



## Annual Report

# Janis Foundation for A Course In Miracles

It's been about two years since the *Janis Foundation for A Course In Miracles* has made a formal report to the Triangle *Miracles Community*.

And what a two years it has been.

On the national level, the copyright that has kept many students from publishing *Miracles*-based work was thrown out by a federal judge. This after years of legal fighting that found *Miracles* folks voicing their opinions and taking sides.

[miracles-nc.org](http://miracles-nc.org)

During this same two years, alternate versions of the Course were discovered and made available across the world, and right here in the Triangle. Foundation Board Member Kellie Love taught a workshop for Triangle students early last year outlining the now famous Ur-text and leaving all of us marveling at the lively give and take between Jesus and Helen that revealed the humanity of the process that brought the Course to us.

And, in recent months, a new book, *The Disappearance of the Universe*, has captured the imagination of many in the spiritual community.

Kellie and Board Member Caroline Wood have set up study groups to read and study the new book, which in many ways de mystifies some Course concepts.

Also, during the last two years, we have established a web site where Triangle students can get information about upcoming events, learn more about the *Course*, keep up with study groups and find answers to their questions about the Foundation. Please visit the site at **[miracles-nc.org](http://miracles-nc.org)**.

We've continued to put together social events to bring new and longtime students together, sponsored workshops and the monthly *Movie Nights* ---and much more.

Here's a more detailed look at what we've been doing.

## Wild Books

Recently, we've started a most interesting project, aimed at getting and keeping Miracles-based books in circulation.

We collected a variety of Course-lite books (Love is Letting Go of Fear, A Return to Love, etc.) and have pasted a note in each one that says: *"This book is on loan to you from the Janis Foundation. . . Please feel free to use this book, then pass it on to someone else."*

We have left these books in public places: doctor's waiting rooms, office buildings, bus stops, etc. It will be interesting to see where they go, how they are used and what good comes from them.

If you have books to contribute to this project or would like to help, please let us know.

## Workshops

Over the last couple of years, the Foundation has put together several workshops for the Miracles community and have another, *The Reappearance of Forgiveness*, scheduled for Saturday Nov. 6.

Last year featured workshops on alternate versions of the Course and a fall workshop on Forgiveness.

## New Groups

Board Members Kellie Love and Caroline Wood have each established new groups to study the hot new book, *The Disappearance of the Universe*, by Gary Renard.

Early reports from the new groups suggest that students are forming a deeper understanding of Course principals through this new material. As a result, the Foundation is making an effort to bring Renard to the Triangle to either speak or teach a workshop.

## Documentary

So that the Miraculous story of the world's first study group will never be forgotten, the Foundation will soon begin work on a documentary film featuring those pioneers who made Miracles real for us.

Board members Kemp Ward, Robin Smith and Caroline Wood will begin work on the project this fall.

## Guidance

Earlier this year, Board Member Robin Smith began distributing a survey form titled "Open to Guidance," which is intended to help us learn more about Course students, their needs and wishes.

If you haven't filled one out, please let us know and we'll get a form to you. It should help us make decisions.

## Movie Night

Last year the Foundation helped bring new people to Miracles and also gave students a new way to meet and spend time together through *Miracles Movie Night*.

One night a month, we brought folks together for a pot-luck dinner and a film about the *Course* or *Course* principles.

Some of the films shown include *The Forgotten Song*, *The Song Remembered*, *A Course in Miracles: How It Came*, *The Visionaries* and several others.

## The Reunion

Each year, we come together in mid-January at the beautiful home of longtime student Mary Whittier to celebrate the founding of the world's first study group.

It's a time for students who may have drifted apart to connect again.

## New Web Site

Of all our recent accomplishments, we're most happy about our new web site—[miracles-nc.org](http://miracles-nc.org).

On it we have a listing of local study groups, notice of upcoming events, a history of the local Miracles community, info on the Foundation and links to other Miracles sites.

Using this site, new folks can get the info they need and everyone can keep up with what's going on in our Miracles Community.

The site was put together by longtime student Merrily Neill, daughter Amber and the family through their internet company *Crunchy Byte*. They also maintain the site on a day-to-day basis.

Design and construction of the site was donated by the family as well as the first year of upkeep. The site now costs \$180 per year to maintain, and we're hoping a generous student will come forward to sponsor the site for the coming year.

## Movie Month

Last September Board Member Robin Smith made each Sunday night *Miracles Movie Night* for members of a Raleigh study group at the Unity Church of the Triangle.

They watched a different *Course* film each Sunday and drew some new folks, widening the circle.

## Lending Library

Over the years, we've accumulated quite a list of materials that we lend to students much like a library would do.

Board Member Robin Smith runs the library, which includes audio and video tapes of workshops, study groups and talks by national Miracles leaders. We also have a number of films about the *Course* as well as *Course*-related newsletters, magazines, books and other materials.

## Our Financial Situation

Now that the Foundation has more activities, it is reflected in our finances.

In the year ended 6/30/03, the Foundation received \$755 in donations and spent \$467.90 on printing, postage, P.O. Box rent, reunion rent & food supplies.

In the year ended 6/30/04, the Foundation received \$1,109 in donations and spent \$1,405.78 on printing, postage, P.O. Box rent, video night/workshop/reunion food supplies, rent for video night/workshop space, used books for book sharing & lending library, copies for workshops, and web hosting.

As of June 30, 2004, we have \$603.56 in the bank.

If you're interested in making a donation, please note the following:

- Web Hosting costs \$180 per year - please check out our website at **miracles-nc.org**
- P.O. Box Rent costs \$38 per year - our address is P.O. Box 12620, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2620.
- New ACIM books costs \$19.95 + shipping - as Joe Janis always did, we try to have ACIM books available at all classes & workshops
- The possible April 2005 Workshop - Gary Renard, author of "Disappearance of the Universe" will cost quite a lot to sponsor. There is lots of interest in this book, with new study groups starting in the Triangle area and in Greensboro. We plan to share the sponsorship with Unity Churches and students throughout NC.

For non-cash donations, please consider donating books, tapes, or videos that you have enjoyed---or your time.

## Socials

We've scheduled regular parties so students who no longer see each other on a regular basis can come together and visit.

Students Susan and Acharan Narula have been very gracious in making their home available on an ongoing basis for our socials.

The next one will probably be in December. We'll get the word out soon. As usual, please bring a covered dish to share -- and a friend.

In addition to the popular pot luck format, the socials sometimes feature an old fashioned sing-a-long or other event. At a recent one, we viewed "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Attonelment," which chronicles the origion and developent of the world's first study group---ours.



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# More Detailed Info

*On the following couple of pages,  
there's more about our programs*

## Your Board

- **Kemp Ward,**  
*president*
- **Robin Smith,**  
*vice president  
and treasurer*
- **Margaret Moore,**  
*secretary*
- **Kellie Love**
- **Caroline Wood**
- **Melissa Rincon**

## Janis Foundation – Lending Library

The Janis Foundation received donations of a wide variety of books, videotapes, audiotapes, and newsletters during 2003.

From this we created a Lending Library. Each of the study group leaders has a storage box containing a collection of the material to share at their weekly meetings.

The Lending Library is also brought to each Janis Foundation event, including the monthly Movie Nights, parties, and the annual reunion. Anyone is welcome to borrow from the library.

Materials include:

- ⊙ Videotapes of Marianne Williamson speaking on ACIM at the “Church of Today” in Michigan
- ⊙ Audiotapes of Miracles Distribution Center’s Wednesday night weekly study group in Anaheim, CA with Beverly Hutchison-McNeff
- ⊙ Audiotapes of Circle of Atonement’s workshops in Sedona, AZ with Robert Perry and Allen Watson
- ⊙ Audiotapes of Foundation for “A Course in Miracles” workshops in Roscoe, NY with Ken and Gloria Wapnick
- ⊙ Newsletters from Miracles Distribution Center, Community Miracles Center (in San Francisco, CA), Circle of Atonement, and Foundation for “A Course in Miracles”

Please contact Robin Smith at (919) 468-0535 or [smithcpa@msn.com](mailto:smithcpa@msn.com) if you would like to borrow some of the material – or to return material that you’ve borrowed.

# Janis Foundation - Movie Nights 2003

Third Friday of each month – Unity Church of Peace, Chapel Hill, NC

The first five films were also shown on five consecutive Sunday nights in September at Unity Church of the Triangle in Raleigh, NC

- May “The Visionaries” produced for PBS in 2001 (30 minutes) which features three of the non-profit organizations that have been created by students of “A Course in Miracles” and “Joe Janis” produced by the Foundation for Inner Peace (17 minutes) to honor the memory of the founder of the Janis Foundation
- June “Story of A Course in Miracles – The Forgotten Song” produced by the BBC in 1987 (60 minutes) that shows the story of the scribing and publication of ACIM
- July “Story of A Course in Miracles – The Song Remembered” produced by the BBC in 1987 (81 minutes) that shows interviews with dozens of people whose lives were changed by studying ACIM
- Aug “A Course in Miracles – How it Came” produced by the Foundation for Inner Peace (60 minutes) featuring Bill Thetford and Judy Skutch-Whitson telling the stories of the miracles that brought about the publication of ACIM
- Sept “A Course in Miracles – What it Says” produced by the Foundation for Inner Peace (60 minutes) featuring Ken Wapnick speaking at a workshop explaining the basic concepts in ACIM
- Oct “A Course in Miracles – What it Says” – repeated because our September Movie Night was the night after Hurricane Isabel
- Nov “Peace Pilgrim” – featuring the spiritual seeker who called herself Peace Pilgrim and walked around the United States for decades sharing her message of inner peace

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