

Annual Report 2009-2010

Message from the President

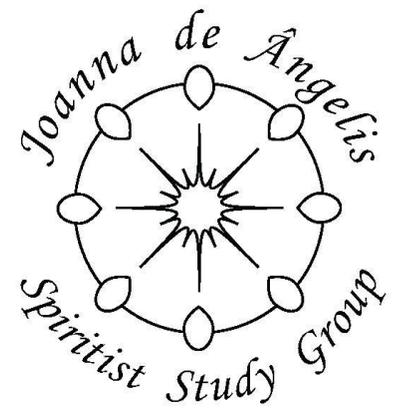
During this last year, JAASG continued to accomplish its mission to provide a safe and live space where people can find comfort and solace and help in dealing with their individual difficulties. JAASG also continued with its activities of fulfilling the ideas of Allan Kardec's works that constitute the Spiritist Codification or Foundation. Social programs for benefit of the community have also been created and are on an ongoing development. Our meeting for Planning Day took place in January 2010 and this gave the volunteers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the organizational structure of JAASG and also participate in the planning of activities for 2010. The strategic priorities were identified and the planning of activities were focused on the following: a) the increase in participants in the open study groups and fund raising activities; b) forming study groups in English; c) increasing memberships and volunteer workers to help with the implementation of activities.

I finish this term which began in 2008 and leave The Board of Directors with the certainty that I'm just a small cog, which obeys the divine and natural laws, many of them still unknown to me. I did my best within my capabilities. I have contributed to the construction of JAASG until this moment and I want to continue contributing so that this house remains a safe space where we always find comfort, solace and help. I thank all my colleagues of this journey through their commitment and dedication in maintaining this house with different levels of dimensions. With the teachings left by our Master Jesus and those encoded by Allan Kardec our solid guide. I hope that we continue our evolutionary walk in harmony, balance and peace.

Jussara Lourenço

II Toronto Spiritist Weekend

On October 2009, as part of the celebration of its 13 years of existence, JAASG promoted its II Toronto Spiritist Weekend whose theme was "And Life Goes On... The what, how and why of the communication with the spirits." For two days, speakers talked about the communication with the spirits, how they communicate with the incarnates and influence their lives from something as subtle as inspiration to concrete scientific evidence of communication with electronic equipment.



The highlight of the meeting was the presentation preferred by Clovis Nunes, who specializes in the research of Transcommunication: "*Paranormality and Spirituality From Mediumship to Transcommunication*"

This was a means of coming across from the development of communication of spirits through various electronic devices using modern means of current technology.

Participants: 76



Strategic Planning

An annual activity held on the second Sunday of January with the objective of the planning of activities to be undertaken during the year as well as reflecting on the development of programs that attend to the need / demand of the community versus material reality and human resources of JAASG.

Participants: 21

Administration and Operations Committee

Secretary

Organizes documents, the annual subscriptions of new members and supports the Board of Directors and other Committees.

Number of members: 39
Monthly sponsorships: 13

Technological Information

Benefits, streamlines communication and provides access to the greatest number of information to workers and volunteers, members and other stakeholders through the website and newsletters.

Internally, this technology maintains the necessary tools to support diverse workgroups.

Website Visitors: 9.622
Contact List: 199

Operations

Operations is responsible for the well being of volunteer workers and participants so that they can develop their activities in a safe space and pleasant environment, and in addition provide and maintain the necessary equipment for each activity.

Events: 363



Fundraising and Community Development Committee

Barbecue



A fellowship activity that consists of two Spiritist groups – Rest on the Way and JASSG - whose purpose and ideal is to spread the Christian and Spiritist teachings.

This is an annual event and an opportunity for spiritists to meet and mingle.

Participants: 157

Fraternal Lunches and Cafeteria

These are two activities that ensure the maintenance of the physical space of JASSG: the fraternal monthly lunch and cafeteria. All the materials used in these activities are a result of donations made by the volunteer workers.

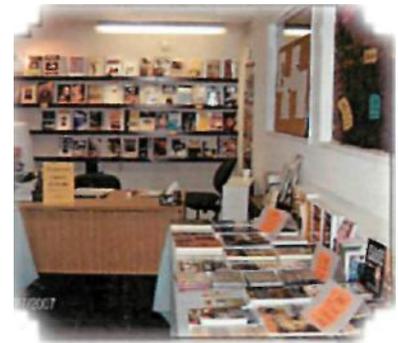
Lunches:
Participants: 442



Library

The library has a collection of more than 900 items including books, DVDs, CDs and Video Tapes, with the Spiritist theme, in Portuguese, English and Spanish.

Books available: 189
Number of Registrants: 289
Number of Borrowed Items: 179



Community Development Portuguese Brazilian Culture Workshop for Children

This is the result of the partnership between JASSG and CAIS - Centre for Social Support and Integration for Brazil-Canada, the lessons aim to awaken the children's interest in the practices of reading and writing in the Portuguese language as well as maintain and enrich the contact with the various aspects Brazilian culture.

Participants: 26



Volunteer Teachers

English Classes for Adults

The ESL classes are offered at a time and frequency compatible for those who work during the day. The focus of the course is to provide basic knowledge of the English language, stimulating conversation and increase vocabulary.

Participants: 21

Special Events

Between April 2009 and March 2010 JASS received visitors from Brazil and the United States who came to share their knowledge and reward us with their presence.



Vanessa Anseloni (EEUU)

Two days of activities in JASSG Meeting with volunteer workers

Participants: 19

Lecture: "Controlling our Emotions"

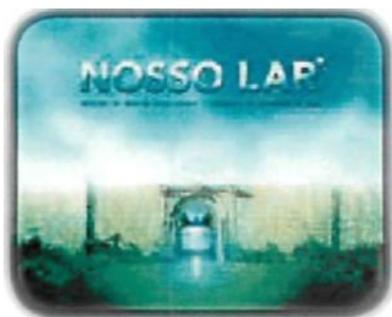
Participants: 31



Ubirajara de Oliveira/Bira (Brazil)

Lecture: "The Spiritist Dynamic in Our Lives"

Participants: 17



Meeting with team of direction and production of the film Our Home "The Astral City" (Brazil)

Participants: 26

Committee for Studies and Spiritual Treatment

This arouses the interest of the volunteer workers and other participants in the JASSG to deepen the spiritist teachings, as well as promote their physical emotional and spiritual well-being.

Gospel Study Group

Weekly meetings open to the public for the study of Gospel themes - New Testament - and from the perspective of Spiritism.

Meetings: 46

Participants per meeting (average): 16

The first Sunday of every month, these meetings are held in the English Language.

Meetings: 11

Participants per meeting (average): 17

Educational Group of Mediumistic Practice

This group has been meeting for three years seeking to follow and comply with the teachings of Allan Kardec according to The Mediums' Book, with regard to communication with the Spirits.

Meetings: 48

Participants: 11

Systematic Group Study of Spiritism

This Study Groups' aim is to disseminate the Spiritist teachings and encourage its participants to educate themselves, self-knowledge and self-transformation through the practice of goodness and charity, according to the teachings left by the Master Jesus and those found in the coding of Spiritism.

Meetings: 46

Participants: 11



Course of Passes

In t July and August of 2009, Systematic Group Study of Spiritism - II had the opportunity to attend the Course of Passes with the facilitator Jose Conde.

Participants: 12.

Study Group of Spiritism in the English language

An open group that meets every Sunday and has fulfilled a major goal of JASSG: the diffusion of Spiritism to the English language community.

Meetings: 44

Participants per meeting (average): 9

Film and Study

Analyzing films from the perspective of Spiritism has been an opportunity to deepen and analyze topics related to Spiritism, and to stimulate critical analysis of the messages and concepts contained in these productions.

Screenings: 8

Participants per meeting (average): 7

Spiritual Treatment

Fraternal Assistance- once a week, volunteer workers receive, account for, console and help those coming to the JASSG in search of comfort and orientation. Evaluation and fraternal counseling is then directed to the person to receive the spiritual treatment through the *Passe* and Energetic Radiation.

Weeks of activity: 48

People seen: 246

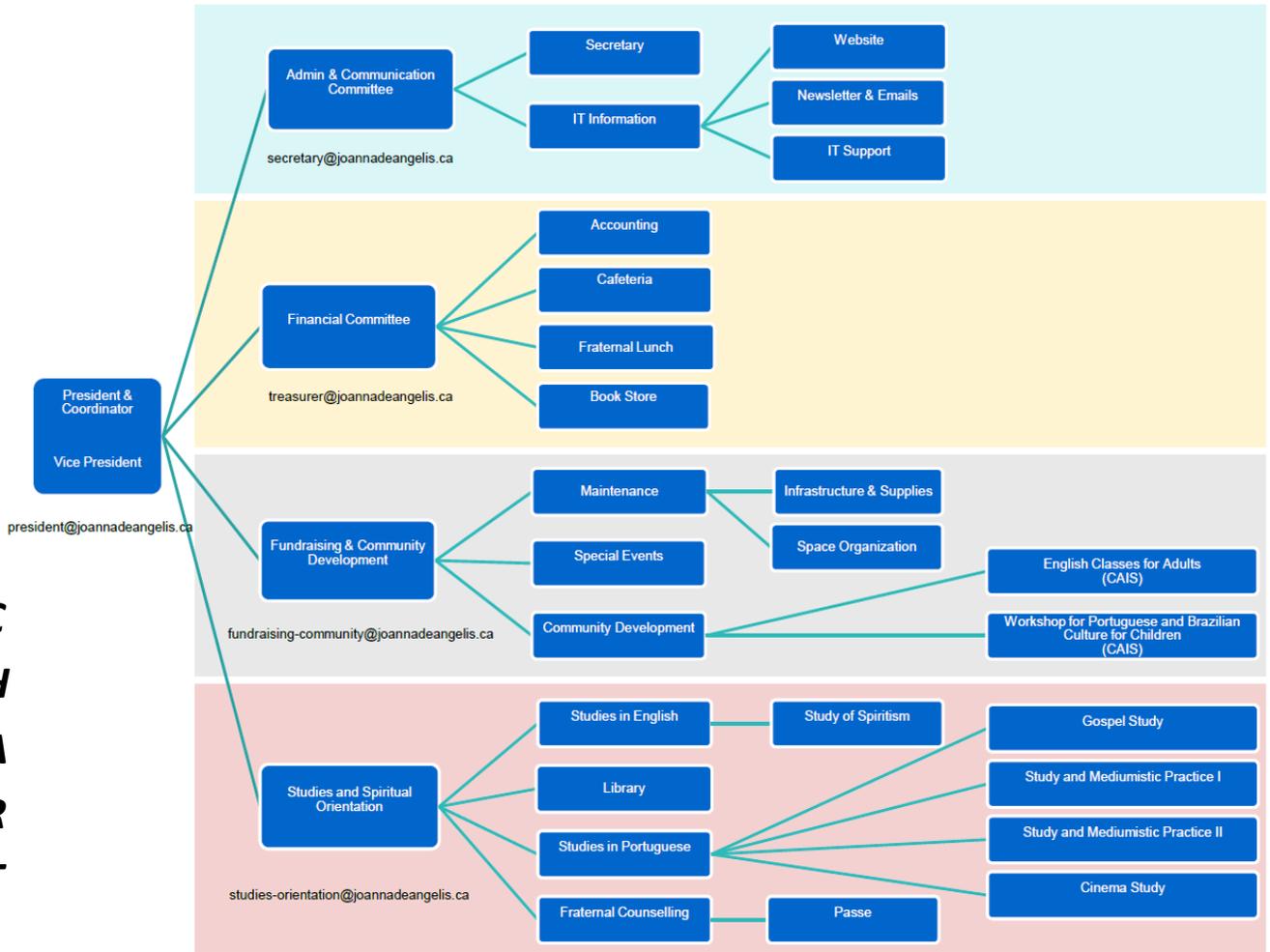
Energetic Radiation: 56

Passe - Anyone who undergoes a difficult time due to physical, psychological and/or spiritual imbalance is eligible to receive the fraternal counseling and the spiritual treatment. The benefits received are reported in the evaluation performed after spiritual treatment.

Weeks of Activity: 50

People seen: 1159

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Accounting and Finance Committee

Joanna de Angelis Spiritist Study Group		
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS		
Year ended March 31, 2009		
REVENUES		
Donations	31275.20	
Fundraising	0.00	
Interest Revenue	0.00	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>31275.20</u>	31275.20
EXPENSES		
Amortizations	2781.23	
Bank Charges	220.07	
Food & Groceries	2357.10	
Fundraising expenses	1300.94	
Hotel & Travel	1813.82	
Insurance	0.00	
Licences & Permits	0.00	
Maintenance (Building)	366.12	
Medical expenses	0.00	
Office supplies	106.66	
Professional fees	735.00	
Rent	21600.00	
Supplies	172.00	
Telephone, Internet & Utilities	4904.34	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>36357.28</u>	36357.28
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>-5082.08</u>	
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Our Mission

“Joanna de Ângelis Spiritist Study Group (JASSG) is a non-profit organization. JASSG’s mission is to disseminate the Christian Spiritism in the Toronto area, Canada, according to the principles codified by Allan Kardec. This dissemination is done through the study and practice of Spiritism in its triple aspects: philosophical, scientific and religious. It is also accomplished by the offering of services for emotional and spiritual support, passes, personal and community development”

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