

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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SUNDAY PROGRAMMING, June 2005

Sunday Services, 10:30-11:30am

June 5: “Planting Today for a Promising Tomorrow”

Walt Main and Hollie Dunham will lead us in our annual UU Flower Service and an appreciation of all those who have invested time and love in classes and activities for our children and youth over the past year. This will be an intergenerational service.

June 12: “Pray for Me?”, a post-modern view of a timeless theme. The sermon is seasoned with stories from the field, simple instructions for novices, and confessions from a reluctant, professional practitioner. The Rev. Ben Kocs-Meyers, preaching. Julie Doyle, Lay-Leader. Special Music, tba.

June 19: “The Beginning of a Journey: Our Transylvanian Unitarian Heritage”

It has been over 400 years since Bishop Francis David, the founder of European Unitarianism, uttered the famous words that changed the European religious landscape in the 16th century: “We need not think alike to love alike”. This Sunday we will celebrate and honor our Eastern European roots with Rev. Julia Kocs-Meyers. Julia, a Unitarian minister from Transylvania, holds a Masters of Divinity from Cluj, Romania and a Masters in Counseling from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley. She was a director of a crisis center for homeless families in San Francisco from 2000-2004.

June 26: “In Praise of Organized Religion”, by the Rev. Ben Kocs-Meyers.

Results from a recent survey on Religion in America claims that over 91% of Americans believe in God (when given their own ability to define the term,) yet only 31% go to church regularly and even fewer belong or hold membership in an organized, religious community. Conservative religion’s role and impact in American society today is undeniable and requires rebuttal. Today’s sermon is an unabashed hymn in praise of organized, *progressive* religion for our times. Bill Scarvie, Lay-Leader. Norm Crane, Music Coordinator.

July 3: “Don’t Think of Church” --George Lakoff’s work in the field of cognitive science and linguistics provides a radically different way of understanding human thought. What do his ideas on conceptual metaphor and embodied realism have to say to our liberal religious tradition? Some thoughts on traditional UU rationality, the language of reverence, conflict and social action. Myron Andes, guest speaker, is a third year Master of Divinity student at Starr King School of religion in Berkeley. He has also done graduate work in Religious Studies at Claremont Graduate School. He is a member of White Bear UU church in Minnesota.

Membership Committee Meeting Notice:

The Membership Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at the Fellowship starting at 3:00 PM. All members are invited to attend.

Volunteer of the Month – May 2005:

The Membership Committee has selected **Irving Yabroff** as volunteer of the month for June 2005. During the past year Irving has done an incredibly good job in enhancing our WWW.UUFLG.ORG web site, improving our communications by setting up and administering our Announcements and Discussions email lists and he has also served on the recent Interim Minister Search Committee. In addition he serves as our bookkeeper and is a member of the Finance Committee. Irving has just been elected to our Board of Trustees as Trustee #1 in charge of administration and our building. Wow! Next time you see him make sure that you say “Thanks, Irving”.

The Membership Committee will select a volunteer each month for special recognition. If you have a suggestion for our consideration please contact Jim Beebe, Harry Campbell, Ann Katherine Walton or Lou Yabroff.

Prospective Member Orientation:

The Membership Committee is sponsoring the second session of our Prospective Member Orientation. This session will take place in our Lounge on Sunday, June 26th starting at Noon. All new and prospective member are invited to attend (even if you did not get a chance to attend our first session). Members of our Fellowship will discuss Small Group Ministries, Lifespan Education, volunteer opportunities, women’s and men’s groups, bylaws, governance, stewardship, finances and our new interim minister. The meeting will last about an hour and there should be plenty of time for questions and answers. Child care will be provided if requested in advance. If you have any questions regarding this session please contact Harry Campbell at 408-374-8844 or email him at harry_redden_campbell@yahoo.com.

Ciao.
Harry

Social Justice News

Activities of the Social Justice Committee between May 2004 - May 2005 can be read in the annual report at our UUFLG website.

Friends Outside

If you are still downsizing after the UUFLG Garage Sale and Auction, there will be a pick-up of clean/ useable items for Friends Outside on Sun., June 19 at noon. (Clothes, small appliances, kitchen utensils would be appreciated.) Everything should be bagged or boxed and placed in the designated area of the deck that morning.

Contact Pam Rhodes English at (408) 266-5942 if you have questions.

The Thursday Morning Women's Group will meet June 9 at 10 a.m. in the West room. All members and friends are welcome. Our topic for discussion will be "Slaves to Energy," on page 24 of the May/June edition of the UU World. Questions? Contact Lida Kluzek at 294-4770.

DRE SEARCH

The UU Fellowship of Los Gatos DRE Search Committee is looking for a warm and caring person with a Child Development background. A Unitarian Universalist would be preferred but someone who understands and practices the seven principles would be acceptable. This is a 15 hour per week position for 12 months of the year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact: Joe Rafferty, Sabine Omvik, Ann Campbell, June Curtis or Julie Doyle. Thank you

YARD SALE A FANTASTIC SUCCESS!

We made \$779 for the fellowship, some of you cleaned out closets and garages, and lots of usable stuff found new homes instead of ending up in landfills. Many of you helped make this possible; those who donated stuff to sell, those who helped sort, set up, sell, and clean up, those who made signs, those who carted away left-overs, and those who were generally around to do what needed doing. Thank you all for your generous support and hard work. Well done!

INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO? The Board minutes and agendas are listed under "Board Meetings" on the left hand side of the home page of our website www.UUFLG.org.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE BOARD? There will be a guest commentary time for members at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Walt Main for more information and to schedule your 3 or 4 minute slot.

Walt: wmain@earthlink.net

Items for the monthly newsletter are to be submitted (by the **20th** of the month) to **Glen Marchant** at: UUFLGnews@att.net. Please submit articles and e-mail attachments as **single spaced MS Word documents, .rtf** (Rich Text format), or **plain text**, and limit to less than 200 words. The purpose of this newsletter is to foster communication and planning among friends and members. However, due to the size constraints of the printing, we regretfully cannot print opinion pieces.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Norman and Joanne Crane are home from a very interesting and exciting vacation to Egypt. They returned tired and happy, and were able to entertain their granddaughter, her husband and 3 little pre-school great granddaughters!

Linda Krenicky had a good business trip to Singapore in early May. Her husband Jim is enjoying his new position at work.

Katie Rall had a grand week in May visiting her sister and family on Maui, Hawaii.

Lida Kluzek spent time in Florida visiting and going to her granddaughter's high school graduation.

Doris and Leo Boyd enjoyed a long anticipated trip to Croatia.

John and Sabine with their children Kassandra and Andreas are having the month of May in Australia. John has business commitments, then the family will all have time to explore and enjoy the sights of the country.

That gives us lots to talk about at "coffee hour", with our conversations with members and friends.

Closer to home, 5 of us traveled to Hayward for a membership meeting sponsored by the PCD. Jim Beebe, Walt Main, Linda Krenicky, Barbara Kalmoutis, and Lou Yabroff attended and got ideas that we will consider doing here in our Fellowship.

That same week-end Social Justice sponsored a bird walk at the Charleston Slough in Sunnyvale. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Kendra Dunham for completing the Coming of Age program. This was done with the San Jose UU Church. Thanks to Julie Doyle for being her mentor for this program. We wish the "best" for Kendra and her parents Holly and Chris Dunham.

Congratulations to Chris Matthiessen who graduated this month from UC Berkeley with a BA in Economics!!! We are proud of you, and we wish you a successful summer in looking for a good job of your choice!

May 30 – Frank Levy to celebrate. This is the big 80th for Frank and the whole family will be celebrating with him for the week-end. Congratulations Frank from all your UU members and friends.

Several weeks ago, I had a conversation with Madie and Bob Shebesta who are now living in Folsom. They are attending the downtown UU church and enjoying making new friends there. They send their greetings to all of us, and hopefully soon can come visit us on a Sunday a.m. Their grandson Nate (you remember has childhood leukemia) is in remission. We continue to wish him well.

Have you heard that the Yard Sale made a profit of \$775 for the day? Special congratulations go to Julie Doyle and Connie Springer for the excellent job of organizing and publicizing it. Congratulations to all the helpers for the before sale, plus the day of the sale, and also for the clean-up. It was a full and busy time and WE DID GOOD!.

The Friday Film Night enjoyed the movie "Bush's Brain". Twelve persons enjoyed the flick, and the discussion following. At the same time, ten people enjoyed the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble of Russian Sacred Music and Folk Songs. This was the first activity of the Explorers Club.

May, June, and July seem to be the time for many artists to hold their annual presentations, in our area. I have attended several and encourage you to stop in and admire our artists' work. This is done thru the Silicon Valley Open Studios. Ask our friends Ed Lucey and Marilyn Miller.

We send warm health good wishes to those who can't join us on Sundays!

With hugs and love, PEACE to ALL!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO YOU!!

JUNE 7—MARTHA SHELDON, JUNE 10—JIM SHELDON, JUNE 10—NICKI CONNELLY, JUNE 19—PAULINE CRAWFORD, JUNE 27—JAMES RAFFERTY.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Jun 1** 7:00p -9:00p SGM meeting Lounge: By Invitation. Contact Julie Doyle or Doug Doughty
- Jun 2** 12:00p -1:00p RUMS Lunch on the deck: Brown bag lunch on the deck (or inside if it is cold or rainy) for men with flexible time. Come and enjoy an hour or so of sociability. Contact Bob Bixler 356-5697, rbixler@jps.net for information.
- Jun 3** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice West room. By Invitation. Contact Pauline Stonehill.
3:00p -5:00p Rental: Recital: Jessica Pinkham, Rehearsal*
- Jun 4** 10:00a -6:00p Rental: Recital, Jessica Pinkham
- Jun 5** 11:45a -1:00p Sunday Services Committee Lounge. All are welcome. Contact Nan Bixler
2:00p -5:15p Rental: Recital, Jane Sherman
- Jun 6** 10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums East, Contact Kristina Strand 395-5886
- Jun 7** 10:00a -12:00p SGM meeting Lounge. By Invitation. Contact Katie Rall or Lynn O'Keefe.
3:00p -4:15p Membership Committee meeting - all members are invited West. Contact: Harry Campbell
- Jun 9** 10:00a -12:00p Women's Group West. All women are welcome. Contact Lida Kluzek
6:30p -9:00p Board Meeting West. Contact Margo Smith 408-674-8933 ricepaper@sbcglobal.net All are welcome
- Jun 10** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice West. By Invitation. Contact Pauline Stonehill.
3:00p -6:00p Rental: Rehearsal, Leila Savage
- Jun 11** 4:00p -6:00p Rental: Recital, Andrea Levin
- June 12** 11:45-1 pm.: Sunday Services Committee meets in the lounge. Nan Bixler, contact.
1:00p -3:00p SGM Meeting Lounge, By Invitation. Contact Susan Parks
1:00p -5:00p Rental: Recital, Leila Savage
- Jun 13** 10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums East. Contact Kristina Strand 395-5886
7:15p -9:00p Women's Spirituality Group Lounge. Contact Ann Campbell
- Jun 15** 7:00p -9:00p SGM meeting Lounge. By Invitation. Contact Julie Doyle or Doug Doughty
- Jun 16** 3:00p -5:00p Rental: Recital Rehearsal, Marilynn Handloff
- Jun 17** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice West. By Invitation. Contact Pauline Stonehill.
- Jun 18** 12:00p -4:00p Rental: Recitals, Marilynn Handloff*
4:00p -6:00p Rental: Wedding - parking only, Kathy Keenan: Parking only
- Jun 20** 10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums East, Contact Kristina Strand 395-5886
- Jun 21** 10:00a -12:00p SGM Meeting Lounge. By Invitation. Contact Katie Rall or Lynn O'Keefe.
- Jun 24** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice West. By Invitation. Contact Pauline Stonehill.
- Jun 26** 11:45a -1:00p New and Prospective Member Orientation II, Lounge. Harry Campbell - 374-8844
12:30p -2:30p SGM Sunday Meeting-East.
- Jun 27** 10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums East. Contact Kristina Strand 395-5886
7:15p -9:00p Women's Spirituality Group Lounge. By Invitation. Contact Ann Campbell
- Jun 30** 5:30p -7:00p SGM Steering Committee Meeting Lounge. Contact Katie Rall

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