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## January Sunday Services

- Jan 4**     **10:00am: Our UU Path-** As Unitarian Universalists, we enjoy a great deal of diversity. This diversity makes us stronger as we learn and grow from one another. Join us as members of our Fellowship share their religious history and their current spiritual path.  
 Service Associate: Rev. Pam Langston-Daley  
**Potluck follows the service**
- Jan 11**     **9:00am: Forum: What do your hobbies do for you?**  
**10:00am: Thomas Starr-King-** This well respected Unitarian Minister is credited with keeping California in the union during the Civil War. His history and heritage are grounded in the principles of freedom and democracy. Today we will learn about the legacy he left behind.  
 Rev. Pam Langston-Daley
- Jan 18**     **10:00am: What AIDS Epidemic? Isn't That Over Yet?** Andy Kreyche will be joined by Dr. John David Dupree, former Resident HIV/AIDS Advisor in Southern Africa and Rev. Bongane Nyathi, a young Soweto-born Zulu, to discuss local, national, and global implications of the AIDS epidemic.  
 Service Associate: Andy Kreyche
- Jan 25**     **9:00am: Forum: Is there anything positive in the world today?**  
**There will be no 10:00 am service this morning.**  
**2:00pm: BUILDING DEDICATION -** These renovations were made possible by the generous contribution of Dolores Abrams and the hard work of many dedicated and committed people. We invite you to join in celebrating this momentous occasion. Local clergy and other guests will be participating.  
 Rev. Pam Langston-Daley
- Feb 1**     **10:00am:** Rev. Gary James, minister at the North Shore Unitarian Church in Illinois (and brother of Randy), will speak. More details will follow in next month's Unicorn.

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## Langston-Daley Thoughts

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As the new year is upon us, we are about to dedicate our fine new building. I hope that many of you (if not all of you) will join us in this re-dedication. The service will be held on January 25 at 2pm. There will be no 10am service that day.

I have invited local clergy to participate in the service, and we have sent invitations to local officials and past members. It should be a rowdy event, with lots of singing and celebrating!

We hope, too, to be moving into the new house this month. As of right now (mid-December) we have not yet signed any paperwork and are still waiting for South County Housing to finalize their paperwork. It continues to be a long wait, and we are looking forward to the move.

This new year seems to be full of changes, and being an election year, we can only hope that trend continues. I encourage each of you to read all you can about the candidates and vote your conscience. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process are central to our principles and purposes. It is our responsibility to become informed and to engage in the political process.

While I cannot tell you who to vote for, I can encourage you to vote, and to ask you to encourage others to vote as well. This November will, no doubt, prove to be an important election and the more information we can gather, the more people we can engage in the process, the more likely we are to create the future we wish to see.

Our new building will be a home for this exploration, for the work we will do in the coming years. It reflects our commitment to the values and principles of Unitarian Universalism. At our dedication, we will honor this commitment and look toward the future, together.

Shanti,

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## Board Notes from November, 2003

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At the November meeting, the Board approved the following:

- Send check for \$2,500 from Beth Coats' estate to the UU Service Committee, as indicated in Beth's will.

Two other important matters dealt with by the Board:

- Reviewed progress on implementation of UUF Growth Plan, with a focus on actions delegated to Board. First priority to address this year (in partnership with Committee on Ministry): Plan and design a process to engage the membership in revisiting and reaffirming the Fellowship mission.
- Came to consensus that UUF members are eligible for staff positions.

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### Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Minister's Performance in Relationship to the Letter of Agreement

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Our Bylaws require that an ad hoc committee review our minister's performance in relation to the Letter of Agreement every two years. We wanted to let the congregation know that a committee has been constituted to undertake this review and will be doing so over the next two months. At the end of this time a report will be presented to the Board and the Committee on Ministry. Over the next month, we will be contacting committee chairs, board members, and a randomly selected set of members to solicit feedback on specific aspects of Pam's performance.

Don Hoernschemeyer

Karen Holl

Ron Kane

Morgan Van Dyke



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## President's Letter

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One of the many joys and challenges of being a Unitarian Universalist is the diversity of thought and individual passions each of us brings to our community. Such diversity often brings with it differences of opinion and spirited discussions.

Bruce and I experienced this at the December dinner club party we hosted yesterday evening as we discussed the various presidential candidates. What struck me as our guests were leaving was that after everything was over, we all had listened to each other and were willing to examine what was said as well as our feelings on the subject. Most importantly, there was a wonderful atmosphere of caring for each other and the group as a whole, and as everyone was leaving, hugs were given to all by all.

Does this sound as if we need a Covenant of Right Relations? Perhaps not, if this was an example of how our Fellowship always behaves. However, as I know many of you are aware from your personal experiences, this is not always the case. There are many among us who have come from other congregations who have experienced painful and permanent divisions in our Congregations, and the size, resources, lay-led or not, and location seem not to significantly matter. I believe such a covenant, named "right relations" or not, can create congregations that are safe for all members.

In our congregation we have a Committee on Ministry (CoM) whose charge is to manage conflicts between and among members, staff, minister, and the external community. There is a process in place, and often it begins with the difficult step of telling someone who may have offended you what you're feeling as a result of his or her words or actions before it is brought to this committee.

A Covenant of Right Relations can assist the committee as well as the conflicting parties in managing or resolving a conflict. It can also serve as a basis for developing policies that cover disruptive, overtly threatening, or repeated antagonistic behavior. These can be developed by the Board and the CoM with a goal of creating a healthy and safe congregation with clearly defined boundaries. In a recent UUA *InterConnections* article for lay leaders we were reminded that when protective policies are already in place, the handling of problem people can be more easily and quickly managed.

Both a Covenant of Right Relations and behavior policies reflect two UU Principles that state we promote, "The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all", and "The inherent worth and dignity of every person." These can exemplify the health and maturity of the congregation as whole. I hope we will work on these together.

In Faith,

Kären

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## Community Building in a Liberal Religious Tradition

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On Sunday, December 7th, the Committee on Ministry hosted a meeting to inform members about Covenant of Right Relations. This was a good discussion about Covenant of Right Relations, and many in attendance felt that this was a very helpful community building exercise. It was suggested that more discussions in the same format would promote the overall health and well being of the Fellowship. It was also clear from conversations following the meeting that members had other topics they wished to discuss.

Following up on this suggestion, the Committee on Ministry will host a series of discussions under the general topic of *Community Building in a Liberal Religious Tradition*. The first discussion in this series will be held following the Sunday Service on January 11th in the Fellowship Hall. The discussion topic is *The Health of Our Spiritual Leadership*. Additional discussions have tentatively been scheduled for February 22nd and March 21st. Discussion topics for these two dates have not yet been set. If you have ideas for topics, please suggest them to any member of the Committee on Ministry (Janus Blume, Bruce Fihe, Bob Kraft, Marley Smith-Merrill, Patt Taylor). We will continue these discussions as long as they serve the needs of the congregation and our shared ministry.

These will be moderated discussions, conducted in the spirit of a Covenant of Right Relations, and in the form of the Evensong tradition. We will explain both the spirit and the form at the beginning of each meeting. These discussions are open to all members and friends of the Fellowship.

Committee on Ministry

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## Meet our new members.

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### SALLY REAL

Sally Real's religious background was varied, belonging to various Christian churches, a short stint in the Catholic Church, Unity Church, and finally Unitarianism introduced by her daughter Jane. Her partner, Bill Taggart, had a history with Unitarianism. Sally likes to travel, read, walk, watch foreign films and documentaries. She likes to visit art galleries, swim at Simpkins Swim Center, play with her grandson Riley, and visit her granddaughters in Alaska and Florida. She is also a vegan and writes and creates veggiegrams. She is a volunteer docent at Ano Nuevo and Natural Bridges state parks, a member of Life Long Learners at UCSC, Friends of SC State Parks, Sempervirens funds, Rancho del Oso, Friends of Long Marine Lab, MOMA in San Francisco, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Elderhostel, and a home exchange organization. Skills that she would like to share with the Fellowship are gardening, food preparation, set up and clean up after potlucks, etc, singing in the choir, and organizing closets and kitchens. She feels she is a creative and idea person, and has a positive attitude, sees the cup as half full. She also feels she has a creative author hidden in her that occasionally emerges. and is grateful for the simple life. She treasures each moment and believes that each of us can make a difference and small steps count.

### BILL TAGGART

Although Bill's family did not have a religious affiliation, his mother required him to attend a local Christian church Sunday school. He first attended a UU Fellowship in Hyde Park in Chicago in 1965 and was a member of the Miami Fellowship for several years, and also attended other fellowships and the Ethical Society.

He likes to volunteer, travel, take nature walks, visit museums, enjoy the arts, but especially be with his grandchildren. He belongs to Life Long Learners at UCSC, Sempervirens Fund, Elderhostel, ACLU, Hosteling International, AARP, MOMA in San Francisco, and Homelink International. A skill that he can bring to our Fellowship is computer (Macintosh) knowledge. He has been involved in and taught about computers since 1962. He can also help with setup logistics before and after a Sunday meeting. He retired from Florida International University in 1997 where he was a professor of management and moved to Santa Cruz a week later. He developed and taught Intuition in Management at all levels of university business education. These courses won national awards for innovative education in business.



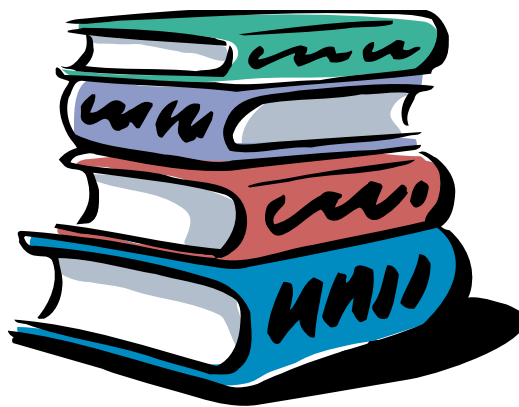
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## First Friday Book Group

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The First Friday Book Group faces 2004 quite well organized, at least through April (when we will be worrying about taxes instead of books). January's selection is "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight" by Alexandra Fuller; February it will be "A Lesson Before Dying" by Gaines; March it's "Ethnic America" by Sowell; and in April we'll be reading "I Heard the Owl Call my Name" whose author is Margaret Craven.

Won't you join us? We meet the first Friday of each month at 7:30 at Joan Roberts's home. Call 688-7598 for more information.



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## Singles Group of UUFSCC

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**What:** The next monthly Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County Singles Group activity meeting.

**Where:** Museum of Art & History  
McPherson Center  
705 Front Street

For directions please call: 429-1964

**When:** Saturday, January 17, 2004  
10:00am until noon

**Who:** Any members who are currently single AND any friends you have that are singles (Please invite them to join us)

**Why:** For lots of fun with great people!  
Call Jodi Holden at 831.722.9700

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## January Dinner Club

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If the second Saturday evening is not suitable, feel free to choose a mutually convenient time. Remember 1 is host, 2 brings main dish, 3 brings salad, 4 brings dessert and 5 brings vegetable or host's choice.

### Group 1

- 1 Kane
- 2 Keith-Spiegel/Racimora
- 3 Seamon
- 4 Hoernschemeyer/McVeigh

### Group 2

- 1 Crahen/Real
- 2 Ratcliffe
- 3 Anton
- 4 Dupree/Makalani

### Group 3

- 1 Mohsenin
- 2 Wilson
- 3. Oxley/Newfarmer
- 4 Hudson/Shackelford
- 5 Thiemann

### Group 4

- 1 Rogers
- 2 Alexander/Bailey
- 3 Boone
- 4 Farhi/Humphrey

### Group 5

- 1 Milgate/Trusso
- 2 Collier-Young
- 3 Lewis/Marvin-Travis
- 4 Wood

### Group 6

- 1 Lamb
- 2 James/McCrow
- 3 Newman
- 4 Forsyth

### Group 7

- Smith/Merrill
- Hinz
- Aaker/Fihe
- Witz
- Holden

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## PCD: Dear Chalice Lighters and other Friends

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*[NOTE: the deadline is the end of December! Still, it is good to be aware of this program. - the Publisher]*

Three times a year we ask Unitarian Universalists in the PCD to contribute to a selected growth-oriented project in our district. I can't think of a more important time than now in our region and our nation for us to support and extend our brave and loving UU faith.

This is the first Chalice Lighter call for the congregational year. And it's an extra-important one. At our fall meeting, the PCD Growth Committee was excited to select proposals from two congregations. Both are dedicated to giving concrete form to their growth plans.

Our congregations in Santa Rosa and Livermore are engaged in building programs to increase visibility, reach out beyond their walls, welcome more people, expand programs, and build up their intergenerational communities. They're fired up and working hard.

The Santa Rosa congregation has purchased a downtown theater complex and has begun renovation work. The visibility of its central location couldn't be better, and it's handy for those who use public transit. The plans are beautiful. The Livermore Church is finishing and furnishing a Religious Education building, which includes facilities for youth programs. They are committed to a ministry for all ages. These projects support the growth of UUism.

Free money! This is why this is a special call: All the donations we give now will help the PCD win matching grant funds. They will give us \$4000 if we can raise \$8000. Our deadline for this match is December 31. We snooze, we lose!

This matching grant is a substantial source of funds for the PCD Growth Consultant position, ably served by my inspirational colleague, the Rev. Michelle Favreault. My own Sunnyvale church's lay leaders and staff have learned so much from the numerous workshops she has led around the District. As a returning member of the Growth Committee, I rely on her expert support in moving forward the vision and goals of the PCD Growth Plan.

To qualify for this match, we must raise more than any single Chalice Lighter call so far.

As you think of your year-end financial giving, please consider an extra-large Chalice Lighter gift for the two congregations, and help the PCD snag this large chunk of grant funds. I usually send \$30 per call, but right now I'm stretching myself up to \$100 for this reason.

Donations that arrive by December 15 will be totaled and, after a 10% administrative fee is deducted, will be divided evenly between the two congregations. The PCD Office will then send a very merry holiday check to each one.

With thanksgiving and hope,

Roger

Rev. Roger Jones, for the PCD Growth Committee & Chalice Lighters



Women Walkers meets the first Sunday of every month after the service and a group of 2-? women go for a walk or hike somewhere in the vicinity. If there is a potluck we usually stay for that and if not we bring snacks and sandwiches for our own picnic before the exercise.

January is still open if anyone has great suggestions for winter walks. We're sure that people have a favorite place to walk. Just plan on being there after the service or potluck if there is one.

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## Caring Connection

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**NOTE:** From now on, the Caring Connection is meeting at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of the month, off site (not on the third Tuesday.)

Please check the **Caring Connection Board** on Sunday mornings if you can offer food for members and friends who are recovering from illness or surgery.

Have you ever noticed how much you "get" by "giving"?

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## Loaves and Fishes

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Volunteers needed (desperately) to feed the homeless on Sunday early evenings. Please contact Gene Stevens at 475-4674, 600 Park Ave, Apt 11A Capitola, CA.

- Jan 4 Mary Brooks
- Jan 11 Michael Loik  
Karen Holl
- Jan 14 Brad Trusso  
Linda Mullgate  
Judy Anton
- Jan 25 Social Action  
David Wood, Coordinator




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## Feburary Congregational Meeting

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There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2004 after the service to set the goals for 2004-5. Please contact any Board member with your suggestions. It is hoped that we will have this list ready for distribution and responses by the middle of January. We're looking for input from all the committees on this as well.

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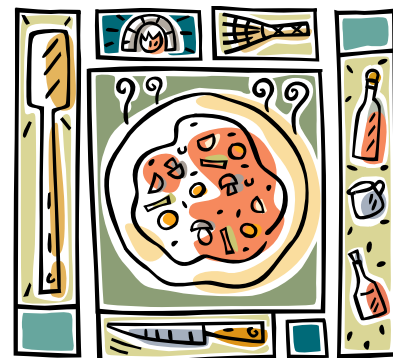
## ANNUAL AUCTION GALA and PIZZA PARTY

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Tickets for the Fellowship's Annual Family Auction Gala and Pizza Party will go on sale February 1. Party date is Saturday, February 21.

Admission will be \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, with a maximum of \$20 and \$24 per family. Children 5 and under will be free.

Auctioneers for the 2004 event will be John Barker and Tricia Keith-Spiegel. For information call Rosalie Kraft, 475-5660, Jane Boone, 684-0410, or Sylvia Forsyth, 685-8637.




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## Unicorn Deadline

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The deadline for Feburary is January 18th. Please place articles in the Unicorn office folder or email them to the editor by that date. Please email computer text and photos. Thanks.



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## New Members for the Directory

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Please add the following new members to your member directory

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## Member of the Month: Clayton Rost

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This is the story of a has been. At 80 years of age, my life is a has been, so here goes - I "has been" a bunch of stuff:

Raised in Minnesota; high school, college and law school at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis; Practiced law short time there, then with NLRB in San Francisco, with Texaco in Los Angeles, then 13 years in Eureka, CA, then San Francisco, and Palo Alto; Ten years as real estate broker in Santa Cruz County, and now I assist Joan in managing our rental properties.

As a child of the great Depression of 1929-1940, I saw good people with nothing. I lived through General MacArthur's rousting of the veterans from the nation's capital and the concentration camps for the Minneapolis strikers. I read Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." I spent two teen age summers on a farm in western Nebraska where the wind blew all the time and the cars ran on kerosine which cost less than the 19 cent a gallon gasoline. I recall Franklin Roosevelt defeating Herbert Hoover in 1932 and saving our nation from revolution. I have been a survivor and a life-long Democrat. As a Democrat I have been:

County chairman (in Eureka) of a Congressman  
A Central Committee member

A Jack Kennedy Delegate to 1960 Democratic  
Convention

A Robert Kennedy Delegate to 1968 Democratic  
Convention

Active in Congressional and Local political campaigns

Active in saving the Porter-Sessnon tract from  
development - now State Park property.

President Kennedy and our Congressman were killed  
in the same year.

The needs of my three children and the need for like minded people caused my then wife and I to be among the founders of the Humboldt Unitarian Fellowship. I was also a member of the Berkeley Fellowship and the Palo Alto Unitarian Church until moving to Santa Cruz.

Marriage to my former spouse foundered in the 1970s at the intersection of feeling and logic. I supported my children through University education and my former spouse through graduate school. Joan and I have been married 21 years. We have backpacked, hiked with the Sierra Club and now usher at the San Francisco Opera and Ballet

I have prostate cancer which is under treatment. The doctors have predicted that this will be successful - as one of them said, "You will probably die of something else" I did not find this totally consoling.



***FIRST SUNDAY POTLUCK  
JAN 4, 2004***

*A-G-DESSERT; H-L-MAIN DISH; M-R-  
SALAD; S-  
Z-VEGETABLE*

*PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR  
SET UP AND CLEAN UP.*

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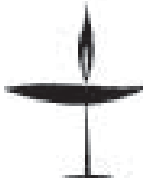
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