

**KSGA - First Annual Blood Drive**

by Ana Luiza Fortes



**KSGA First Annual Blood Drive** took place on a Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, right in our parking lot. The kids from **KSGA Youth Volunteer Program**, as the real hosts of this work, prepared ahead greeting notes, "thank you" cards, and refreshments to be given to our donors. It was great to see them involved and excited about being nice to the donors... so cute! Plus, it is with great satisfaction that I can say we were able to break the ice of this topic among them and plant a small seed of hope, that one day they will not hesitate to be donors.

Our event had a great turn out! Based on a previous sign-up sheet, we planned for 3 hours of drive, with 20 openings for potential donors. **The Blood Center of Central Texas**, responsible for our drive, was very excited simply because everyone who signed up to donate actually came on the actual day. At the end 12 units of blood were collected! 12 out of 20 is more than 50%, **way to go KSGA volunteers!** I'm very proud of all of you who volunteered your time on a Sunday morning to come and support this event!

**Thank you! I hope to see everyone again along with some new faces next year. Let's make it a 4 hour event next time!**

**Youth Spiritist Education**

Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin invites you and your kids to join us on our Youth Spiritist Education.

The meetings take place every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

From: 11:00 to 12:00am

Ages: 5 and older

If you plan to join us, please let us know in advance.

If you need to reach one of us to find your way, please feel free to call:

- Adriana Martins: 638-7176
- Beth Madden: 992-9048
- Luciana Corwin: 577-3644

**Book Club**

Our Book Club meets every third Wednesday of the month to discuss a book, or part of a book related to Spiritism.

The purpose of our Book Club is to promote study and discipline through reading.

Our next meetings:

**November 18th at 7:30pm**

For more information, please contact:

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**Volunteer Opportunity**

Every second Saturday of each month Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin visits the Austin Children's Shelter for an afternoon of fun and interaction with children that were rescued from abuse and neglect.

There are about 50 children and youth in care today at ACS, over 40 of them are between the ages of 12 – 18.

Sign up as a volunteer with Michele Souza at [michele.fsouza@gmail.com](mailto:michele.fsouza@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Many of you have asked how to help our group,  
and here is one opportunity!*

Any contribution is optional, but really appreciated.

If you are in a position to commit helping the group, even with a small amount monthly it would be really helpful.

The fundraising events we promote throughout the year help us mainly with special events, such as speakers' travel expenses, but they don't cover these fixed costs.

Please talk to us if you can help!

We feel very blessed to share such a wonderful house of studies and prayers!

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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# Kardec Spiritist Group of Austin

**Special Guest – Julio Carvalho**

By Fernanda Silveira



On a beautiful Saturday, on 9/19, Julio Carvalho visited our group and presented us with a great talk about "The Power within you according to Spiritism".

He explained the difference between being the victim, which makes us weak and powerless and being responsible for our lives, which requires a lot of hard work, but it gives us power to control our destiny.

He also mentioned that when we think about something bad that happened to us over and over - for our brain is the same thing as re-living the situation. So if someone punched us once, every time we remember the situation with anger, we'll be punching ourselves again. What an eye-opener!

He said that according to the Spirit's Book, "Know Yourself" is the most efficient way to improve ourselves. Basically we cannot fix something we don't know it's broken.

Finally, he warned us about moral laziness. Most of us know what needs to be done but we don't apply our knowledge into our daily lives.

Now it's our turn to take action. Let's ask God to help us, give us courage to learn about ourselves without the ego masks and put in practice everything we have learned so far! Are you in? ;)

The full talk is available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/KardecAustinVideos>

**Save the Date**

## Children's Obligations

From the book: Moral Laws of Life/Joanna de Angelis/ Divaldo Franco



All the gratitude children might have for their parents will never pay back the great chance obtained throughout the experience of being re-born in the flesh. The continuous love and respect that children feel for their parents will never be enough; compared to the loving assistance they received from their parents since even before the crib.

The tenderness and the affection will not correspond to the grandeur of the acts of devotion and abnegation from the part of the parents in relation to their children and received by the children for such a long time. Children have endless obligations that can't be transferred to anybody else in relation to their parents who are instruments of God for the execution of the corporeal experience through which the Spirit acquires superior assets, rescuing unsuccessful experiences and perturbing debts from the past.

There are genitors that only give birth to the children by running away from the responsibility of raising them. However, the children cannot judge them severely since they don't have the necessary lucidity and correction for this task. If the parents failed in this sacred mission they won't escape from the judgment of their own conscience having to deal with the guilt engraved in their souls.

By all means, children have to help their parents with devotion and renunciation. This task cannot be declined or transferred to anybody else. The ingratitude of the children for their parents is one of the most serious mistakes that children may commit in their ascensional journey.

The irresponsibility of the genitors in no way justifies lack of moral obligation from their children. Nobody is linked to another one through the vigorous corporeal bond, in family, without fair reasons. Getting rid of these important tasks that love and recognition impose is something nobody should even dare to postpone! Love and respect towards your genitors shows humane manifestation of divine paternity.

When your parents are strong keep them company and give them youth; when they are weak, give them the help and protection they need. When they are healthy give them your happiness and consideration as presents; when they are sick, give them dedicated assistance and valuable support. Under any situation or circumstance, during maturity or old age, love those who gave you the body, which serves you with the commitments of evolution, with the minimum that you can give them, expressing your obligation and love towards them.

## WE HAVE A NEW HOME!



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME.** We would like to thank all those who volunteered to make our move possible – lots of packing, heavy moving and above all, plenty of excitement to go around. Without your help, none of this would be possible.

## The Spiritist Center

The Spiritist center, even the simplest one, is a temple of mind renewal towards a superior life.

Its practitioners and attendees should not forget about the dignity of the task received and the elevation of their ministry. In this regard, it is always lamentable to doubt the divine essence of each task performed therein.

This type of organization provides us with stimuli to boost our will to know, to illuminate, to contribute, to create and to help. Those will come from some act of love or of sympathy of our spirit, not yet polished, which we left in the dark past that we had not rescued.

The Spiritist house is a school where we may learn and teach, sow goodness and receive blessings, bettering ourselves and others in the eternal harvest.

When the doors of the Spiritist temple open, the divine light lightens up in the darkness of human ignorance.

Francisco Cândido Xavier - **By the Spirit:** Emmanuel, *From the magazine THE REFORMADOR (January 1951)*