

HEALING OF MRS. FREDERICKS’ DAUGHTER

By Yogacharya Oliver

The following healing story is in Yogacharya Oliver's own words:

“Healing is done in a million ways, not just one way. You might have to slap a person until he looks cross-eyed to get to them, you see. Maybe with the other, you wouldn't. But then, the Infinite Consciousness tells you what to do, then you just do what you get --your inner direction, you see. You just follow that.

For instance, we had Mrs. Fredricks--she's a member of SRF--she had her daughter Carol, who was real small and got spinal meningitis. And she came to the realization that she was going to lose her, you see. Her temperature was running around 104 or 5, and the doctors couldn't help her any more. To kind of prepare her thoughts, you know, or whatever, well, the doctor got another doctor for consultation and both of them gave up. She went into a state of desperation, and about 4:30 in the morning -- it was still very dark--the phone rang. I answered the phone, and here is Mrs. Fredricks and I could see she was in a state of deep grief. I didn't need to be a mystic to know that something terrible was happening.

She began to tell me about Carol, and related the situation about the doctor and the consulting doctor and the verdict and all. Well, while I was listening to her--she was appealing to me as a last resort, you might say--and I was responsive. Well, it just seemed like the hair stood up on the back of my neck, you know, just stood up like that! And I felt for her. I didn't say anything -- I just listened to her, and all at once I hear the Inner Voice say inside of my head, "Tell her in 60 minutes Carol will be all right." And so, when she stopped talking I said, "Well, Mrs. Fredricks, in 60 minutes Carol is going to be all right." And she said, "Thank you, Mr. Black" with such a gasp, and the receiver went quiet.

Well later -- I have a letter in my files on it, but she related this 2 or 3 times down at SRF--she said she went back to the bedside of Carol. She sat down there, took Carol's hand in her hand, then took the clock, turned it around right in front of her, right wherever the hand was when she got there, and she started to watch this hand. When a half hour was up, she noted the fever had broke, was down, you know, was cooler. And she watched until the the last tick of that clock. At 60 minutes, Carol sat up in bed and asked for something to eat. Well, the result of the whole thing, she was over that.”

Yogacharya later explained to one of his assistants that this was an example of a healing coming because of the faith of the mother.



New Life on the Lake These threatened trumpeter swan cygnets born on our lake will have a new home, when we move forward with the "wetland enhancement" phase of our river project. Keep on the look-out for them!

Dear Ones...Members and Friends of Golden Lotus and Song of the Morning Ranch, Paramahansa Yogananda had extensive and ambitious plans in mind, when he directed his disciple Yogacharya Oliver Black to found what became known as Golden Lotus, Inc. and Song of the Morning Ranch. He wanted a retreat away from the cities, where the gentle call of nature could draw devotees into a closer, direct experience of the reality of God. He wanted a World Brotherhood Colony, where devotees could support each other with "plain living and God thinking." And he wanted a Yoga University, where truth could be explored in its various aspects and manifestations, toward the goal of Yoga, or Union with God. All of this together, as we at Song of the Morning progress towards fulfilling this goal, will create a most wonderful atmosphere to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually, following Master's teachings and the teachings of Yoga.

*Those who choose to live in the "Clear Light Community" ... the World Brotherhood Colony of Master's vision... have a marvelous opportunity to be a part of it all. As we are still in a very early stage of development, whoever lives on or near the Retreat has ample opportunity to dedicate their abilities towards the various aspects of bringing about so extensive a plan. We at the Clear Light Community Management Company are very proud of our "pioneer" community residents, who have taken a major role in manifesting Master's vision. As each new family comes, new possibilities open up for us here. With the promised support of our Master, Paramahansa Yogananda, of his organization Self-Realization Fellowship, and of the many wonderful guests and members who keep us going with their abilities, their presence, and their support, how can we fail? Each night, at our 8 p.m. Evening Meditation, our combined devotion permeates the forest, reverberating to all, from all of us, a heartfelt **WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY!***



Yogacharya Oliver, minister of Self-Realization Fellowship, addresses devotees at SRF Lake Shrine in January, 1966, along with SRF President Daya Mata. Yogacharya’s wish to fulfill Paramahansa Yogananda’s directives to him resulted in his founding Golden Lotus and Song of the Morning Ranch.

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GREETINGS FROM THE CLEAR LIGHT COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE (CLCAC)

By Greg Rorabaugh

We are still here and keeping our neighborhood in touch. We have a new member of our committee, Michael Krumpelt. Please read his reflections on the Ranch and Yogacharya included in this newsletter. Welcome, Michael! Thank you for helping us. Steve Sandner has prepared a CD of four of Yogacharya's meditations available at the Ranch bookstore or from Steve (928)-301-9678. Remember to go to our website often to check announcements — songofthemorningcommunity.com.

I had a conversation with a friend of mine while we were volunteering at the SRF International Headquarters on Mt. Washington several years ago. Vince LaPointe may be a name familiar to some of you. Vince was from the Detroit area (Pontiac, I think) and our talk had turned to the Ranch and Yogacharya. I had volunteered with Vince for a number of years and we had never before talked about Yogacharya. He told me he had received his first Kriya Initiation from Yogacharya in '76. He said that the experience of that first Kriya ceremony was very special for him. He didn't describe it in any detail. But he told me very enthusiastically, that Yogacharya was a really special man. I agreed and felt grateful to Vince for sharing a little of that special event in his life. Vince had been fighting cancer for some years and left his body about a year after our conversation at Mother Center. As the years go by and I think of the Ranch and our friends and neighbors I marvel at what we have in this community. And I am so thankful that we all have had the great fortune of being guided by Yogacharya. He has given so much to us all. More than just the gift of the Ranch retreat and community. As a teacher he has blazed a path for us in yoga through Master and SRF and blessed us in countless ways urging us along that path. I know he is still blessing us that way.

From all of us in the Association Committee,
Greg Rorabaugh - grorabaugh@me.com
God bless, Jai Guru!

The devotee who transcends the myopia of body consciousness sees with the superior vision of divine intuition, and resolves all formerly incomprehensible dualities in the ecstatic perception of creation as Beauty and Joy.

How expressively the Gita extols this truth: "adorned with countless celestial robes and garlands and ornaments".

“The stars are His crown jewels; the earth His footstool; the lightening, thunder, storms, and cataclysms the flash of His accouterments and snap of His cloak as He dances in joy the whirling rhythms of creation, preservation, destruction. Everything in the objective world is an added decoration to beautify the cosmic garment of God; behind all these is the hidden Divine Reality.”

— Paramahansa Yogananda

At each SRF Service in Detroit, Yogacharya Oliver Black took time to remember and focus on those who have requested healing. Here, he expands on the concepts and methods of healing. These are his exact, unedited spoken words:

CONCEPTS AND METHODS OF HEALING
Yogacharya Oliver

“There are names on the lectern to be remembered this morning in our spiritual service. So let us continue to close our eyes and meditate.

And let us--for all of us whose attention is here this morning--may we all feel that oneness, that we're all merged in that same Infinite Spirit, that we realize that we are all one and that we are not each of us separate from anyone else. That the same life that flows through one flows through the other, and flows through all created things. So there is no sense of distance or separateness. We are all one--so whatever we think can be instantly transferred. For, what our desire is can be instantly transferred to the other.

So as we precipitate this energy this morning on behalf of those who are looking to us for a little aid, a little help in order that they might feel that they have been regenerated (which they can be, and this Creative Energy is always wanting to work toward perfection,) so we need to precipitate the Creative Energy in order to cause it to happen. Through the pattern of our desire, it moves in the directions and accomplishes that which we desire.

But unless one really knows God, he is not justified in saying that only mind exists and that one does not need to obey health laws nor to use any practical aids for healing. Until actual realization is attained, one should use his common sense in all he does.

At the same time, one should never doubt God, but should constantly affirm his faith in the Divine Omnipresent Father. Out of that Great Power, all atomic energy is throbbing, manifesting and sustaining every cell of the physical universe, as moving pictures are sustained by a beam of light coming from the projection booth of the movie house. So are all of us sustained by that Cosmic Beam. When you look to, and find, that Beam, you will the Unlimited Power to rebuild the atoms and electrons and lifetrans and all cells that may be out of order.

And now, just for a silent moment, let us all commune with that Healer. Then, thanking Him, and giving Him all the praise and glory, we ask...

“Thy peace, Thy love.”

RESIDENT’S CORNER

REFLECTIONS ABOUT SONG OF THE MORNING RANCH

By: Michael Krumpelt

Sometimes people ask me why I go to northern Michigan several times a year and usually I just say: oh, I have some friends there, deep in the woods, at a place that is pure and remote. But in my mind I think the Ranch is so much more. It is where I learned to still my mind, to listen within and to share the intoxicating laughter of our dear Yogacharya Oliver. It is where some of our karma went up in flames, where our spirits are rejuvenated, and where we live in harmony. In short, it is my spiritual home.

I have been to the SRF retreats in California and enjoy them, and I meditated in Sedona on the “*energy vortices*”, but my favorite is Song of the Morning Ranch. That is where Yogacharya saturated the air and soil with his sublime spirit, and where he foresaw the creation of a world brotherhood colony as articulated by our guru Paramahansa Yogananda.

When Yogacharya first invited some of us to the Ranch before it became a retreat, it still had some rough edges. He had a caretaker couple that was rather earthy. The smell of deer meat filled the kitchen. Over the years there were many ups and downs, but very slowly the Ranch is growing. I leased a lot in the Clear Light Community already quite some time ago and thought by now, I would live there part time. It has not worked out yet. Still I know, all of us that knew Yogacharya and those that came after his passing will make the Ranch grow into his vision of a world brotherhood colony.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL ADVENTURE IN OUR LIFE JOURNEY

By Anne and Gary Wakenhut

Dear Friends,
We are excited and pleased to become part of the Song of the Morning community. Our life trip to this point has been an interesting and varied one. With our ages now into the 70s, we bring with us an abundance of life experiences and skills which we hope will enrich the retreat

and its offerings to others. Our previous home granted us 40 years of life experience and spiritual growth. Our community and our 30 acre organic homestead served us well during those years.

It was a wonderful environment for raising our family (two adopted children, five grand and two great grandchildren). It also provided a beautiful natural environment for Erholengsland (Land of Re-Creation), our personal growth center. This peaceful setting allowed us to provide counseling services to individuals, families and children for over 25 years. Most recently, it has served as our recording studio and home base for the Collecting Consort, our musical ensemble (www.collectingconsort.com).

During this time, we also taught in higher education institutions, served as Certified Music Practitioners (providing live music at the bedside for healing and transition), and were actively involved in many community organizations, musical ensembles and our church. Recently, due to our ages, we felt a need to turn the care of our large homestead over to a more youthful family and to look in new directions for our own future. We found ourselves entertaining a fantasy of becoming part of a spiritual community in a natural, rural setting, a place where we could expand our own relationship with God and also serve others. Seeking this new setting, we even traveled to California. Imagine our surprise when we were re-directed by God to Song of the Morning, only about 100 miles from our home. That was last July. Since then, many surprising and joyful little miracles have occurred, confirming that this is the right decision for us. We find the precepts upon which Song of the Morning and the Self-Realization Fellowship are grounded to be the perfect next step in the expansion of our life's directions. We look forward to the spiritual potential they will provide for us.

We are excited to meet and share with you and the others who seek the Spirit’s presence through the Song of the Morning community. We are currently renting in Gaylord, awaiting the completion of our new home in the Clear Light Community. We feel certain this will be another wonderful adventure in our life journey.

Blessings to all of you,
Anne and Gary Wakenhut



MANAGER’S REPORT

By Richard Armour, Project Manager

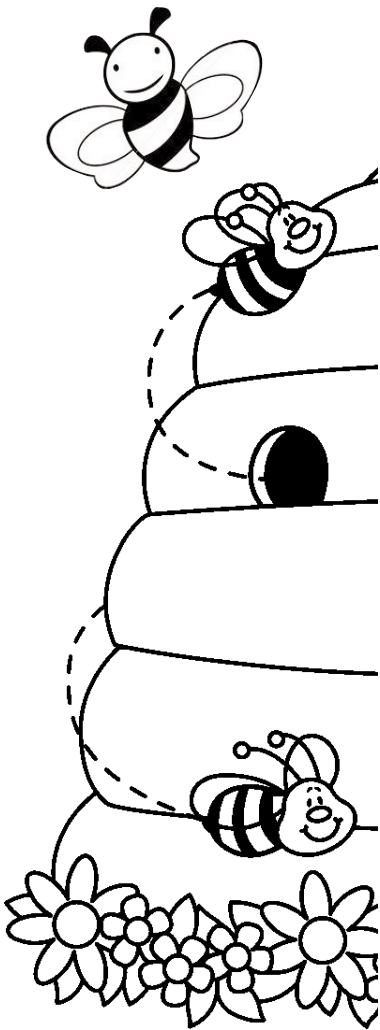
The Clear Light Community of Master's vision enters another year of development. The Clear Light Community Management Company is committed to providing a residential community for members of Golden Lotus worthy of our "*Yoga Retreat of Excellence*."

This year we welcome new leaseholders Anne and Gary Wakenhut, and a new home on Golden Lotus Trail. We plan to focus on upgrading our shrine and garden areas -- sprucing up the shrines, the plaques of the Masters, the benches, landscaping the shrines, and improving the trails to them. In an ongoing effort to support organic gardening in the community, this year we will provide a toolshed. We look forward to Gary Wakenhut's addition to efforts towards a completely utilized community garden area.

Be sure to attend our **Annual Community Meeting on Saturday, June 28**. Besides learning more about the community and meeting its members, you will have the opportunity to hear guest speakers share their expertise on how to live compatibly with our natural environment. Further information about the meeting is in this newsletter.

We will be choosing a maintenance building design -- a project long promised. I have waited to be sure we can afford the project before continuing the work approved a few years ago. As Yogacharya said, "*spiritual things grow slowly*," but with the continued support of our leaseholders, Golden Lotus, and the blessings of our Masters, we will be sure to grow.

Finally, our Board welcomes a new Chairperson this year - Anne Pfluecke. We look forward to her common sense and quiet wisdom in the running of upcoming Clear Light Meetings. You are all welcome to join us at these meetings, and help build our community.



CLEAR LIGHT COMMUNITY LEASING INFORMATION

Lots may be leased in the Clear Light Community for a total cost of \$21,900. This includes \$1000 membership, \$5000 actual lease cost, and \$15,900 leasehold improvement costs. The lease is for 50 years, renewable at no cost. It may be passed on to heirs or sold to approved members. Yearly association dues are \$75, or \$200 once the house is built, to cover snow removal and upkeep. Architectural plans need to be submitted to our Architectural committee as soon as feasible and before finalizing choice of house.

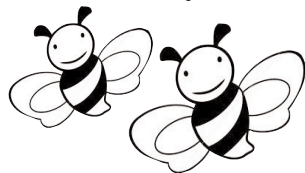
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about the current payment plan, or a tour of the community, please contact: **RICHARD OR CAROL ARMOUR AT: 989-983-9136.**

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Please leave your name and phone number so they can return your call.

LOTS AVAILABLE:

Two of our leaseholders are willing to sell their leasehold interest in their lot in the community. The purchaser would first apply for membership to Golden Lotus, Circle of Community Development, and pay the \$1,000 membership fee. They would then pay for the lease according to terms agreed upon the lease owner. Lot #34, on Golden Lotus Trail is large and close to retreat activities. Please contact Ian Wylie at 989-983-4567. Lot #40, also on Golden Lotus Trail, is a lovely secluded lot backing on to endless acres of pristine forest. Please contact Frank Wheeler at 828-772-0502.





“Once we were strangers, but when we love God we become brothers and sisters. That divine relationship is the strongest of bonds”

Paramahansa Yogananda

Christmas comes but once a year but the spiritual fellowship of our annual progressive dinner at the homes of Clear Light residents is at the very heart of our existence as a spiritual community.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME...

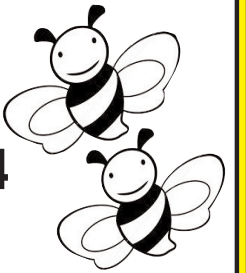
So if you find yourself without other plans on Christmas day, remember that your spiritual family is waiting to share the joy with you at Christmas and at every other season and festival of the year.

***COME
JOIN US!***



***For Our
Annual
Community
Day***

**Clear Light
Community Day**
Saturday, June 28, 2014
11a.m - 4 p.m.



Everyone is welcome to our annual Community Member Meeting from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special guest speakers Adam Wilmanowiz and David Hall will be exploring our relationship with the pristine, natural surroundings of our forested home.

Adam, Retreat beekeeper, will speak on "What's going on with the bees?" -- explaining bee culture and taking us on tour of our Ranch bee hives. David, an expert in permaculture, will explain sustainable systems of landscaping and gardening as related to Song of the Morning Ranch and our evolution as a spiritual community.

We will visit the Retreat and Community gardens, followed by our annual open house and garden at George and Mary Ann Johnston's house. Mary Ann will demonstrate plants suitable for growing in a forest flower garden and provide refreshments.

There is no fee for the event. Please make reservations for meals and accommodations at the Retreat office.

Tours of the community can be arranged following the meeting for those who wish them.