

THE MEMORIAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

25 Monmouth Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146

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(24-hr. answering service)

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Dear Member:

I am delighted to announce the bequeathal of \$5,000 from Sarah Gelfand Deutschmann, a former piano teacher and member of our Memorial Society. Her generous gift was bequeathed to MSNE out of gratitude for our help to her and so that MSNE could continue to help others.

As you may recall, one of our major accomplishments last year, was to obtain a Federal tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. This means that since the MSNE has been recognized as a truly philanthropic organization, all donations and bequeathals are tax exempt.

Many of you, in your plans, have asked that donations be made to your favorite charities, such as the New England Eye Bank. That is, rather than have your family/friends send flowers to your services you have asked that they make donations to certain organizations. You may have also made arrangements in your will to give to charities. We urge you to consider MSNE, similarly.

All types of donations, whether large or small, are welcome. Again this year, we are asking for voluntary dues and contributions. The amount you give defers the cost of keeping your membership record in a computerized file and continuing to provide you with the full range of membership benefits.

In addition, MSNE pays small salaries to 3 dedicated staff who take care of the day-to-day office

operations, respond to inquiries and take emergency calls at home on a 7 day per week basis as well as implement our outreach programs. This year, these programs include:

- Speaking at Senior Home Care, Charlestown Library, Sacred Heart Church, Church of Our Savior, and Judge Baker Family Support Center;

- Media appearances on Channel 56 and Arlington Cable Television;

- The formation of the first "Church Satellite Membership."

In addition, plans were begun to produce a 30 second television spot which will be given to the major stations in Boston to be aired as a public service announcement.

After reading the financial report (also contained in this newsletter) you will see how dependent MSNE is on your annual giving. Although we are still operating at a deficit, we have been able to reduce the amount from what it was a year ago because of our 501(c)3 status and because we have cutback in salaries. Nevertheless, we are still operating in the red.

Please give as generously as you can.

Sincerely yours,



George S. Richardson, M.D.
President

FINANCIAL REPORT FY 82-83

In the fiscal year, 82-83, MSNE has cutback drastically to reduce deficit spending. Compare this year with last year:

FY 81-82 (estimate of audited report)INCOME

New Memberships/transfers	\$ 2,996
Contributions, dues	7,852
Dividends from stock	2,165
Miscellaneous	98
TOTAL INCOME:	\$13,111

EXPENSES

Salaries (3 people)	\$13,900
Telephone/ans. service	1,124
Postage	1,680
Printing	1,138
Rent	125
Misc. (taxes, insurance, computer, etc.)	3,513
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$21,480
TOTAL DEFICIT:	\$ 8,369

FY 82-83 (estimate of audited report)INCOME

New memberships/transfers	\$ 2,668
Contributions, dues	8,012
Dividends from stock	970
Miscellaneous	301
TOTAL INCOME:	\$11,951

EXPENSES

Salaries (3 people)	\$ 7,318
Telephone/Ans. service	1,101
Postage	339
Printing	143
Rent	100
Miscellaneous	4,238
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$13,239
TOTAL DEFICIT:	\$ 1,288

FINANCIAL REPORT (continued)

MSNE depends on your annual giving. As you can see, your contributions are a major reason that MSNE continues to be a viable organization. Our goal this year is to operate in the black.

FIRST CHURCH SATELLITE IS LAUNCHED

Last year, as one possible answer to the need to encourage more people to join MSNE and at the same time deliver on-going valuable information and services to members the MSNE Executive Committee suggested that MSNE work through churches/temples to form satellite memberships.

Last Spring, the First and Second Church sponsored an evening at which George Marshall, a member of MSNE and the church, and Doranne Jung, MSNE staff, spoke. The intent of the event was not only to make church members aware of the issues involved with funeral planning, but also to establish a satellite membership within the church.

As a result of this event, a handful of people volunteered to serve on a committee. They met several times after services on Sunday to discuss and agree upon their purpose:

-- to provide information on MSNE and on how to pre-plan to church members on a personal one-to-one basis.

That is, they felt that people who want to talk about their funeral plans might do so more readily with members of their own church rather than with MSNE staff over the telephone. To help the committee get started the church printed all the committee members' names in its bulletin; MSNE provided information and brochures.

If you would like to discuss the possibilities of establishing a similar committee within your church/temple please contact Doranne Jung at MSNE (731-2073).

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ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: November 7, 1983, Monday
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
PROGRAM: "Coping with Loss"
Three Authors Speak Out

PLACE: The First & Second Church
Unitarian Universalists
66 Marlboro Street, Boston
(corner of Berkeley Street)

5:00 - 5:15 Registration/Refreshments
5:15 - 5:30 Business Meeting.....George Richardson
5:30 - 5:45 Introductory Remarks.....John J. Buckley
5:45 - 6:15 "Coping: On The Nature Of Being Mortal"....Avery Wiseman
6:15 - 6:45 "Facing Death And Grief".....George N. Marshall
6:45 - 7:15 "Family Support In Times Of Loss".....Earl A. Grollman
7:15 - Questions and Answers

Three authors will discuss their views on a variety of issues concerning death and its role in the life process:

EARL A. GROLLMAN, Rabbi, Beth El Temple Center, (Belmont, MA) since 1951, has been a pioneer in family crisis intervention and is internationally known for his work concerning dying and bereavement. He has appeared on numerous national radio and television shows. His publications have won him acclaim from both religious and professional counselors.

He is the author of many books including Talking About Death, which received the Trends Citation by UNESCO at the International Children's and Youth Book Exhibition, What Helped Me When My Loved One Died, Explaining Death to Children, Concerning Death: A Practical Guide for the Living, When Your Loved One Is Dying and many more.

He is a member of the Professional Advisory Board of the Foundation on Thanatology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, N.Y., and an editorial advisor to Omega magazine; he is also a member of the Bereavement Team of the Community School of Psychiatry at Harvard University.

AVERY WEISMAN, M.D., has long been recognized as a pioneer in Thanatology, the psycho-social study of death, dying and life-threatening behavior.

He is the author of numerous professional papers and books, the latest of which, Coping: On the Nature of Being Mortal is scheduled for publication in 1984.

Most of his career has been at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where he is now Senior Psychiatrist and Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical school. He is certified in neurology, psychiatry and psychoanalysis. For many years he was Principal Investigator of Project Omega, a group which has studied coping and vulnerability among cancer patients.

Honors he has received include Sutherland Award by Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital and the Distinguished Human Services Award by Yeshiva University.

He is a member of MSNE.

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ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT (continued from reverse side)

GEORGE N. MARSHALL, Minister/Director, Church of the Larger Fellowship (Unitarian Universalist), Boston since 1960, has been minister of churches in Plymouth, Mass. and Niagara Falls, N.Y. He holds degrees from Tufts, Columbia, Harvard and Walden Universities.

He is the author of The Church Of The Pilgrim Fathers, An Understanding of Albert Schweitzer, The Quest for Serenity (a biography), Challenge of a Liberal Faith, and Facing Death and Grief, published in 1981.

Rev. Marshall has travelled widely and preached on five continents. He has been active in many denominational and community capacities. Besides a Ph.D. degree, he was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Meadville/Lombard Theological School.

He is a member of MSNE.

JOHN BUCKLEY will introduce the three authors and act as moderator during the question and answer period. His biography is included in this newsletter under "New Directors."

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. This program of three distinguished authors promises to be exciting and insightful.

Bring your family and friends. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free to all.

(NOTE: In an on-going effort to better serve all the members in MSNE, we would like to know if the time and place of the annual meeting is convenient. This is the third year that the meeting has been held at the First and Second Church in Boston at 5-7 PM. We have been holding it there during that time with the assumption that it is centrally located and convenient to those that can come just after work and by public transportation. But this is guesswork. Included on the proxy are questions related to the convenience of the meeting. If you can not attend this year, please respond to those questions. If another time and place are more convenient to a majority of members we will try to arrange next year's meeting accordingly.)

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The first fifteen minutes of the annual meeting will include the election of Directors and Officers as follows:

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

Francis Caswell	Edwin Taylor
T. Ewell Hopkins	Frank Waldorf
Robert J. McEwen	John Buckley
A. Leavitt Taylor	George Marshall

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

George Richardson - President
David Sheets - Treasurer
A. Leavitt Taylor - Clerk
Edwin Taylor - Vice President

ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTORS

At the last Directors' meeting two people were nominated to be directors. They have begun to serve on the Executive Committee as interim directors until they are officially elected by you, the members at large, at the annual meeting. They are:

John J. Buckley, former Sheriff of Middlesex County for over a decade and now Executive Director of the Good Samaritan Hospice of the Archdiocese of Boston.

George N. Marshall, Director of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist since 1960.