



# Spirit Society of PA.

A P P A R I T I O N S

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## "ROO's" BOOS - NOTES FROM KELLY

Our favorite time of year is almost here: Halloween! Soon you'll be seeing scarecrows and pumpkins on porches and front yards. Trees will be changing their colors, a chill will be in the air and beauty all around us. I can't wait.

Last year I was preparing for major back surgery and not in the best frame of mine. The year sure went fast! This year, I'm looking forward to all of our activities for Halloween once again.

John and I have a busy two months lined up with Haunted dinners and ghost tours in Gettysburg for the Lowees Tour Co. I'm continuing my **Dinner with A Psychic at Alfred's Victorian** on these dates: **Wed. Sept 27 & Thur. Oct 12** and most likely will do them monthly as long as the people keep making reservations. This has been quite successful.

If you haven't been to any of the **Haunted Dinners** at Alfred's, you will have two chances in October (**Wed. Oct. 18 and Wed. Oct. 25**) to join John and I as we talk about Emma, the resident ghost and play new EVP that we captured over the past several months. We'll also share some fascinating first hand accounts of recent activity we've just received from an Alfred's employee. Since May of this year, she has been writing down all the strange things she has witnessed. For some reason, paranormal activity at Alfred's appears to be on the rise! (*Details will soon be available on Kelly's website and the SSP site*)

### Fall services and Specials at Kelly's Magical Garden

Please see the handouts at the sign in table during SSP meetings. (Or visit [kellysmagicalgarden.com](http://kellysmagicalgarden.com) if reading this newsletter online) Read how you can get a free reading by booking an Angel or a Past Life gathering. New classes have been added. Pass it on!

### A Haunting in Florida

It's finally here! Mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 28th at 9:00 PM** (check local listings). The show I worked on for the **Discovery Channel**, "**A Haunting in Florida**" will finally air. I've waited 9 long months. The show already aired internationally and believe it or not, I've received several E-mails, including some from Canada and one from India! I'm told they googled me for my information. They introduce me as a psychic medium from Harrisburg, PA. I was pretty surprised to be contacted. I'm hoping to hear from others around the country when the show airs.

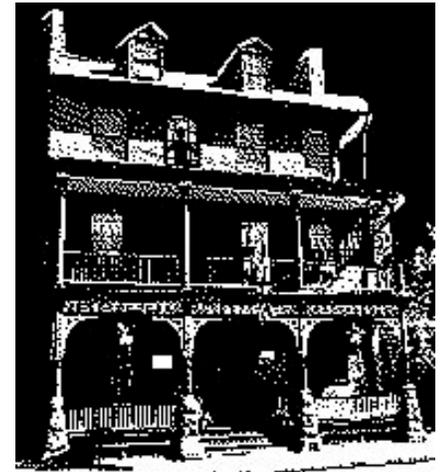
### Haunted Tent Event

Remember our Haunted Tent event is right around the corner. Melissa has put together another fine activity for SSP. The dates are Friday thru Sunday, September 22-24.

A spirit circle will be offered along with a Ghost Tour of haunted Newport. I hope to see you there. (remember to burn yellow or blue candles for good weather)!

### Fright Night in Marietta w/ Rick Fisher & the PSP Oct. 21

We weren't able to find a location for our annual Halloween party by the time we published this newsletter so we decided to take Rick Fisher up on his offer to join him and Paranormal Society of PA members at the haunted Railroad House (rt.) located in Marietta. We did this instead of our having our own party a couple years ago and it was a great event.



Everyone is invited. It is the same night we had our party scheduled, **October 21, from 7:00 - 8:30pm**. Please bring some snacks to share, and your best EVP recording or story of a paranormal encounter. Prizes will be offered for best EVP, story and costume (costumes are optional) *If you are planning to attend, please e-mail Rick at [rfisher@redrose.net](mailto:rfisher@redrose.net)*

### The Arrival By Melissa Griffith

The busy humming of insects ceases and an eerie silence reigns. The lush, green leaves of summer have abandoned their posts and fall, defeated, to the ground leaving the trees naked; their skeletal arms outstretched toward the amber evening sky.

All living things that flourished during the hot, humid months retreat back into the earth surrendering to the oncoming strangeness that is autumn.

As spring is a time of renewal, autumn is a season of death. Color escapes from the landscape like bath water down a drain. Even our powerful sun melts cowardly into the horizon at a ridiculously early hour casting long, distorting shadows on the streets.

Out of nowhere small whirlwinds of air envelope you, chilling you to the very marrow; then disappear as mysteriously as they arrive.

Children stay indoors close to their mothers. Houses are closed tight, secure against the ominous night that reveals its secrets to only the curious and the brave.

Autumn is a season of death; ripe for the telling of tales of the supernatural. Where only among the safety of others and the warmth of a roaring fire stories of spooks, boogies and ghouls are dared told.

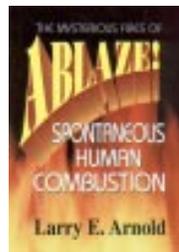
**Dinner with a Psychic-Medium at Alfred's Victorian Restaurant, Middletown, PA. Remaining Dates for Summer 06: Wed. Sept. 27, Thur. Oct. 12 - Each @ 6:30 PM**

Your price for the dinner (tax/tip included) is \$29.95. You have your choice of three entrees: Shrimp Farcis, Cheese Tortellini Marinara or Butternut Chicken, mixed greens with a choice of dressing and a Sundae for dessert. Also includes coffee/tea or soft drink. Alcoholic beverages are available (cash bar).

You will hear the antics of Emma (including several EVPs, some captured very recently), Alfred's resident ghost, from paranormal investigator John Weaver while his wife, nationally recognized Psychic-Medium & Author Kelly Weaver, does private readings for diners.

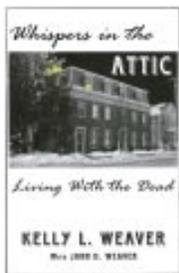
You can choose to have a ten minute personal reading for an additional \$10.00. Space is limited for this "spirited" evening. Call Alfred's Victorian to make your reservation. 717-944-5373 (For those who've never attended one of the annual October "Haunted Dining" events, here's a perfect opportunity to experience the delightful charm and superb cuisine of one of Mid-State PA's most acclaimed restaurants)

**BOOKS AUTHORED BY S.S.P. MEMBERS**



**Ablaze by Larry Arnold** Perhaps the world's leading authority on SHC - Spontaneous Human Combustion - and a dedicated paranormal researcher, Larry is a long-time supporter of local groups such as ours, S.E.A.R.C.H. and the former Harrisburg SKYWATCH. Larry's site is [www.parascience.com](http://www.parascience.com)

**Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead by Kelly Weaver** Look for upcoming signings at Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg store on Baltimore St. and at her NJGH & ERPC appearances in Spring & Summer '06. Also available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg.



**Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith** Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, and planning another great "Haunted Tent Event" in Sept 2006 at Little Buffalo Campground in her native Perry County. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More in Mechanicsburg

**Ghosts at Carlisle Barracks by Allen Campbell** is also available locally at Civil War and More. (Had no image of Allen's book, thus I chose the famed MP LeTort photo rather than a really scary one - Allen himself! - JDW)



**MIDDLETOWN GHOSTS, LORE & LEGENDS TOUR**

Coming Oct 10, 11, 17 & 18th; 2 tours nightly @ 7 & 8. Sponsored by the Greater Middletown Economic Development Corporation, this lantern-lit walking tour offers tales of the unexplained happenings and sightings in this historic town, the oldest in Dauphin County. Cost is \$8 per person; children under 10 free. Each tour will be limited to 25 people, so early ticket reservations are advised. Call 717 944 6332 or e-mail [gmedc@verison.net](mailto:gmedc@verison.net) for tickets. (Along with Alfred's Victorian, Middletown has lots of fascinating ghost stories - Kelly and I heard many from her late Uncle Cecil. This looks like a great tour! JDW)



This bi-monthly series of lectures brings nationally recognized paranormal experts, authors & investigators to south central PA at the Railroad House in Marietta. All proceeds from the series will benefit the forthcoming National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center.

Next Program: **Oct. 21** with Antiques Expert John Kilsavage sharing tales of Haunted Antiques he has encountered and showing some of the actual items! (Kelly & I saw his talk at one of Rick's meetings several years ago; it was great and the haunted objects he displayed were fascinating, particularly a certain painting! JDW)

\$20.00 per person does not include lunch. \$35.00 per person (includes lunch.) Menu offers your choice of sandwiches, or burger and one drink coffee, tea, or soda. Seating limited to 40 people, no registration will be accepted at the door unless seats available. Send check or money order to: Rick Fisher, 109 South Second Street Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512

**6th Annual PA PARANORMAL CONFERENCE** hosted by Rick Fisher at historic, haunted **BUBE'S BREWERY** (Lt.) in Mt Joy, PA on **April 14, 2007**.



Speakers include Rick Fisher, Stan Gordon, Rosemary Ellen Guiley & Karl Petry, Mark Nesbitt, Ed Okonowicz, Kelly Weaver & Patty Wilson. Buffet luncheon included with admission. Ghost tours of the brewery will follow the conference at 7pm (free to first 20 conference registrants) and at 8:30pm (\$3 per person) Full details can be found online at [www.paranormalpa.com](http://www.paranormalpa.com)

**GHOST WORLD CONFERENCE** Vince Wilson has joined with NJGHS founder L'Aura Hladik, Ghostvillage.com founder Jeff Belanger to offer a new "mega-event" in Gettysburg **July 20-22, 2007**: The first Ghost World Conference. Speakers include Vince, L'Aura, Jeff, Charlie Adams, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Mark Nesbitt, Troy Taylor, Kelly Weaver & John Zaffis. Details on line at [www.ghostworldconference.com](http://www.ghostworldconference.com)



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## BIOGRAPHIES of the STRANGE and PARANORMAL by Gail Dull

Hershey Horrors?

In the early 1990s I had dated a boy while we worked at Hershey Park. He lived near Hershey in a small town house community that was full of doctors, lawyers and other well to do professionals. He lived with his parents and younger brother.

They were the typical All-American family, successful parents; my date whom I call "Dave" had graduated from high school and had a promising college placement to look forward to. His younger brother whom I call "Adam" was a Rotary Scholar, had traveled and studied in foreign countries and was looking forward to starting a new school year.

As the summer ended, so did my relationship with Dave, we were going to different schools, different areas and a serious rift had formed between us. I heard through mutual friends months later that he was home. College had not worked out for him and he was working locally.

Adam had taken a turn in behavior. He entered high school and reportedly gotten into a bad crowd. He was allegedly involved in a petty theft and little did anyone realize this would be the turning point of many lives.

From what I gathered from news reports and friends, their parents were out for the evening and Dave was watching TV in their bedroom, Adam was in the family room. The police called in reference to Adam's alleged involvement in the theft. Dave always the "big brother" covered for Adam, pretending to be their father.

What happened next, no one knows, only the outcome is known. Neighbors didn't report hearing any noise, any fighting or gunfire, but when Dave's parents returned home, they returned to a horror no parent should ever have to endure: both their children were dead.

Dave was shot twice in the back with a shot gun. He was found lying on his parents' bed where he had been watching TV. Adam was found in the basement, dead of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.

Over the next few weeks the boys were buried and their parents moved out. The town house in such a trendy neighborhood near the Medical Center, sold quickly. Then a few months later, it was up for sale again. Yet again, it sold quickly. Then in just a few more months, it was up for sale again.

I have watched over the years and I know that no one family has stayed there more than a few years. I could be that being in a "professional" neighborhood, many occupants are moving onward and upward or with the Medical Center, possible living there for a few years during their residency, then moving on.

But could there be a more sinister reason? Could the events of that tragic night have left something behind? I don't know. For what it's worth, I ran into an old friend not too long ago and we were talking about ghosts and whatnot, and I mentioned to her I had read about a haunted house near the Medical Center (not referencing Dave's family townhouse, but an old farmhouse).

My friend replies, oh do you mean that town house on X Street? Some dude killed his brother there and no one will live in it....

Sometimes horror can touch us all.

\*Please note names were changed and locations "obscured" for privacy reasons.

## Musings of a Ghost Adventurer

By Melissa Griffith

Did you know that each month has a full moon and that there are actually names for each one? January-Wolf Moon, February-Ice Moon, March-Storm Moon, April-Growing Moon, May-Hare Moon, June-Mead Moon, July-Hay Moon, August-Corn Moon, September-Harvest Moon, November-Snow Moon and December-Winter Moon.

Perhaps you noticed that there is one month conspicuously missing from the list—October. All the moons seem to bear names that are fairly self-explanatory; but October's moon sobriquet is the most morbid and mysterious—Blood Moon.

Some claim it is called Blood Moon because it sometimes sports a reddish hue and it can appear to



be extremely large. In fact, the moon is always the same size—this huge moon is simply a trick of the eye and is called "Moon Illusion." Others say it's called Blood Moon because this was a time that ancient peoples made a blood sacrifice to the harvest gods to show appreciation for their bounty; yet some believe it is a bit less gruesome and a lot more practical reporting that this is a time when weak or old livestock that is not expected to live through a harsh winter would be slaughtered for food.

In a more bizarre claim—people believed the 'blood moon' to actually be a lunar menstruation or cleansing of the universe; hence, the belief that the moon is female. The extra light from the full moon was to be used for chores that would need to be accomplished by winter when the daylight was greatly decreased. Even today we use autumn as an excuse to do that extra bit of cleaning and de-cluttering our homes and lives. Perhaps there is something to this!

October's full moon is also called "Hunter's Moon" as this was a time that people hunted during the night by the light of the full moon to gather extra food provisions for the winter ahead. Other names are: Cold Moon or St. Martin's Moon. No matter what you call it, it is indeed an eerie, beautiful site on a crisp, chilly autumn night—perfect for the Halloween season!

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THE LUNATIC - by John D. Weaver



From the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary: Main Entry: **lu-na-tic**  
Pronunciation: 'lü-n&-'tik Function: *adjective* Etymology: Middle English *lunatik*, from Anglo-French or Late Latin; Anglo-French *lunatic*, from Late Latin *lunaticus*, from Latin *luna*; from the belief that lunacy fluctuated with the phases of the moon **1 a** : affected with lunacy : **INSANE b** : designed for the care of insane persons <lunatic asylum> **2** : wildly foolish <a lunatic idea> - **lunatic** *noun*

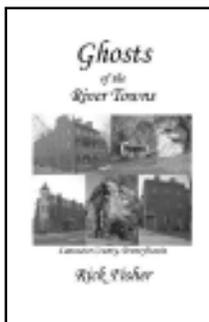
When Melissa sent her compelling piece for this month's newsletter on the upcoming October BLOOD MOON, it got me thinking about a drawing I created 36 years ago, while in high school. Shown above, "THE LUNATIC" was done using the "scratchboard" technique, where india ink is applied to the paper, and areas to be "illuminated" (as is the case here) are scratched off with a sharp object.

I had recently re-discovered this piece -- Kelly likes it and it was always one of my favorites -- and, it got me thinking about WHY I ever did it. What compelled me to depict some nut case baying at the moon beneath a barren tree with a spooky house lurking in the background? Certainly, artists are a bit "odd" at times (as fellow artist Kelly will confirm), yet still, there is a *reason* behind what subjects we choose (just as there is a reason behind what victims a serial killer targets!)

I love the moon and have spent countless hours gazing at it through binoculars and telescopes, but while I'm not "normal" (thank God for that), I don't *think* any of my strangeness coincides with lunar cycles. (Or does it... Kelly?)

Still, I wonder why I created this, and if perhaps I need another "Roo-gression" to see if the answer lies somewhere in a past life...

**Coming Soon: GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS** No one knows more ghost stories about Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, who hopes to have his first book available by Halloween.



 **PARA-TECH**  
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*Opinions & Observations by JDW*

Interesting things continue to happen at Alfred's Victorian... just in time for our annual "Haunted Dining" events next month! After nearly 10 years of regular visits and investigations, only over the past 2 have Kelly and I begun to get regular EVP -- and lots of it -- from this charming old mansion turned restaurant. Just yesterday, Kelly received four written pages of carefully documented experiences from a woman who works there cleaning during the off-hours. She has worked there for years and shared prior encounters, but since May of this year, she agrees the activity has increased dramatically!

Kelly will "tease" you with just a few of these at our meeting, and reveal the rest of these during our dinners next month, but there is one account that correlates an experience I have already shared with the group. Some of you may recall the night I recorded -- *and also heard* -- a voice while alone upstairs in April (clip is posted on the SSP site). Around the same time, I had noticed a streak of light moving upwards toward the ceiling (unfortunately it happened too quickly to film). Suspecting this may have been a reflection from car lights out on Union St, I watched numerous vehicles pass, without recreating the effect.

On Aug. 24, at 6:30am, the aforementioned employee witnessed what sounds like the same streak of light! She even supplied a diagram of exactly where she saw it, near the main desk downstairs. This, of course, is near the stairway where Pamm took the famous "streak" photo.

Why activity is on the rise here is open to speculation. We'll be there many times in the coming weeks and anticipate some interesting events!

**Gettysburg "Apparition"** while at a recent booksigning at Mark Nesbitt's one couple shared an "apparition" photo that looked suspiciously like a Union re-enactor. Taken in the Valley of Death at dusk (Little Round Top is just visible behind him) this guy looked both a little too solid to be a spirit and a little too "clean" to be an actual soldier from 1863. (Even the much better equipped Union army still endured a hot, dusty march following Lee into PA and I don't think ghosts get clean uniforms when they pass on!) Although they claim he was there one moment and gone the next without saying a word, I warned them that some re-enactors like to play "ghost", especially at night, and Mark later told them the same thing after viewing it. He did suggest they e-mail him a copy so he could ask around and see if the "apparition" looked familiar, but I don't think the ghosthunter's "Holy Grail" will have been found with this photo!

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