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September Sunday Services

All Sunday Morning Services Begin at 10:00a.m.

Sept 2

"Labor of Love Workday"

There will be no formal service today but we will be of service to our beloved community and fellowship grounds. Come in your grubbies, with tools and elbow grease, to spend an hour sprucing up the place! Scott Young, Facilities Committee

Sept 9

"The Gathering of the Waters"

As we return from our summertime off and away, we bring ourselves back together in the form of water and a Haiku (see Publisher's Note for details, page 2). Join us this morning for our annual homecoming service.

Terra Collier-Young, Service Associate

Sept 16

"Help! I've Been Reclassified."

Join us as Rev. Deane introduces herself through a social justice themed service on the effects of labeling. Rev Deane Oliva

Sept 23

"What Kind of Fellowship is This?"

Every religious group creates a position on the institutional spectrum. What place has UUFSCC chosen and how does it translate into action?

Rev Deane Oliva

Sept 30

"Say it Loud! Say it Proud!"

As the Bay Area UUA ad campaign begins, a little history, a little theatrical emphasis and an emphasis on dialogue, yields a particularly relevant elevator speech tune-up. Rev Deane Oliva

Please submit all Unicorn related material to unicorn@uufsc.org. The due date for the October issue is September 9.

Please note this early date.

Publisher's Note



September heralds the beginning of things for us at the UUFSCC: school and RE start as the great cycle of the year leans towards autumn and the UUF will welcome our new consulting minister Rev Deane Oliva with our annual "Gathering of the Waters" ceremony on September 9. This gathering is an opportunity for us to share our summer experience with the congregation and combine the waters of where we've been, be it the kitchen sink, the Indian Ocean, or any other place in between. (There will be special water from "the 7 Seas" available if you were unable to bring water from your travels.) You are encouraged to craft a Haiku to tell us about your water. The constructs of a Haiku are in the counting of syllables, 5-7-5. Here is an example I got from the website <http://glitteringstew.com/>.

*September suns rays
slice across verdant gardens.
Cold nights chill my toes.*

It may be of interest to you to know the way the Unicorn is arranged: The business of the congregation is in the first few pages, followed by the important work of the committees. UUA and PCD information will be featured when relevant. Religious Education articles and the calendar are a part of the main body of the text. The "fun stuff" like poetry, book group, the dinner club and potlucks (we do like to eat!) will be listed in the last pages for easy access; and a photo gallery will be on the back page.

The Unicorn is also available on line at our website, www.uufsc.org; check it out! I hope you find this publication informative and enjoyable,

Your Publisher, Terra Collier-Young

A Fond Farewell to Rev Ann Schranz



Minister's Musings

Hello Everyone!

I am so pleased and excited to be here. I have met a few of you and, so far, I can attest to your fine sense of hospitality and genuine helpfulness. I can't wait to meet each of you and begin our particular journey together.

My office hours this first month will be 11:30a.m.-3:30p.m. on Tuesdays, 10a.m.-2p.m. on Wednesdays, and 12-4p.m. on Thursdays. Office hours are times when, each week, I plan to be at the Fellowship. However, I will be available at other times as well. Please feel free to drop in or make an appointment. Yes, late afternoons and early evenings are okay times to schedule a visit. Tell me who you are, what matters to you, what you give to and receive from the Fellowship of Santa Cruz County.

Monday is my day off. I'd like to keep that day "sacred," allowing myself to practice good self care habits. I encourage you, too, to find some sacred self care times-- times for a long walk, a bath, a time for meditation or prayer. It doesn't have to be a long break in your day, perhaps a half hour, but it should be a half hour that is set aside just for you. So often when we take the time to care for ourselves we find more energy to actively engage in the projects that matter to us.

I look forward to meeting you. In peace,
Deane (Formal title: Rev Dr Claudene F Oliva)

Important Website News

The Communications Committee as been meeting monthly and working to make our website more accessible and enjoyable for both visitors and members alike. In order help to limit the dissemination of some information, we have set up a members' link that will require a user name (**green**) and password (**room**). At this time, the link will include an updated directory listing and past issues of the Unicorn newsletter.

On September 9, Scott Young will be available after the service to take interested folks on a virtual tour of our website and into the "Members" link.



Your input is welcome. Contact us by email at communications@uufsc.org. For the website, uweb@uufsc.org, and for the newsletter, unicorn@uufsc.org.

In Quality Communication, Terra Collier-Young, Aurora Skarra-Gallagher, and Scott Young

President's letter

Dear Friends:

I have just returned from a whirlwind summer of travels. These included attending GA, UU University, which is a two day leadership training conference just prior to General Assembly, and the week long PCD Leadership School, which followed GA here in the Bay Area. Here are some key ideas that for me emerged from these three intense experiences: As a leader, four of the most important questions to ask are: Who are we? What is our purpose? Who are our neighbors? and, What kind of impact are we making in the world?

We can ask these four questions of ourselves as individuals, we can ask them of our committees, we can ask them of our board, and we can ask them of the congregation as a whole. I would suggest that answers to these questions change over time and, therefore, the questions need to be asked again and again as a way to ground us in our current mission. How would you answer these questions for your committee or group? How would you answer them for the Fellowship? Ultimately, the way we answer these questions helps guide us in our strategies--they can help guide us through change.

In answering the first question I am impressed with how important it is to know one's forbears as a foundation for establishing identity. Who our mothers and fathers are as individuals has a great deal to do with our sense of self and of our place in the world. Similarly, knowing who our UU forbears are has much to do with our understanding of our identity as a UU Fellowship. But how many of us know much about Unitarian Universalist history? Who was Theodore Parker? How about Olympia Brown? What are the connections between European Unitarianism and American Unitarian-Universalism? Did you know that Unitarianism was the third protestant religion to form in the 16th century (after Lutheranism and Calvinism)?

Finally, it came home to me again and again that as a non-creedal faith, what holds us together are our relationships. Hence, our covenants with each other--however formal or informal--are the foundation of our faith rather than dogma. The implications of this are far reaching. How we are with each other, as well as how we WANT to be with each other, affects how we answer the other three questions.

What are your answers for yourself, your committee, the congregation?

Faithfully, Marsha Hudson

Philosopher's Stone

the ripple effect
one's power spreads hope and change
for a better world



by Gloria Buono © 2006

Committee On Ministry

Welcome to a new year at UUFSCC! Your Committee on Ministry had its annual retreat on August 11 and we are ready to go for an exciting new year. Linda, Lee and I met with rejoining members Bob Kraft and Mark Rogers to get back up to speed after a summer off and we were very happy that Rev Deane was able to join us. We decided on our roles for the coming year and did a complete review of our charter, which led to lots of interesting discussions about what has happened in the past and what we want to help create, facilitate and support in the future.

We are excited about working with Rev Deane. Since we didn't have a normal candidating week with her she will make her packet of information available as soon as she starts, for those who want to get to know her a little more that way; and of course starting September 1, she will be around giving us all a chance to get to know her.

Continue to feel free to contact any of us with any issues relating to our shared ministry. If you have questions or conflicts about anything please let us know; and remember we have a suggestion/comment box on one of the tables near the entrance every Sunday, if you don't want to contact one of us directly.

Erica Crawford for the C.O.M. with Mark Rogers, Bob Kraft, Linda Neher and Lee Cavanaugh

Canvass Notes



Ninety-three pledging units have made the 2007-08 pledges totaling \$128,305. The median pledge was \$750 and the range of pledges was from \$77 to \$9038. This year's canvass amounts to \$10,000 more than last year. We thank all the members and friends, including new members who gave so generously.

Iran Mohsenin

Social Action Committee Report

Social Justice and Action Planning

As we approach the end of summer, there are several future dates and events which need our attention. There are, for example, many homeless and poor children that, with school days approaching, need basic educational and clothing supplies. Last year with the local Western Workers Association we were able outfit many families with backpacks, clothing and related items as well as items for the classroom. Elizabeth Strong, who has for several years been a leader in gathering these supplies, will, with your assistance, continue this campaign. At the Sunday services in September there will be table and sign-up list for those congregants who wish to help. Please do.

SAC urges your participation in a planned series of free non-violent communication workshops scheduled to start 11:30a.m. Sunday, September 9 at the fellowship. See article on page 10 for details.



Looking ahead to October, we are also concerned about the historical and current status of the Native American since Columbus left his

indelible footprint on this continent 515 years ago. Several ideas have been put forward about how and when we can best address this topic. If you have any wish to take part in this exploration let us know.

UN day is on October 24. Since its inception in 1945, we have had an office at the UN. Should we examine UN recent history in bringing about positive social change across the globe?

The Middle East is always in the news these days...Iraq, Iran, Palestine and Israel, Pakistan and Afghanistan. With Veterans Day in November, we have time to possibly plan a program around the US political and military interests in this sensitive and significant region.

The Social Action Committee, in short, needs your input and participation while we are studying programming for the next few months.

Our next regular SAC meeting will be at the Fellowship on Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 7:00p.m. Our new minister, Rev Deane will be there to talk, among other things, about her social justice priorities and plans. Please come if you can and share refreshments and good talk.

by Brian Heath

The UUF: A Green Sanctuary



The Green Team, a new committee dedicated to our Seventh Principle respecting the interconnected web of existence, will be letting you know how you can lead a "greener" life.

Information that we pass along will come from many resources and we'll be listing some of them so that you can check them out. These suggestions are worth considering. We will also be letting you know how "green" the Fellowship is. Currently we are holding an inventory and audit to be completed this fall. Here for example is a notice about our UUF composting: On the second Saturday of each month you will notice "Gardening" workday at the Fellowship. All members are invited to help out but if you check with Scott Young, the Facilities Committee chairperson, you can come at any time to work on a project.

The UUFSCC has had a composting arrangement for many years, thanks to Sylvia Forsyth, John Thiemann, Michael Loik and Karen Holl, among others. However, it has not been consistently maintained; it needs to be regularly turned, dampened, and put into the garden ready. The composting bin was taken down as ineffective, as well as a visual eyesore, and will be replaced by an improved low profile composting system. We also have "worms" thanks to Karen Grubbe's workshop and the RE children tended them until 2005, but the worms have not been harvested for a long time. Green Sanctuary meetings will be held at 11:30a.m. on Sunday, September 30, and on Sunday, October 28, in the Gallery.

And from our resources: From Green Section *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 2007

Pounds of CO2 saved per year:

- 300 lbs - Install a low flow showerhead
- 1200 lbs - Buy minimally packaged goods, and reduce your garbage by 10% a year
- 2000 lbs - Lower your thermostat by 2 degrees in winter and raise it by 2 degrees in summer
- 1000 lbs - Insulate your water heater

Add it up - you can make a difference!!

For the UUF Green Sanctuary Team, Patt Taylor

Monarch seeks milkweed

Safe and simple; rests in grove

Sheds its skin and flies

by Linda Milgate



ISSP to Continue

It's been almost a year since the Homeless Shelter Services told us that, due to lack of funding, the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program (ISSP) would soon end.

As many of you know, our fellowship, along with 22 other churches in Santa Cruz County, has served as a satellite shelter once a week for 15 homeless people, overflow from the Santa Cruz shelter. They sleep right here in our beautiful sanctuary every Sunday evening. And we've been greeting our homeless guests with a pot of coffee and a warm home-cooked meal for over 21 years! It is amazing to me that over the years so many members of our fellowship have participated in this service project. We just keep showing up with a warm welcome and plenty of food to fill their bellies. Our oldest volunteer "UU Chef" (I won't say who) recently turned ninety! And, I hear from our homeless guests that his "chicken wing sauté" is the best.

Recently we learned that the Shelter Service has received a grant and will be expanding and adding bed space at their site on River Street. This means that ISSP really will come to an end. The expected ending date could be as early as December 2007. Stay tuned, though. Several churches are working on new ways in which we can continue to volunteer with Shelter Services. We will have more information on this later.

Meanwhile, our homeless guests are still arriving every Sunday evening, hungry, tired and glad to be at our beautiful facility. You many sign up to help prepare the meal by contacting Sally at sallyreal@baymoon.com. Many have discovered it to be a blessing.

Sally Real

The following note of appreciation, written to all of you, was left by one of our homeless guests last month:

*Dear UU's,
10 lost men came to your door.
You did not rebuke us, stone us,
Or chase us into the dark.
You opened your doors,
Offered us your food and clothing,
Showed us dignity and respect,
And love unconditionally.*

*We leave,
Men with faith
For a better day.*



The Larger UU Picture

Starr King School for the Ministry, in Berkeley, CA, will launch a new online certificate program in the fall of 2007 for Unitarian Universalist lay leaders and clergy. The courses are designed to explore and expand lay leaders' understand of UU theology, history, and polity. For more information check out their website at www.sksm.edu.

PCD Grant: Iran Mohsenin has written a grant to apply for funds from the Pacific Central District to further the "Growing Our Faith..." campaign by having our name and website pop up with key word searches like "liberal religion" and "social justice." *This will move our advertising into the 21st Century!*



October 14 has been designated by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) as "Association Sunday." Congregations are asked to hold a service on the theme of "Growing Our Faith Through Growing Our Numbers" and are asked to take up a special collection for the "Now Is the Time" fundraiser campaign. These funds will used for national marketing and growth outreach programs. For more information check out the UUA website at www.uua.org.

Looking Ahead: PCD Leadership Development Day will be held on November 10, at the UU Church of Palo Alto. This is an opportunity for new UUF leaders to learn some new skills and for current leaders to fine tune the skills they already have.

A New Home For Your Old UU World Magazine

Are you finished with your old copies of UU World magazine? Bring them into the fellowship where they can find a new home. Many new members have found that it takes quite of bit time, sometimes over a year, for their new subscription of UU World magazine to begin. Having past editions of the magazine available at the fellowship will help them see what is happening in our broader community. A box has been set up in the library marked for UU World magazines. Drop off your old copies, and anyone who is interested, please take what you would like.



Youth Religious Education Review

We had a wonderful summer of RE led by our generous volunteers. Thank you: Kara and Doug Bowman, Juliet Goldstein, Aren Hammond, Mary Brooks, Shannon Edwards, Lee Maranto, John Thiemann, Michael Loik, Iran Mohsenin, Don Hoernschemeyer, Brent Haddad, Liesa Lietzke, Jenean Watrous, Linda and Andy Neher, Woody Wood, and Mel Cole. We appreciate the giving of your time, energy and creativity to keep RE up and running during the summer!

RE classes resume Sunday Sept. 16. A focus of RE for the coming year will be the 7th principle which will allow the youth to connect with adults as we work on the Greening the Sanctuary program.

We strongly encourage all parents to come to the brief **All Fellowship RE meeting immediately following service on Sept. 16.** The teachers will share their plans for the year and the fellowship members can ask questions, give input, and fill out the mandatory registration forms.

Please note that the **Teen Fall Kick-off is September 7-9.** See Laurie or Lee for details.

We are pleased to welcome our new 4-6 grade teacher, Mary Montgomery. Mary is a student at Cabrillo College working towards a degree in kinesiology. She has worked extensively with children through leading a multi-age Hatha yoga class, working with the Monterey Bay Area Math project, and teaching children art. We are thrilled that our other four teachers – Juliet, Liesa, Lee, and Laurie are returning this fall.

Finally, we welcome Brent Haddad and Jenean Watrous as new committee members. Cindy Rogers is now the chair of the RE committee. Devi Tong is coordinating childcare.

—RE Committee (*Cindy Roger, Devi Tong, Thomas Witz, Ted Merrill, Brent Haddad, Karen Holl, Beth McKinnon, Jenean Watrous*)



Schedule for September:

- Sept. 2 – ALL AGES LABOR OF LOVE (come in work clothes)
- Sept. 9 – ALL AGES WATER CEREMONY
- Sept. 16 – FIRST DAY OF RE CLASSES
- Sept. 23 – RE classes
- Sept. 30 – RE classes



Class Updates

Preschool/Kindergarten Class

I am looking forward to hearing about the children's summer! A few upcoming activity samples for ecology & social action are: making dishes for the homeless, recycling crafts & learning about guide dogs for the blind.

—Juliet Goldstein

1-3 Grade Class

In conjunction with the process of becoming a 'green fellowship,' my focus for this year will be cultivating a sense of wonder about the natural world and all its creatures and resources. As usual, we will approach the material through art, games and direct experience! --Liesa Lietzke

4-6 Grade Class

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your input for the coming year! We will be focusing on the interconnected web of life and doing some activities to help the fellowship become more "green." --Mary Montgomery

Sunday Morning Teen Group

Welcome back teens! We'll be deciding some themes for our Sunday class at the Kick-off Retreat. Our first class will be a discussion of some class agreements that will not only be beneficial for our class, but for your everyday life too! I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon! --Lee Maranto

YRUU (teen youth group)

Teen Fall Kick-off Retreat September 7-9!

Lee and I will be leading a great teen weekend to kick off the year! We'll be creating this year's covenant, deciding when YRUU meets, and having a great time! If you were here last year, we'll call you with details; if you're new we'd LOVE to have you! I'm at 338-2778 or laurieinprint@gmail.com --Laurie Simpkinson

SEPTEMBER 2007

the calendar is always available online at www.uufsc.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
26	27	28	29	30	31
9:45 Religious Education - B 10:00 am Service 10:20 am RE - G 11:30 Green Sanctuary mtg - G 12:4pm RE Training - B 5pm ISSP FH/K	8:00 pm AA Stag 11 - FH	7:00 pm YRUU - G		5:30pm TGIF Linda & Andy Neher - OS	
2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00 am Labor of Love, work day 5:00 pm ISSP - FH/K	7:00 pm NVC Group - OS 8:00 pm AA Stag 11 - FH/K	7pm Sunday Services Committee - OS	7:00 pm Choir - OS	6pm SAC Potluck - G 7pm SAC meeting - G 7pm Sufi Dancing - FH	5:30 pm TGIF Mary Lou Lamb - OS 7:30 pm Book Club OS
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Enjoying Coffee Hour After the Service

The Poet's Corner

I've Known Rivers

I've known rivers:

*I've known rivers ancient as the world
and older than the flow of human blood in
human veins.*

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

*I bathe in the Euphrates when dawns were young.
I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to
sleep.*

*I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids
above it.*

*I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe
Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen
its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.*

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

Langston Hughes



CUUPS:

Covenant of UU PaganS

What a beautiful summer, warm days with light morning fog; a perfect lead into our very special Santa Cruz “Indian summer” and the long slide into autumn on September 23. I will be in England for that turning of the wheel, hopefully dancing around standing stones like the ancients did.

CUUPS hosted several drum circles up in the Oak Grove this summer that were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Even UUF elder Paul Blue and his daughter, Paula, came up to check it out! Any other ideas for CUUPS gatherings are welcome and encouraged.

I'll leave you with the words to a favorite hymn, “Chant for the Seasons, #73:

“Summertime has turned the star wheel,
autumn is upon us. Sweet the angling sun, sweet upon
the air the smell of blue mist rising. Summertime has
turned the star-wheel, autumn is upon us.
Glorious the trees, glorious the sight of rust leaves
falling, falling. Summertime has turned the star-wheel,
autumn is upon us.”

Blessed Be, Terra Collier-Young

Big News from the Art Committee

The Center Wall Art project is moving along quite readily. The Art Committee sent out invitations to all of the art guilds and other organizations in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, inviting artists in all media to send letters of interest to the Committee. We meet on July 17 to discuss the Project with the interested artists. On July 23 the Committee reviewed the submittals received: 2 painters, 2 metal sculptors, 1 muralist, and 1 fabric artist responded. After considered review, one of the metal sculptors appeared to be the top contender.

The sculptor, Toshiyuki (Toshi) Kawai, was invited to the Committee's meeting on August 6 to discuss the potential of his being commissioned to do the work. Many of our members may have seen his work exhibited during Open Studios (visit his website at www.kanadoko.blogspot.com.) Toshi is scheduled to come back to the Committee at its September 10 meeting and present a maquette (small model) of his proposed design for the wall. Based upon the Committee's determination at that time, the Committee will recommend either 1) arrange for presentation of the maquette and statement of the artist's design concept, by the Artist to the Congregation for their approval, or 2) that modifications be made to the proposed design, or 3) pay Toshi an agreed upon \$250.00 stipend for the production of the design and subsequent maquette and begin the search for an artist once more.

We on the Committee are excited by what we think will be produced by this talented artist. All interested members of the Congregation are invited to attend the September 10 meeting, which will be at the Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m.

Mel Cole for the Art Committee



Mokumegane #18 by Toshiyuki Kawai

Totem Art Project



The artistic expression of our Fellowship flourishes with a Totem Art Project. There will be several workshop dates to construct the parts of our unique totem out of clay, to fire them, glaze them, then arrange them into a totem pole that will grace our back area.

If you are interested, please mark the following dates on your calendar. The workshop set-up will September 8 from 10a.m-12p.m. The first workshop will be October 6, the second, October 27, both from 10a.m.-5p.m. Bring a lunch and any clay working tools you may have. An additional children's workshop will be scheduled for October. The adult workshops are for ages 15 and older.

Contact Patt Taylor to sign-up, 724-9545 or pattchouly4ever@sbcglobal.net.

Request for Art

The Art Committee invites you to submit your artwork for a show entitled "Artwork of the Fellowship" in the Fellowship Hall in October. This all-members exhibit is scheduled for viewing from October 21 until November 17. The goal of the Art Committee is to have an integrated presentation of artworks reflecting the talents of Fellowship artists. Works will be selected with visual cohesiveness of the total in mind. Because of space limitations size will also be a consideration. Details to be in the October Unicorn.

Photo by Erica Crawford published on the Sierra Club website: ventura.sierraclub.org/



The Great California Condors

And Even More Art!!

The Sky's the Limit Auction Task Force would love for you to express yourself on the canvass of a wooden folding chair. In the 2004 auction, the painted chairs were a prized item and we would like to do it again for the October 20, 2007 auction. Please look for "The Sky's the Limit" icon on the website for details, www.uufsc.org, or contact Terra Collier-Young at 462-4995.

Be a part of the *fun* in *fundraiser!*

Musical Ministry

Invitation for Choir:

Can you talk?

Then you can sing!

*Please consider joining
the UUFSCC Choir.*



We will be making beautiful music with an emphasis on folk, spiritual, classical, and ethnic based choral music. We'll be working on music for Christmas, Easter, and possibly a mid season concert as well as monthly singing for Fellowship services. This is a non-audition choir and we need you!

We'll have our first meeting/potluck on Wednesday, September 5th at 7p.m. at 215 Prospect Heights, Santa Cruz, to get together to sing, play with some musical ideas, and discuss what type of songs we'd like to perform in the upcoming year. We'll practice on most Wednesday nights at 7p.m. at the Fellowship in the Gallery and twice monthly on Sundays at 9a.m. Please know that you will be warmly welcomed whatever your skill and experience level. The act of singing together creates fellowship, and is excellent for physical, spiritual, and mental health. Vocal music can help bring home a point, inspire us to greater social awareness and action, and keep us company on the journey.

Invitation for Small Ensemble:

Do you love to sing and /or play instruments but are already over committed with other musical or church projects? Would you like to perform at UUFSCC, but not have the time for a weekly commitment? Then please consider the UU Small Ensemble. We will schedule the group to perform once a month at most, one or two rehearsals tops, with songs that you likely already know. Repertoire could include music from other cultures with percussion, could be 3-or even 4- part harmonies. Strong voices and/or musical skills are very important.



Invitation for Instrumentalists: I am currently compiling a list of instrumentalists to assist us in the Music Ministry at UUFSCC, to enrich our experience during services, by playing your instrument during Fellowship services.

Your presence will be warmly appreciated.

Please contact Gail Swain, UUFSCC Music Coordinator, at 459-9248 or gailsings@cruzio.com

Open Mic, a casual venue for performers of every expression, will happen in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 12. Doors open at 7:00p.m.

Contact Barry Seidler for details at 689-0670.

Chant and Meditation Circle:

Come experience the serene calm of meditation and the deep joy of chanting at our UUF Chant and Meditation Circle, held on the 4th Wednesday of the month; September 26 at 7:30p.m.. Leaders Jenean Watrous and Terra Collier-Young are looking for others to craft the hour-long gathering.



Please contact Linda Neher for details, 471-2109 or lindaneher@yahoo.com.

Non-Violent-Compassionate Communication Classes Begin

Thanks to a grant from our Endowment Committee, the Fellowship is able to offer members and friends a 5-week beginning class in Marshall Rosenberg's Nonviolent Communication (NVC,) also known as Compassionate Communication. NVC is a process that strengthens our ability to stay in touch with our humanity and get our needs met, even under difficult circumstances. Instead of habitual responses, our words become conscious responses based on a clear awareness of what we are observing, feeling, and wanting. We can learn to express ourselves with honesty and clarity, while paying respectful and empathic attention to others.



The classes will be held in the Gallery from 11:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. every Sunday from September 9 through October 7. If you are interested in attending, contact Linda Neher (471-2109) or Kara Bowman (438-5460.). Free childcare is available only to those who register for it before September 3.

Sunday Morning Greeters



The Membership Committee needs Sunday morning greeters. It is an easy job, taking only a little time, and is a great way to meet UUF members and friends.

Please see committee members Iran Mohsenin, Jane Boone, Judy Anton, Devi Tong, Deborah Pembroke, Joan Roberts, Chea (Hilda) Berra, and Rosalie Kraft, after the service to sign up.

"Welcome, we're glad you're here!"

Annual Fall Yard Sale

It's time to gather your good rummage for our Annual Fall Yard Sale, saving your very best items for the auction. The sale will be Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15. Friday's sale will be a TGIF from 5-7:30p.m., giving members and friends the first chance to buy the best of our wonderful bargains.

Yard sale leaders John Thiemann, Mary Brooks and Cindy Rogers will need helpers to set up, take down and staff the shifts. Call or email Cindy Rogers to volunteer, 462-2564 or avidcindy@gmail.com. John Thiemann can pick up large items.



Rosalie Kraft

2007 Auction Fundraiser

"The Sky's the Limit"

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, it will be declared that The Sky's the Limit on what we can raise to support our annual budget. That's right! We will be hosting an auction fundraiser on that day, so mark your calendar. With your donations this can be a very successful event; alleviating the deficit budget we passed for 2007-08. Here's how you can help! Search your own personal resources and those of your network, including businesses you frequent, family, friends, and neighbors. Here are a few ideas of what we are looking for:

- *new material goods of all kinds
- *tickets of all sorts
- *vacation rentals
- *sports equipment
- *backyard and gardening supplies
- *quality used items like unique gifts, jewelry
- *services like dessert of the month, tutoring, book-keeping, cleaning
- *musical instruments, CDs, performances
- *and painted chairs, see the article on page 9



Please respond by September 30 so we can have an accurate list of what is available for the printed program. There will also be advertising space available in the program: \$25 for a business card.

Contact Terra Collier-Young at terracoyo@yahoo.com or Bobbi Jo Palmer at ptspalmer@prodigy.net for information or to volunteer. Look for a donation application and auction news on the website: www.uufsc.org.

Hospitality Committee News

Thank you all for volunteering your energy and spirit and making our Coffee Hour service a success!

June - Ted & Marley Smith-Merrill, Mary Brooks & Ruth Valdez, Fred & Eve Seamon, Sally Real & Bill Taggart.

July - John Thiemann & Helen Jeffery, Marvin Miracle & Jan Larzelere, Kara & Doug Bowman, Randy James & Ann McCrow.

August - Barbara Woodruff & Patt Taylor, Linda & Andy Neher, Sally Real & Bill Taggart, Debra Bengert & daughters, Melissa and Madison.

Don't forget our "Welcome Rev Deane" potluck, September 9 after service.

A-D Main dish (your choice)

E-N Salads or Side dish

O-R Bread & Butter or Drinks

S-Z Dessert



Just a friendly reminder, all of our success depends on you to sign up in September for October.

Patt Taylor

First Friday Book Group



After a lovely summer and some good reading, including the book group's choices, we move on. In September we will be talking about Ian McEwan's "Saturday" followed by D.H. Lawrence's "Women in Love" in October. With a little sleuthing we found a copy of this 1970 movie starring Glenda Jackson, Alan Bates, and others to numerous too mention and so we will be watching that on October 6, the day after the book discussion.

Our sleuthing continues as we try to find a paperback copy of a biography of Gandhi. If we are successful that will be our November choice. If we're not you'll need to stay tuned to find out what our substitute is.

We meet at 7:30p.m. on the first Friday of each month at Joan Robert's home. Calling 688-7518 will get you more information.

Dinner Club Sign-ups

Now is the time to sign up for dinner club. Iran Mohsenin will have sign-up sheets and instructions available after Sunday services in September.

Dinner club will begin on the second Saturday of October. Look for your assignment in the October Unicorn.



*“Dance: An Affirmation of Life” service, Sunday, August 5
Photos by Erica Crawford*



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