have a beautiful healing room. I live in a gorgeous neighbourhood. I am very good at what I do. I am ready to do it! Ah yes, the challenges now start popping up. The healing business really is all about putting positive intention into everything you do. I had put 100% of my intention into my business yet in practice I was still working as a waitress in the family restaurant.

Challenge #1: The Family

Close family would say, "You really think you can survive doing this? Well, don't quit your day job yet. Plus, the family needs you at the restaurant."

Extended family and friends: "What is that massage thing you do again? (after having patiently explained that Reiki is not massage, for the fifth time)... Right.... ok... so, how's work at the restaurant? Busy?"

A loving family will support you in every decision of your life. Most of my family trusted my healing abilities and they loved that I was doing something for myself. Others could not comprehend what I was doing. My problem was that they lacked faith in the potential of a full time healing business and that was very hard for me. They didn't't think I could do it. I allowed this to delay my plans. I learned my lesson, NOT to listen to negative attitudes and to follow my INTUITION.

Within a very short time I received a phone call at the restaurant for a take out order. I still believe today that this person was my spiritual guide coming to my rescue. I am so grateful for that phone call! What had started out as a take-out order somehow developed into a conversation about spirituality and manifesting one's goals, raw food diets and motivational books. At the end of this long

conversation I had a list of resources. One of the recommendations this person gave me was to see "The Secret", a film about the Law of Attraction. A most motivating and inspirational movie! I believed it and I still do. Set your mind through positive affirmations to focus on your goal and it will start unfolding right in front of your eyes! I wrote my affirmations on paper.

"I am a successful healer. I make a good living working from my home. I am good at what I do." I repeated these affirmations throughout the day. I visualized these things happening to me. I felt it.

Strange things began to happen. I continued to attend to my duties at the restaurant, not particularly enthusiastic but content, though I noticed that the people in my work environment became more abrupt, verbally aggressive, rude and not cooperative. There had been a negative vibe there to begin with, but this was turning into complete chaos. I kept telling myself to get through the evening and not take things personally. As the "attacks" continued and people became more disrespectful towards each other, this toxic environment started devouring me. I was losing it! Within two weeks of this I had a panic attack and quit my job in the middle of a busy shift. I'd had it! Obviously the Universe was working in a strange, but effective way to get me out of the restaurant business.

Challenge #2: Money and responsibility

I was raised to be a worker. Most women in my family have been workaholics. Hard work 'til you drop is associated with pride in my family. How was I to continue being a proud Greek woman without a full time job? This became a worrisome subject immediately. Debt that was planned to be paid off next month was put off indefinitely. My fiancé's salary didn't appear to be enough for both of us and of course I felt guilty for not doing "my part". My stomach was in a permanent knot. I had some clientele in my healing business, but it was not busy, not even steady business. It was improving, but slowly. Then guidance came to my rescue once again, this time in the form of a realization, followed by a special "appearance" in my sleep.

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"Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road."

— Dag Hammarskjöld

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Realization:

- Without the restaurant job, I will NOT become homeless I realized I still have shelter and it won't be taken away from me.
- Without the restaurant job, I have NO STRESS
 I could now have peace of mind.

I can still afford to have food to eat and to pay my bills. So why do I worry about these things? Focus Tania on what matters! Focus on building your business.

Special Appearance: I was stirring in my dreams, in a half awake half asleep state, trying to figure out how to become a busy healer. A vibrating presence appeared and spoke to me. I heard, "Use your energy towards building your business." It was my earlier realization reaffirmed!

All this time I was draining myself with worries. And they got me NOWHERE. I immediately started putting all my positive energy into the business. I woke up in the morning, focused on my affirmations, expressed gratitude for the clients I already had, and trusted that there will be more people that I will soon be able to help in their healing endeavours. I started receiving phone calls from new clients. They had found my website on the internet and felt a connection with me. Folks, this is a good time to add a side note and mention that having a website is very important in this business. Everybody is on the internet and people want to do their research before trusting their bodies and souls with you. And it is vital to do it in the most professional manner possible. I paid for mine and had it designed professionally. It was worth every penny! (Thank you Mark!)

I had learned another fundamental lesson: Stop worrying NOW, this moment, and start thinking POSITIVELY. Negative thinking will only attract more negatives into your life!

Now I was ready to get down to business! I was oozing positive attitude, I was loving life, loving myself, smelling the roses and... waiting for the phone to ring.

Challenge: Why isn't the phone ringing off the hook? I'm oozing positive energy here!

This was an opportunity to give in to panic, but I promised myself not to worry. My third and last lesson for the time being: Putting the energy out there will help you and the Universe will answer and give you opportunities, but it won't do the work for

you! This is the time to pick up on the signs that the Universe is laying out for you.

Ask for guidance and it will come, my friends. But don't forget to do something about it!

I received a lot of "advice" that came to me in the form of "out of the blue" ideas and epiphanies, saw many signs, and felt that helping hand reaching out to pick me up when things were getting gloomy. I opened myself up to my intuition and followed my powerful GUT FEELING.

Where am I today? Things are not busy yet because up until yesterday I had done very little to promote myself. Now I am working at it passionately and lovingly. I just booked a series of ads in a local health and wellness magazine. I have no money, so I went a little deeper in debt for it. No worries; I know it will be paid back and will be worth it.

I distribute my brochures everywhere I can find, without being intrusive and aggressive. I make friends everywhere, and aside from business, this part is good for ME. I'm giving out love, and I'm getting it back tenfold. Could I ask for more? This is beautiful. I am also participating in Reiki & Reflexology events promoting the healing techniques. I'm staying in the loop and I'm working with people in the same field. So this is my final word of advice to those in the same boat as myself; stay involved, and if you don't have that many clients yet, treat your friends and family to free sessions when you can. Volunteer somewhere. We may be in business and hope to make a decent living through our healing skills, but let's not forget that aside from being business owners, we are healers and should share this gift as often as we can. Everything else is already coming into place.

I look forward to writing about "A Healer's Success Story" sometime soon!

Tania Bakas, RP-CRA tania@givingwithin.com www.givingwithin.com



The CRA would like to send a great big thank you to Roland Geiger, RT-CRA for taking time to snap pictures for us at the 2006 AGM held in Oakville, ON.

Thank You ... Roland

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH REIKI

By Alice Creighton, Cayuga, ON

I have taken many master's levels in various types of Reiki: Usui Reiki, Karuna Reiki®, Sacred Flames Reiki, Seichim Reiki and Gendai Reiki in the past including crystals, past lives, psychometry with photo and objects, medical intuitive, soul mates, dreams, pendulum, meditation, breath work classes, intuitive linking, psychic attack, chakra energy, colour therapy channelling, awareness, astral travel, sacred breath, ethereal crystals, spiritual dancing, physiogamy, spiritual healing, and inter cranial sacral. Some courses I have done a few times and with different students in the classes another dimension is added. Plus I read, read, read anything in alternative health and healing modalities. Every course just builds and opens us to more and more connective-ness with source. I do see and sense. I had always thought this was reiki until I went for my Master level of Reiki and was told by the master that it was a gift that I had outside of Reiki.

My Reiki friends and myself had always wondered when we were going to see, feel, smell or sense what each other were experiencing. One friend had the sense of smell, another friend was very good in the vibrations and I was in the seeing and sensing. I found that I was very empathic. We all had gifts that were different and we accepted that. When we worked together, wonderful healing took place. It was just awesome! Even though my gifts are more of the empathetic nature, I just open myself to all that I can experience. I ask my personal ego to step aside so that I am a clear channel for the Reiki energy. I always ask God to only show me what I need to see or sense to help someone. I do not want to invade the privacy of peoples' minds and personal space. I believe that we all have things that are our own personal space and that needs to be respected. I usually see past or now and I did not feel comfortable seeing future. I would usually close that part of myself. A wise teacher once told me that I was limiting myself by closing that part. As I have grown over the last few years, I do not limit myself now. I did not believe in past lives but ironically, most of my healing journey took me into the past lives space. Being that I was not great in school in history and geography when I was young, the things that I've seen in my past lives experiences I could validate by looking on the internet for verification of the facts of times, attire, etc. It was mind boggling, the things that I could verify. It sure made a believer out of me! All my life I would have things happen and would boil it down to deja-vu or coincidence but the more I allowed, the more I could see. I have really learned not to limit my thinking or

myself and just be as one with God and the Reiki Energy. I believe we all can see, sense, feel etc. We just need to open to the highest and best to all that we are and let our gifts guide us to all the good that there is to experience.

I am thankful every day for who I am and where I am in my healing journey. Every day is better than the day before. Reiki is certainly given me my life back. I live and breathe Reiki. When I was very sick for a number of years, I was introduced to Reiki and I have never looked back. I only look back to see how far I have come and it sure has been a marvelous journey of personal growth.

I am thankful everyday for my healing journey, the people in it and live my life to 'Paying it Forward'. I was taught the old oral tradition of Reiki. I was told that I could not even look at anything written or my Reiki would be taken away from me. At first I was scared and then I thought that there is more, more, more. I remember the first person that I was in contact with on the internet, who gave me a lot of information and resources. This opened many avenues for me. That was back in 1999. I just knew that there was so much more. I have many books, tapes etc. I have attended many Reiki courses, Reiki retreats and just learn, learn, learn. I did not teach for many years after I became a Reiki Master because I did not feel comfortable teaching what I had learned. I knew there was more. As more information came out of Japan about Reiki, I then felt comfortable about teaching. I remember that I was taught that I could not give Reiki away as a gift. That did not feel right for me. I felt I got plenty in return by just helping someone. I do teach the students the hand positions and then to also see where the client's body guides them to be. I tell them, "Let Reiki teach you." I remember one of my teachers would always say.

"Let Reiki teach you", and I would question and question. I would think that she did not know or would not tell me the secret of it all, but Reiki DID teach me and continues to teach me. That was the best advice I have ever received. I believe we should not limit our knowledge of Reiki and other healing modalities. We will know what healing modalities will speak to us and we will gravitate in that direction. The Reiki energy guides and totally engulfs me. I live and breathe REIKI!

Reiki Hugs, Alice Creighton, RT-CRA www.reikioneness.com

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

A few C.R.A. Members have come forward with concerns regarding the C.R.A.'s membership criteria and the Practicum and Case Study Report Forms. The issues have been over the Privacy Act and releasing client's names to the Canadian Reiki Association.

The C.R.A. Practicum and Case Study Report Forms require three pieces of client information which would be their name, telephone number and an e-mail address if they have one. The volunteer client's signature on the form gives the Reiki Practitioner permission to release this information to the C.R.A.

We do not require detailed personal information on the session itself but we ask you to share your commentary or interpretation of the Reiki session and what you may have experienced. This information will go on the forms.

Finally, I have consulted a lawyer on this issue and was advised we are within our legal rights to request the information for the purpose it was set out for. The format of the Practicum and Case Study Report Forms will not change and we encourage all Reiki Practitioners who are working towards their Registered Membership status with the Canadian Reiki Association to continue on their Practicum and Case Studies.

Reiki Blessings Bonnie Smith, CRA President

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Lightarian Reiki has been brought forth now to accelerate the healing process for humanity, focusing on expanding your abilities as a Reiki Teacher/Practitioner to channel healing energies of a higher vibrational nature for the benefit of others.

The attunements are done remotely and are the most beautiful visual experiences expressed as are the treatments thereafter.

Tell us about the contribution you see yourself making to the CRA?

At this particular moment I have a lot on my plate but I am definitely open to any area they see me fit.....I believe that we will get to a point where we may have to incorporate a CRA Reiki "textbook" and I would love to participate in that.

Thank you for sharing in the moment of being me.

Reiki blessings, Bridgit Miezlaiskis, RT-CRA www.loveisallpower.com

REIKI SHARES & EXCHANGES

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby

Canadian Reiki Association Exchange 1st Saturday of the month from 1:30 to 4:30 pm Nikkei Japanese Heritage Centre 6688 Southoaks Crescent

Donation: \$5

Comments: All levels of Reiki are invited. Newcomers are welcome. Come and try out Reiki. We begin with a meditation and Reiju Empowerment for anyone who would like to participate.

Contact: Judy Cain, RP-CRA, 604.525.1764

Email: reiki@reiki.ca

Coquitlam

The Tri-Cities Reiki Exchange 2nd Friday of the month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm Doors close at 7:15 pm

Aura Wellness Centre in Coquitlam

Donation: \$2 suggested

All are welcome to come and experience Reiki. A Reiju Empowerment will be given to those who wish it and who have not yet been attuned to Reiki.

Comments: Cozy space so book early. We have room for two tables and one chair-Reiki set-up at our current location. Please call ahead for directions.

Contact: Lyn Ayre, RT-CRA, 604.524.8565

Email: LynAyre@telus.net

Richmond

3rd Friday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm Wings of Dove Holistic Centre

140—12031 First Avenue, Steveston Village

Donation: \$5.00

Comments: This is an opportunity to share our experience & discoveries, and to receive further coaching if necessary. Meditation and Healing open to all Reiki Levels. Please call or email that you are attending.

Contact: Claudette, RT-CRA, 604.275.7774

Email: dovewing@telus.net Website: www.wingsofdove.ca

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"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. I am thankful that thorns have roses."

-- Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

REIKI SHARES & EXCHANGES

ALBERTA

Banff

4th Monday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm Banff Seniors Centre, except July & August

Donation: \$5.00

Comments: Dates subject to change due to available space. Please visit www.reiki-rocks.ca for up-to-date information.

Contact: Noortje Vanderelst RT-CRA

Canmore

2nd Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm The Canmore Recreation Centre, except July

Donation: \$5.00

Comments: Dates subject to change due to available space. Please visit www.reiki-rocks.ca for up-to-date

information.

Contact: Noortje Vanderelst RT-CRA

Edmonton

Reiki Sharing Circle

2nd Thursday of each month from 7:30 to 10:00 pm

Argyll Plaza Hotel (meeting room)

Corner of 99 Street & Argyll Road (63 Avenue)

Donation: \$10.00

All levels & lineages welcome Comments: RSVP—register at www.wholistichealth.ca or email ewg@telusplanet.net

Contact: Marianne Goetsch RT-CRA, 780.479.0620

SASKATCHEWAN

Saltcoats

4th Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Serenity Now Therapy

170 Cresent Lake Road, Saltcoats, SK

Only 15 minutes from Yorkton

Donation: \$5.00

Comments: Every level welcome. Please call ahead

to confirm attendance.

Contact: Pat Bjarnason RT-CRA

Phone: 306.744.8122

Saskatoon

Healing Co-op Reiki Share

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 165—3rd Avenue S (The Birks Building) Meet at the elevators between 7:00 to 7:15 pm **Donation:** \$2.00 off sets the cost of cups & water

Comments: Reiki Level 1 is required to be a part of our share. We ask interested Reiki people to contact

us if you are interested in joining us.

Contact: Darlene **Phone:** 306.933.2800

Email: healingcoop@shaw.ca

<u>MANITOBA</u>

Brandon

Reiki Shares / Healing Circles Held regularly every 2nd month

Donation: Voluntary donations accepted to cover

expenses for the evening.

Comments: For Practitioners, Teachers and their invited guests. Call or email for dates and additional information.

Contact: Shelly, RT-CRA, 204.724.6855

Email: mayers@mts.net

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Amherstburg

3rd Friday of every month at the Masonic Temple 68 Murray Street

7:00 to 10 pm

We welcome all people for sample sessions.

Comments: All are welcome to come and experience Reiki. Open Reiju will be given to those who wish it.

Contact: Donna Hibbert 519.736.2473

Barrie

In the Spirit of Truth

3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

except December, July and August

Donation: none

Comments: Open to all students of different teachers

and the general public. Contact: Lorinda, RT-CRA **Phone:** 705.722.4052 for location Email: www.inthespiritoftruth.com

Brampton

3rd Wednesday night of the month Kiwanis Youth Centre for Sports Excellence 247 McMurchy Avenue S, Brampton, ON

Comments: Those interested please call or email for details

Contact: Mark Brewer RT-CRA, 905.791.8320

Email: mark@reikitoronto.com

Burlington

2nd Tuesday of every month

Breast Cancer Support Services (BCSS)

695 Brant Street

Park in the drive or across at the Post Office 7:00 pm sharp (meditation) to 9:00 pm

Donation: \$5

Comments: Open to all Reiki levels & lineages. Tables are welcome, otherwise bring a pillow & blanket.

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- If you need practice for CEU's bring your Practicum form.

- Registration is required due to space limitations.

Contact: Jo-Anne Stevens RT-CRA
Email: info@essentialwellnesscentre.com

Burlington CRA Hosted Exchange

2nd Wednesday of each month

Location: Burlington Breast Cancer Support Service 695 Brant Street from 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Parking: across the street at the Post Office

Donation: \$5.00

All levels of Reiki Practitioners are invited. Newcomers are welcome to come and try out Reiki.

Comments: We begin with a meditation and a Reiju Empowerment for anyone who would like to participate. We will then exchange Reiki. Bring your

pamphlets and business cards to share.

Contact: Bonnie Smith RT-CRA, CRA President Phone: 905.639.5980

E-mail: bonnie@soulsjourney.ca or

Maralyn Wilson RT-CRA **Phone:** 905.592.0339

E-mail: mwilson119@cogeco.ca

Cambridge

Aura Care Reiki Balance Centre 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm Held at Balance-Natural Healing Arts 71 Dickson Street, Cambridge (downtown Galt)

Donation: Accepted

www.balancearts.ca for directions

Guelph Reiki Share

2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm Location: Soul Connection, 12 Oakridge Crescent

Donation: \$5

Comments: Welcome Level One and higher

Contact: Barbara McKell RT-CRA

Phone: 519.823.2162

Email: barbara@soulconnection.ca

Guelph Pathways Healing Share

Last Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

except for July, August & December

Donation: Small donations or snacks, juice, etc. **Comments:** Meditation and Healing share open to all

levels and lineages. RSVP if attending. Contact: Bonnie Adam RT-CRA, 519.763.7948 Email: bonnie@pathwayshealing.com

Guelph Learning and Sharing Reiki

Last Wednesday of Sept, Oct & Nov 2006

Place: Contact for location **Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Donation: \$5 - \$10

All Reiki Practitioners welcome. Comments: Hosted by 3 Reiki Masters

Contact: Anne Harauz, RT-CRA, 519.763.7566

anne@spiritfilledhealing.net

Holland Landing

Monthly Reiki Practice Group

2nd Sunday morning of the month

10 am to 12:00 noon

Comments: Welcome are those with 1st degree Reiki

or higher. No cost

Contact: Judy Watson, SM-CRA, 905.868.0804

Email: judy-wolf@rogers.com

Kingston

1st Tuesday of each month Sacred Journeys Healing Arts Centre

Call for location

Donation: \$10.00 drop-in fee, RSVP is required

Comments: Everyone is welcome! Anyone who has taken Reiki or would like to come and experience what Reiki is all about. Come to be treated, to treat others, to share Reiki stories, or exchange new information about Reiki.

Contact: Cheryl Hiebert RT-CRA, 613.634.8220

Please call for time and location **Website:** www.sacred-journeys.ca

London Reiki Share

Call for date, time, and location

Comments: I have been holding group Reiki exchanges so we can have evenings together. Often a small group of 6 but truly an enjoyable time together and we go away feeling light and refreshed. Some, who come and do not practice Reiki other than on friends and family members, are pleased to join together and experience receiving a treatment.

Contact: Mercedes Mancari RT-CRA

Phone: 519.660.3664

Email: Mercedes@execulink.com

Ohswekeh

3rd Tuesday each month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm Universal Energy Training & Learning Centre 2393 Sixth Line, Six Nations Reserve

Donation: \$5 person

Comments: An informal drop-in group. Any level of Reiki is welcome. Please come & check out our facility. Refreshments provided. Call for directions or more information.

Contact: Michelle Thomas or Jane Burning RT-CRA

Phone: 519.445.1904

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Perth

Reiki Associates

3rd Monday of the month 7:00 to 9:00 pm 2368 Christie Lake Road, Perth, ON

Comments: Everyone welcome. Check our website

for confirmation of time and place

www.reikiassociates.com

Contact: Denise Carpenter RT-CRA

Phone: 613.913.2803

Email: reikiassociates@superaje.com

Toronto

2nd Thursday of each month from $6{:}00$ to $9{:}30~\mathrm{pm}$

Email for details on location

Comments: All who have Level I Reiki or Learning Path Integrated Technique are welcome to join us. Contact: Diane Young, RT-CRA, Healing Integration

Email: diane@circle-of-one.com

Reiki Intro. Talk & Share

Call for next dates—from 1:00 to 5:00 pm Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Avenue, Council Chamber 2nd flr, street parking free where available! **Donation:** \$10 admission and \$8 for students, seniors and low income.

Comments: An icebreaker will be followed by a guided meditation, Reiki talk and an afternoon of Reiki sessions. Bring something to lie on. Massage

tables are greatly appreciated too!

Contact: Stephanie Norwich RT-CRA

Phone: 416.604.3448 Email: sgiver@yahoo.com

Toronto Central Reiki Clinic

Every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:00 pm College and Spadina. Please call for details.

Donation: \$10

Open to the public and all channel Masters

Comments: Time in the clinic is tracked for CRA qualification. New 1st time channels must complete a short intro course on clinic procedures & group hand positions. Cost is \$45.00. Proof of current Reiki Level is required.

Contact: Roman Szymczak RT-CRA

Phone: 416.531.1141

Email: Roman@HandsOfaHealer.com

Bathurst & Eglinton—See Toronto Area Map

Last Wednesday of the month

6:00 to 9:00 pm—Arrive before 6:30 pm Admission: \$10 pay on-line or in person

RSVP: Come alone or invite a friend. Space is limited, contact me to reserve your spot.

Comments: Everyone is welcome. Non-Reiki & Reiki Practitioners (Level I-III). For more information

please visit my site at: www.zanfree.com.

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sessions, discussion

Contact: Vivian eilON RT-CRA Reiki Master/Reconnective Healing

Phone: 416.457.3330

Email: vivian@zanfree.com Website: www.zanfree.com

Welland

Welland Reiki Share

2nd Monday of every month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Visit my website or call to confirm date Please contact Debbie for exact location

Donation: \$2.00

Comments: Come enjoy interesting discussions on Reiki and other natural healing modalities and group treatments. Please contact me to confirm your attendance.

Contact: Debbie Boehlen RT-CRA

Phone: 905.714.0298

Website: www.canadianchampissage.com

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Montreal

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For more information

Contact: Karen Mosuk RT-CRA

Phone: 514.856.3435

Email: karenmosuk@hotmail.com

NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax-Dartmouth

Last Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 9:00 pm

142 Braemar Drive Dartmouth

Comments: Everyone with Reiki Level I and above are welcome.

Contact: Gail Piccott Bannister

CRA & AURA Member Phone: 902.463.1775

<u>YUKON</u>

Whitehorse Reiki Exchange

Once a month

Whitehorse Public Library Contact: Faye Eby RT-CRA Phone: 867.667.4979

"The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them."

-George Bernard Shaw

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The CRA is interested in ways to bring the membership together so they can get to know each other by sharing ideas and experiences. For those who frequent the Internet via e-mail and website browsers, the CRA has set up a members only e-mail list discussion group; subscribe at:

cra_news-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Extra copies of the newsletter are available for special events or to use for promotional purposes. They are great to have for Reiki Shares & Wellness Shows. For additional copies contact: Judy Cain at reiki@reiki.ca.

Keep the newsletter going send in your articles and book reviews. Why not become the Member In Focus? For information email reiki@reiki.ca

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Place: Edenvale Retreat Ctr – Abbotsford, BC Save 20% - Early Bird Registration by Sept. 22 Claudette 604-275-7774 - dovewing@telus.net www.wingsofdove.ca

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