



Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society of America

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Dear Friends:

With great excitement, the Florida Federation Board of Directors and I invite you to explore some of our regional events for the 2013/2014 season. Our programs are aimed at both TSA members and the general public. Following are some key highlights from recent events and of upcoming events as well.



The Jinarajadasa Lodge and the Miami-Dade Blavatsky Lodge co-sponsored a conference for its Spanish-speaking members. The successful event was presented in Spanish by Terry Hunt, a TSA national speaker and author, on September 21st, 2013 at the Jinarajadasa Lodge, located in Hialeah, FL. The topic presented was *El Bardo: de la Muerte a la Reencarnación* (The Bardo: From Death to Reincarnation). While visiting South Florida, Terry also presented a lecture in English on *Discipleship in the 21st Century* at the Theosophical Society in Deerfield Beach, FL. We congratulate the Lodges involved in this effort, and Terry Hunt as well,

for his engaging presentations.

With much pleasure we also announce our upcoming Florida Federation 80th Anniversary, which will be celebrated at our Annual Convention, on May 16-18, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, located at 4333 Collins Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33140. The Convention topic will be: *The Key to Theosophy - Past, Present and Future*, by Tim Boyd, TSA National President, and David Bruce, National Secretary.

The Holiday Inn Hotel, where the Convention will take place, has a premium oceanfront location with white-sand beaches and blue-green waters that extend for several miles. The hotel is located just minutes away from South Beach, a popular and cosmopolitan tourist destination. It is also close to downtown Miami and the Miami International Airport.

You can also see our 2014 FF Convention Program and Registration form in this Newsletter and on our Webpage at: www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida. Please feel free to fill out and return the attached registration form if you are planning to attend. Instructions are provided and early registration is encouraged.

Lastly, but equally important, we encourage you to attend the variety of programs and classes presented in the TS Lodges and Study Centers throughout our State of Florida.

In Love and Light,
Nori Rao, President
Florida Federation, TSA

<p>Florida Federation Convention May 16th -18th, 2014 Celebrating our 80th Anniversary! Holiday Inn Oceanview Miami Beach, Fl</p> <p>Keynote Speakers Tim Boyd, President TSA David Bruce, Nat. Sec. TSA</p>	<p>The Key to Theosophy Past, Present and Future further registration info: 239-603-6058</p> <p>May 16th -18th, 2014 Holiday Inn Oceanview Miami Beach, Fl</p> 
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2014 Florida Federation Convention

The Key to Theosophy Past-Present and Future

An inspirational journey exploring aspects of the evolutionary process and the interconnectedness of all things. Join us for an examination of the all embracing principles of the ageless wisdom.

Presented by
Tim Boyd, President,
Theosophical Society in
America.

With a special presentation by David Bruce, National Secretary TSA, and third generation theosophist.

More detailed info in our next Newsletter.

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2014 Florida Federation Convention

The Key to Theosophy Past-Present and Future

Convention Program in process
Tentative schedule:

THE KEY to THEOSOPHY

Past, Present & Future

Friday 16th

3:00 pm Hotel check-in & Registration
Dinner on your own/ Free time

Saturday 17th

6:30 am Sunrise Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori (optional)
7:00 am Breakfast
7:00 am Registration
9:30 am Official Convention Opening
10:00 am Tim Boyd's presentation
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Tim Boyd & David Bruce
4:30 pm ES meeting (members only)
5:30 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Entertainment

Sunday 18th

6:30 am Sunrise Yoga & Meditation
w/Nori (optional)
7:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am David Bruce
10:30 am Tim Boyd
12:00 pm Convention Closing
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Business Meeting

Florida Federation

Lodges & Study Centers

Bradenton Study Center

Contact: Judith Snow-Clewell,
Phone 941-531-3879
Email: judithsnow@email.com

Fort Myers Study Center

Contact: Karen Schweizer,
Phone 630-868-8385
Email: flanders_karen@hotmail.com

Gainesville Study Center

Contact: Amubhai Raval,
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Jinarajadasa Lodge (Spanish)

Contact: Jose Gallo Ramirez,
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Miami Beach Study Center (Spanish)

Contact: Gustavo or Margarita Rodriguez
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Miami-Dade Blavatsky Lodge (Spanish)

Contact: Olga Donadio,
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Email: odonadio@aol.com
Contact: Juan B. Rodriguez,
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Miami-Dade Study Center (English)

Contact: Ricardo Basurto,
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Email: rbasurto2@gmail.com
Contact: Ram Kumar Singh,
Phone: (954) 885-5667.

Miami Lodge at Deerfield Beach

Contact: Tony Spatarella,
Phone: 954-420-0908
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Ocala Study Center

Contact: Jean Brown,
Phone: 352-236-0911
Email: jbrown203@cox.net
Contact: William Bauer,
Phone: 352-426-4436

Pensacola Study Center

Contact: Mo Michel,
Phone: 850-433-3151
Email: lamajam@cox.net

St. Petersburg Lodge

Contact: Judith Snow-Clewell,
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Florida Federation Convention 2014 (May 16th–18th): Registration Information

The Florida Federation of The Theosophical Society in America is pleased to announce early registration for its 2014 convention. We have contracted for special pricing on a limited number of rooms at the **Days Inn Oceanside**, located within easy walking distance of the **Holiday Inn Oceanview**, where the convention will be held, and just minutes away from the popular South Beach, Ocean Drive, and downtown Miami areas. We want to be able to offer as many rooms as possible at these reduced rates and, because of our deadlines with the hotel, early registration will help make that possible. Please note that **rooms are limited** availability, on a **first-come, first-served basis**. **Payments for rooms are non-refundable**. **Standard** or **Ocean Front** rooms are available at the per-night prices listed below for either single, double, triple, or quad occupancy, **taxes included**. **These are excellent prices for the area, so please book early if you are interested**. Meals are not included. **Catered ovo-lacto vegetarian meals** for lunch and dinner are available at special pricing below. Specially priced **breakfast vouchers** are also available from the Days Inn Oceanside and the Holiday Inn Oceanview. Of course, you are free to secure your own accommodations and meals. Your rooms, meal tickets, and breakfast vouchers will be given to you during the check-in and registration times for the conference. Check-in and registration begin at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 16th in the hotel lobby of the Days Inn. Saturday registration begins at 7AM in the Holiday Inn lobby, just outside the conference room.

The Key to Theosophy: Past, Present, & Future, with Tim Boyd (Registration Form)

To register, please complete and mail this form with your full payment or a 50% good-faith deposit to secure your room and meals below. We must receive your **full payment** no later than **April 15, 2014**. Remember, however, we have a limited number of rooms at these prices and cannot guarantee your room reservation if you wait until the last minute to register. **All room and meal reservations are non-refundable upon receipt of your payment or deposit**. Those securing their own accommodations and meals should still send in their registration by April 15th.

Your check or money order should be made out to the:
Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society in America, Inc.

Please mail to: **Steve Schweizer, Registrar**
Florida Federation of the Theosophical Society
P. O. Box 07095
Fort Myers, FL 33919-5835

Attendee(s): How many in your family or group, including you? _____ (Use a Sharpie felt tip pen if ballpoint should fail).

Name (payee or responsible party): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Days Inn Rooms* (Optional) Based on the number of persons staying with you, please check one of the room rates below.

Standard Room: _____ Single(\$120/night) _____ Double(\$120/night) _____ Triple(\$130/night) _____ Quad (\$140/night)

OR

Ocean Front Room: _____ Single(\$150/night) _____ Double(\$150/night) _____ Triple (\$160/night) _____ Quad(\$170/night)

Hotel Arrival Date: _____

Hotel Departure Date: _____

Total nights at hotel _____ x Room-rate chosen from above \$ _____ = \$ _____

OR _____ I already have or will secure my own accommodations (\$0).

***Note:** Please choose **either** a Standard or Ocean Front Room. Only one room per registration form allowed. Extended stay at these prices is available for those wishing to come before or stay after the convention dates. Days of stay must be consecutive and include convention dates.

Catered Meals** (Optional - **see complete menu at bottom**) Please indicate below how many of each meal you wish to purchase for you and your family or group members. Taxes and gratuity are included in the prices below.

Saturday Lunch: **(How many)** _____ x Vegetarian Buffet (**\$26.40** ea.) = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner: **(How many)** _____ x Fettuccine Primavera (**\$38.40** ea.) = \$ _____

Sunday Lunch: **(How many)** _____ x Veggie Pita (**\$21.60** ea.) = \$ _____

_____ I will secure my own meals (\$0)

****Note:** Availability of catered meals is dependent upon a 20-person minimum for each meal. If the minimum is not reached, then the meal will not be offered. In the unlikely event that this should occur for 1 or more meals, a refund will be issued to you at registration, in the form of a check, for any meals not offered. **You are responsible for your meals.** Delegates may still order from the Holiday Inn regular menu and from local restaurants nearby.

Breakfast Vouchers*** (Optional): **(How many)** _____ x Days Inn (**\$10.95** ea.) = \$ _____

(How many) _____ x Holiday Inn (**\$15.95** ea.) = \$ _____

_____ No thank you on the breakfast vouchers (\$0)

*****Note:** Breakfast vouchers are non-transferrable and must be used at the hotel from which they were issued. Taxes included.

I am including a **tax deductible donation** for the Florida Federation: (**\$20.00** per person suggested): \$ _____

Total enclosed: (Check or Money Order) \$ _____. Check here _____ if amount is equal to 50% of total.
Full payment due no later than April 15, 2014. We cannot guarantee your room if the deadline is missed.

We will contact you by phone or e-mail if there is a problem with any portion of your registration. **Pre-paid room and meal reservations, either full or partial, are non-refundable.** If you have any further questions, please contact **Steve Schweizer** at sschweizer@theosophical.org; or call **239-603-6058**. Further details are available **online** at: www.theosophical.org/membership/federations/florida.

Saturday Lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m.)	Saturday Dinner (6:00 - 7:00 p.m.)	Sunday Lunch (12:30-1:30 p.m.)
Caesar Salad: Romaine Lettuce tossed with Caesar dressing & finished with parmesan cheese and garlic croutons.	Tomato Caprice: Fresh Mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, served w/extra virgin olive oil & balsamic Vinaigrette.	Veggie Pita: Grilled eggplant, sun-dried tomatoes, butter lettuce and spinach artichoke spread in a grilled pita.
Mushroom Ravioli Al Forno: Baked in our creamy Alfredo sauce, diced tomatoes, topped with toasted Parmesan bread crumbs.	Fettuccine Primavera: Delicious Linguine pasta served with spring vegetables and tarragon cream sauce.	Seasonal whole fruit, potato chips, homemade cookies, bottled water or soft drink.
Carrot cake, bottled water or soft drink.	Cheese cake, bottled water or soft drink.	