



WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO FOR MONEY
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THE COFFEE PSYCHIC



Above, Jorianne the Coffee Psychic (seated far right) prepares the group for their readings at Mindy Anderson's Orland Park home by playing tapes of what she says are spirit voices recorded from previous readings.

Right, Jorianne always asks a client first whether they want to hear everything, good or bad.

Below, Carol Jensen (right) of Lowell, Ind., gets a reading from Jorianne as Jensen's daughter-in-law, Kris Jensen, of Oak Forest, listens. Jorianne gave Carol information from her brother, who died two years ago.



JORIANNE the Coffee Psychic gathers the women around her at Mindy Anderson's Orland Park home. "We'll see how many dead people show up tonight," Jorianne tells them.

The women take turns going into the kitchen for their coffee readings.

First up is Kirsten Coulman, Anderson's sister-in-law from Plainfield. As Coulman pours coffee into a carafe, Jorianne asks her, "Are you skeptical?"

"A little," Coulman admits. "I've never had any reading done before, and I'm a little nervous. I don't know why, I'm not a nervous person."

Coulman hands Jorianne the carafe and sits down facing her.

Jorianne pours coffee into a cup that Coulman brought with her to the reading and immediately has good news for Coulman.

"You have such a beautiful aura," Jorianne tells her.

Jorianne claps, breathes deeply and waves her hands over the coffee and proceeds with the reading. She will look at the coffee's bubbles, the way the coffee swirls in the cup and using half-and-half cream (the only kind she uses) she reads the past, present and future in the pictures, images, numbers and letters formed in the cream as she pours it into the coffee.

Jorianne the Coffee Psychic said she first recognized her psychic talents as a young girl.

She has been practicing coffee readings, borrowed from an ancient Hispanic tradition of tea-leaf reading, for about 20 years. She will do one-on-one readings and also does about seven group parties, like Anderson's, a week.

The act of reading is "actually like a motion picture," Jorianne said. As the cream is poured, the images start forming and are constantly moving and changing.

Jorianne said she performs the readings with 75 to 85 percent accuracy and gets feedback from former clients up to 10 years later.