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Moving MAAS Forward

Kathryn Silvertown

Many of us personally are aware of the intense energies in the cosmic midst, what with Saturn creating this lengthy square to Pluto, among other fun aspects. MAAS is not immune to this influence. We are indeed evaluating where we are in time and looking at ways to regenerate, both inside and out.

One of the goals that we have is to increase membership. The larger our membership base, the more affordable it will be to bring in out of town speakers, which is part of what makes MAAS a viable center of activity. We need the help of our existing members to recruit new members and we must also listen to your feedback.

As an incentive to you, our members, we've started a new policy: For every new member you bring in, you'll get a \$5 discount off your dues when you renew in the fall. We realize it isn't a Jaguar, but, hey, it's a token of our appreciation. Just think! If you bring in ten new members by the end of August, your dues will be free.

Some of the feedback we have been getting is that the building feels uncomfortable and the overall atmosphere feels uninviting. So, on a physical level, we will be consulting with Anyes Moscrip, our resident interior designer, and we're also bringing in a Feng Shui specialist. We want to revamp the whole feel of the meeting room, from color to lighting. As a 501C3 organization, a non-

profit, we can knock on the doors of suppliers and ask for donations for the materials needed.

With respect to the building, another thing we are gradually working on is a way to secure our library books in order to open up the Library as additional rental space for the church. Our current book collection consists of countless gems, many of which are out of print and irreplaceable. We are looking at economical yet aesthetically appealing options for locking them up, and are in the process of getting bids. Once again, we welcome your suggestions and/or referrals if you know of a good carpenter.

When it comes to regenerating our outside exposure, we're expanding our on line presence. If you go to our website, www.atlantaastrology.com you'll notice that Zane has invested a lot of time and energy into it. We've added an entire page devoted to past speakers, with their pictures and links to their web sites. One of the additions you'll notice is that we are now set

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THIS MONTH'S EVENT

Thursday, March 18, 2010
7:30 pm



SPEAKER
David Railey



TOPIC
The Six Signs of the Zodiac

LOCATION
2054 Harobi Drive, near Northlake Mall,
just off Lavista, behind the DeKalb County Library

Letter from the President

Happy “almost” Spring!

I’m happy to report that there is a lot of energy afoot here at MAAS. We had a productive February meeting, getting ideas of ways to bring in new members, beef up our web site as well as our online presence in the community. More on that to follow in my “Moving MAAS forward” article.

During the February meeting, the Nominating Committee was elected by the attending members. The Committee consists of Paula Dare, Chairperson, Rene Goodale, Mary Trapp, Steve Pahno and Erika Sowell. If you have any thoughts as to who you would like to see on the next board, feel free to contact your Nominating Committee members. The slate will be published in the April Newsletter, the election takes place in May, and the next board takes office in June.

MAAS owes a big thanks to David Railey, who has purchased us a brand new computer and monitor! The old one was getting cranky and we’ll be able to put this one to good use, providing print-outs to anyone who needs one during the course of our meetings and other events.

Speaking of David, he’ll be presenting his talk on the “Six signs of the Zodiac” and he has advised us to come ready to be insulted ☺ Forewarned is forearmed, as we say in the business.

Thank you for your continued support of MAAS and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting.

Sincerely,

Kathryn

THE EDITOR’S CORNER

Special thanks to Mary Trapp, Kathy Papoutsis, and Kathryn Silvertson for their contributions to this month’s newsletter. Make sure they know you appreciate them. Also, please think about how you can contribute to MAAS and your newsletter.

Deadlines for submissions are the first of each month. Submit your entries to the Editor at <maasociety@att.net>.



March 17

Mercury Enters Aries at 12:12 pm

March 20

Sun Enters Aries at 1:32 pm

March 31

Venus Enters Taurus at 1:35 pm

April 2

Mercury Enters Taurus at 9:06 am

April 6

Pluto Stationary Retrograde at 10:34 pm

April 7

Saturn Enters Virgo at 2:51 pm



LUNATIONS

March 15

New Moon in Pisces at 5:01 pm

March 29

Full Moon in Libra at 11:38 am

NOTE: From Solar Fire Gold.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Speaker

David Railey

Topic

THE SIX SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

Everyone's heard the quip "A Libra is just a polite Aries;" but why is this true? It's true because the signs opposite each other in the zodiac are the 'polarities' of a theme - six themes to be exact! After all, when the Sun is in Aries the Earth is in Libra, and when the Sun is in Taurus the Earth is in Scorpio, etc. These six themes correspond to the most basic realms of human experience and behavior. Understanding these six polarities can provide greater insight into the more subtle and oftentimes seemingly contradictory expressions of each sign. This is meant to be a stimulating topic; so come prepared to be insulted!

Thursday, April 15, 2010

Speaker

Kathryn Silvertown

Topic

USING ASTROLOGY TO TIME REAL ESTATE
TRANSACTIONS

MAAS BULLETIN BOARD



BUILDING FOR RENT: With the exception of MAAS meeting nights, workshops, and Sundays our building is available for rent.

The fee is a very reasonable \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. Please contact Kathryn (770-931-2577) to reserve the building.

GET READY TO RAFFLE!

Nowadays everyone is looking for a bargain. So here's one for you: Pay \$10 for a raffle ticket and you could be the lucky winner of a free reading from David Railey, valued at \$110! You may purchase your ticket at the door or go online and donate \$10 via our Paypal account.

Got Stuff you don't need? No doubt spring cleaning will result in a find our two. Donate your extras to our raffle. You get to write it off and someone else gets cool stuff for just \$10 per ticket.



LOGO CONTEST

We're looking for a logo for MAAS to put on our website and other literature, such as our letterhead, business cards, brochures, etc. Please submit your idea to Zane and we'll post them on our site and ask for votes. Deadline is May 31st 2010. Your reward: the honor of having your credit listed on our site for eternity and beyond!



VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Fund Raising: We need people who are willing to call on businesses to solicit their donations of goods and services. We will raffle these items/goods off at \$10 per ticket, with all proceeds going to MAAS.

Office supplies: We need people to solicit businesses for donations of such things as printer cartridges; paper; paint; hardware supplies for revamping our meeting room; either new carpet, tile or other types of flooring; recording equipment; projector for Powerpoint presentations; and basic supplies that we use at each meeting from paper plates to water and sodas.

Rental: These folks would scout around for renters of our building.

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up to take payments via Paypal for anyone who wants to join electronically. We plan to completely revamp the appearance of our web site, to make it more visually appealing and more active.

Along those lines, we welcome your input. As you surf the net, if you see sites you like, please forward them to Zane, zanestein@zanestein.com, so he can get some ideas of what you want. If you have any suggestions of additional content for the site, by all means give us your thoughts.

Another idea that we're tossing around regarding the web site is to make our lectures and workshops available as podcasts. We're not quite happy with the quality of the current recordings, so we'll be looking around for a better sound system. The podcasts of meetings will be available to members free of charge, and for a fee for non-members. Workshops will be available on a fee basis only. We'll be discussing the sharing of those fees with each speaker, thereby creating a win-win situation for speakers as well as MAAS.

Pat Lantz has created a presence for us on Meetup.com. We invite you to join us there and welcome the newcomers who have logged on. We've already gotten some traffic in the way of visitor posts. Zane is now managing our site on Facebook and I'll be working on our presence on Linked In.

On the fund raising side of things, we have decided to offer a raffle every meeting. Tickets are \$10 per person and we'll have something new to raffle monthly. The March raffle will be by you a free reading with David Railey, a \$110 value! We need a minimum of five people to enter. All proceeds will go to MAAS. Thank you, David for generously donating your time for us.

Regarding the raffle, if you have something of value that you'd like to donate to MAAS, or if you work for a company who has a product or service that they would like to donate, please let us know. Remember – we are a non profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.

Another fund raising idea we've decided to implement is a classified ad section in our newsletters, which, keep in mind, are posted on our website. A 3 line ad sells for \$5 and runs for 4 issues. Please send your ads to our editor, Steve: maasociety@att.net.

These are just a few of the things we're sinking our collective teeth into at this time. As always, we welcome any comments, suggestions and most of all, your contribution, be it time or energy.



**HAPPY RETURNS
TO THIS MONTH'S
MEMBERS!!!**

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Place an AD in the Newsletter

\$5 for 3 lines for 4 issues



Class Announcements

- * Anyes' classical class
- * Intro and Intermediate Classes by Kathryn Silverton
- * Math class forming for certification



In Memory of Our Dear Friend

MAAS Member Sandy Thurston passed away last week after a long illness. Deepest sympathies to all her friends and family.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

President: Kathryn Silverton
Vice President: Karen Branch
Treasurer: Kathy Papoutsis
Corresponding Secretary: David Railey
Recording Secretary: Erika Sowell
Members without Portfolio: Anyes Moscrip & Rene Goodale

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