



W&M CSO Newsletter

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Weekly meetings

We're still holding weekly meetings for sharing readings, healings, questions, and laughter. Last fall, we started sharing the responsibility of readings. Each of us brings a couple of passages to share that have been meaningful to us during the week. One week last October we focused our thoughts and passages to prayerful consideration of alcohol concerns on campus in honor of the campus-wide Alcohol Awareness Week. We're grateful for Org, because it allows us to support each others' and the campus' spiritual growth.

A note from the President

Hello former CSO-ers! We're excited about getting this newsletter out and letting you know what we've been up to in the last year and a half. In this newsletter, we've included our activities since the fall of 1999.

We are grateful for all your prayerful support of our activities. We also welcome financial contributions. They will be used to fund activities like those described in this newsletter. We hope your year is full of spiritual growth and joy!

With love,
Eleanor Eyster

Contact Us:

We'd love to hear from you at any time! Contact Nina with questions, ideas, and more.

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Spring Greetings from the Christian Science Organization!

Alcohol Awareness Week and Upcoming Lectures

In the fall of 1999 during Alcohol Awareness Week, we sponsored a lecturer to speak about "Alcohol Awareness: the Real Need." The lecturer, Sarah Hyatt, spoke about her experience of being lifted from the oppressions as a "child of an alcoholic." Afterwards, she opened the floor for questions and addressed several that were interesting and provocative.

This April, on a similar theme, we are sponsoring a lecturer to speak to an addictions counseling class for graduate students in the education department. The lecturer, David Stevens, C.S., will discuss handling addictions through prayer and Christian Science. In addition, he will give an evening talk about spiritual healing and topics of interest to medicine and ethics classes on campus.

Org T-shirt

At the end of the 1999-2000 school year, we made C.S.O. t-shirts; the backs of the shirts say "Give of your heart's rich overflow - Hymn 139" with a drawing of the cross and crown. The fronts of the shirts have "William and Mary Christian Science Organization" written on them. We're very excited about having the shirts to wear at service events, such as the "Potato Drop." If you are interested in purchasing an Org t-shirt, please get in touch with us.

Interfaith Council

The Interfaith Council (IFC) on campus plans interfaith services and works with other organizations to promote understanding and healing of cultural and religious issues. At least one of our members goes to each IFC meeting, and then shares the fruits of that meeting with the rest of Org.

Last fall, we helped plan and participated in the annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, held at Bruton Parish. This service is a wonderful opportunity for members of every denomination to share their gratitude. After the service, there was a pancake supper. Nina and Melissa, as part of the Women's Chorus, sang in the service, and Owen helped make pancakes for the dinner.