

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

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### **SUNDAY PROGRAMMING, March 2005**

**Sunday Services, 10:30-11:30am**

**No Sunday Forums this month**

#### **March 6: “Dwelling in the House of Tomorrow”**

Kalil Gibran’s paradoxical words echo in our common heart: “Your children are not your children...They come through you but not from you...You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.” As parents, grandparents and members of a faith community that believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person, what gifts, what provisions for the journey can we as Unitarian Universalists offer these children whose “souls dwell in the house of tomorrow?” Kate Throop is Acting Director of Lifespan Faith Development for the Pacific Central District. She has worked as a religious educator in large and small congregations in Texas, Florida and Sacramento, and has been an active lay leader in PCD since 1995. Kate will be available for discussion from 12-1pm in the sanctuary after the service related to our search for a DRE.

**March 13: Stewardship Sunday. “Valuing the Future, Now”** The Rev. Ben Kocs-Meyers preaching. The words of the great American social reformer, Dorothy Day, encourages us still, “Spend your life on something that outlasts it.” This Sunday, the hopes for the future of this congregation, the vibrancy of its mission and ministry, and the quality of its programs will either be met and fed, or not. What part will you play in this little drama? How *do* you derive the present value of your future legacy as a member or friend of this fellowship? Join us in deliberating together. JJ Martin, Worship Lay-leader.

#### **March 20: “Liberal Religion and the Holy Day Dilemma”**

Visit [www.interfaithcalendar.org](http://www.interfaithcalendar.org) and you will find a list of “primary sacred times for world religions” . . . some 231 religious holidays that “provide occasions for celebration, reflection, prayer, study, and devotion.” There are no Unitarian Universalist holidays in this list. Why? What types of observances would add depth and meaning to our religious experience? Could we create a calendar of observances that remains true to our commitment to inclusive, non-credal liberal religion? What would a personal calendar of religious observances look like? This service will explore these and other questions. Bill Scarvie is a member of the Committee on Shared Ministry and the Small Group Ministry Steering Committee. Walt Main, Service Associate.

#### **March 27: Easter Sunday. “Something About Jesus”** The Rev. Ben Kocs-Meyers preaching.

The powerful significance of Jesus as a religious symbol and figure continues to play a large role in our lives and the world--like it or not--even for those who don’t call themselves Christians, even for those who harbor hostility to Christianity, even for those whom one might think would be untouched or neutral. The profound influence of Jesus on the life of serious social reformers is a fact, perhaps a mysterious fact, but nonetheless a fact. On this, Easter Sunday, I plan to say some things *about* that *something* about Jesus. Lynn O’Keefe, Worship Lay-leader.

**April 3: “The Meaning of Life”** Guest speaker William Elliott is the author of the best-selling book “Tying Rocks to Clouds”. He has been traveling the world for 15 years in search of the meaning of life. His quest has brought him face to face with Mother Teresa, Marianne Williamson, the Dalai Lama, Deepak Chopra, Billy Graham, B.F. Skinner, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Steven Levine, Norman Vincent Peale, and many others. His presentation has received rave reviews from churches, hospices, and universities all over the country. His latest book, “A Place at the Table” was named “Best Spiritual Book” of 2003 by Spirituality and Health magazine. Katie Rall, Worship Lay-leader.

## **Membership Committee News:**

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce a Fellowship Friday Film Festival event on Friday, March 18, 2005 at the Fellowship. Socializing starts at 7:00 P.M. and the film will start about 7:30 P.M. This month's selection is the classic film *Sunset Boulevard*, starring Gloria Swanson and William Holden (black and white, 1950). The Internet Movie Database reviewers rated this at a near record 8.6/10 based on 15,126 votes ( you can check out the reviews at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0043014/>), and in 1998 the American Film Institute selected this as the 12th greatest film of the 100 Greatest American Movies of All Time.

One reviewer commented: "This movie has reigned as the Queen of Camp since the day it was released due to the over-the-top scenery chewing of Silent Movie legends Erich von Stroheim and Gloria Swanson. You can enjoy this movie strictly on its outrageous qualities, but there is also a rock solid story of obsession, ambition, and the lies we tell ourselves that finally makes this a great movie. The moral ambiguity nailed by William Holden's performance is the focus that keeps this movie modern after more than 50 years."

### **Volunteer of the Month - January:**

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that they have selected **Nan Bixler** as volunteer of the month for February 2005. Nan is a long time member of the Fellowship and her ongoing volunteer efforts have been key to the success of both the Children's Program and our Sunday services. In addition Nan has served the Fellowship in many, many other capacities over the years. She is truly an outstanding volunteer and supporter of the Fellowship. Please give her your best wishes when next you see her!

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.

### **Membership Committee Meeting Notice:**

The Membership Committee will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the Fellowship starting at 3:00 PM. All members are invited to attend.

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### **Nominating Committee:**

We have had very good fortune in securing for nomination a slate of dedicated members who are willing and able to serve our Fellowship on the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Committee. We have one or two more positions to nail down and then we will publish the lists of nominees in the next newsletter and on our announcements email list.

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of those who have accepted this opportunity (you know who you are!) to serve.

Ciao.

Harry

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### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY UPDATE**

The Small Group Ministry Steering Committee, consisting of Coralee Linton, Susan Parks, Katie Rall, and Bill Scarvie, has had its first official meeting. The committee oversees the Small Group Ministry Program and now has its own charter. We are busy writing our own curriculum, making plans for expanding the program, and are looking for interested persons to train as facilitators.

Currently we have three Small Group Ministry Groups with a total of 19 participants, including the facilitators. Groups meet once or twice a month, each having chosen morning, afternoon or evening as meeting time. All groups study the same curriculum, but operate with their own individual covenant and plan their own service projects. Recent discussion topics include Reflections on the Past Year, Resolutions for the Present Year, Love, and Caring Communities. The facilitators also participate in their own Small Group that meets once a month.

There are openings for participants in all three groups. The meeting times are every first & third Tuesday morning, every first & third Wednesday evening, and every three weeks on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in participating in a Small Group Ministry Group or have questions about Small Group Ministry or are interested in becoming a facilitator, please contact a member of the Small Group Ministry Steering Committee. We would love to hear from you.

## **THOUGHTS FROM YOUR DRE** by Phyllis Reid, Director of Religious Education

I write this with mixed feelings- sad that I'm saying good-bye as your DRE, and happy that I'll still be involved with the children a while longer as a teacher in the younger grades. My last official work Sunday will be on March 13th, but after that I plan to stay on during our transition phase as we search for a new DRE. Hollie and I will be sharing duties until the beginning of June, when our spring semester of classes will end.

It has been a great pleasure to work with the children and families during the past year, and getting to know all of you better has been a delight. I hope we'll be able to continue in friendship even though I won't be your DRE. I congratulate you on overwhelmingly supporting the hiring of a new DRE, and feel it showed how deeply the Fellowship cares about the needs of our families and children.

I'll be enjoying my new freedom to travel and to have more time to spend doing volunteer teaching in a kindergarten at Horace Mann School in downtown San Jose. My work with Spanish-speaking children there has been very satisfying, and will fulfill my need to use my teaching skills and keep children in my life. My husband and I have also decided to do a major remodel on our house, which should keep me very busy for the next year.

So I thank you all once again for your support, and wish you luck in finding a new DRE to carry on the work with our children. But for me it feels right to be moving on.....

Namaste, Phyllis Reid

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### **Gearing Up for the DRE Search**

Sunday, February 20 we held a RECCY meeting with an astounding 11 people in attendance (15 if you count the 4 kids who enjoyed scones and strawberries while the rest of us talked). That was almost 3 times the typical meeting I've attended over the last 5 years. Support for the DRE Search Committee and its mission is high, though not without some reservations. There is, of course, concern over the budget and also a desire for more discussion regarding the direction of the program and the type of person we want to call.

The DRE Search Committee is gearing up to gather feedback and I hope that every member will give the committee their input either by speaking to one of the committee members, attending a meeting or sending an email. I want to thank the committee members – Ann Campbell, June Curtis, Julie Doyle, Sabine Omvik and Joe Rafferty – for their commitment to a responsible search. You can contact them as a group with the following email address: [dre\\_search@uufg.org](mailto:dre_search@uufg.org).

Hollie Dunham  
Lifespan Education Trustee

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### **“Music Makes a Bridge: Connecting Transylvania and the United States”**

A fund raiser for the Balazs Scholars Program - Starr King School for the Ministry

Sunday, April 24, 2005, 2pm  
Starr King School for the Ministry  
2441 Le Conte Avenue, Berkeley

You are invited to an afternoon of mostly music, featuring Csaba Todor and Eva Todor singing and playing folk music from the Homorod Valley in Transylvania, and music by Francis Balazs. Balazs Scholar Rev. Csaba Todor and Starr King President Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker will discuss “Music as a Spiritual Experience—in Transylvania and in the United States.” There will also be music by Rebecca Parker on Cello, Matt Gibson on the Starr King organ and piano, and Art Ungar on bassoon, and Transylvanian tea and cookies. For information or tickets (donation \$25) contact Arliss Ungar [arliss@ungar.us](mailto:arliss@ungar.us), or Starr King School 510/845-6232.

## UUFLG Pledge Drive

Spring is approaching so it must be time for our annual pledge drive!

The theme is: **UUFLG, What's Next: Valuing the Future Now**

The pledge drive will be fun and educational and raise the money needed to run the Fellowship for our next fiscal year, which starts on July 1, 2005. Here is a brief description of this year's pledge drive activities:

- The Kickoff will feature a luncheon with live entertainment starting just after the Sunday Service on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Sandwiches and desert will be served. JJ Martin will be the host/MC and we are hoping to book a well-known guitar duo to sing and play. This should be a fun event.
- Following the Kickoff, during the last 2 weeks of March, UUFLG volunteer canvassers will contact each member who has not yet completed a pledge card. Our goal is 100% participation.
- The canvass coordinator – Ann Campbell – will compile all relevant data and give a report to the board by April 7<sup>th</sup>, in time for the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting.
- The Board of Trustees will prepare a budget based on our plans for next year and the results of the pledge drive. This will be submitted to the membership at the May Membership Meeting for approval.

Our Fellowship is thriving due to the support provided in the past by the membership, and we hope that you will continue to be generous and support our current pledge drive. If you have any questions relating to this pledge drive please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees or you can call Ann Campbell at 374-8844.

JJ Martin - Honorary Pledge Drive Chairperson

Ann Campbell - Canvass Coordinator

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## UU Troubadour Jim Scott to Perform at the UU Fellowship of Los Gatos

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos proudly presents an evening with beloved UU troubadour, recording artist, environmentalist, and author Jim Scott on Saturday, March 12, at 7:30 pm. Jim best-known work among Unitarian Universalists is probably the hymn, "Gather the Spirit," which has become a standard in many congregations. A committed environmentalist, Jim has served as Co-Chair of the Unitarian Universalist Seventh Principle Project, where he helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program that aids congregations in becoming more ecologically sound. The rest of the world knows Jim best at a long-time member of the Paul Winter Consort, where he lent his voice to the celebrated composition, "Common Ground," and composed choral works for their acclaimed "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass." Jim's music brings a message of commitment and a generous touch of humor to stories about nature, peace and other positive values. His most recent books, "The Earth and Spirit Songbook, vol. 1 & 2, are anthologies of songs by many contemporary songwriters about the Earth and peace. His concerts are often participatory, as audiences raise their voices in three- and four-part harmony.

Tickets are available for \$10 at the Wooden Horse Toy Store, 796 Blossom Hill Road (at Los Gatos Blvd.) in Los Gatos. Phone (408) 356-8821. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12.

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**St. Luke's Pantry Collection:** On Sunday, March 20 the Sunday Covenant Group will again collect food and clothing items for St. Luke's Pantry. This is a local inter-faith charity that serves homeless and low-income families in Los Gatos. Their suggested donations include: Canned goods, particularly chili, hearty soups, pasta (no dried pasta please), and fruit. Individually packaged cookies or snacks (e.g. pudding). Other requests include personal hygiene articles, particularly disposable razors, new socks and underwear and clean, wearable blue jeans. We plan to collect items once a quarter and very much appreciate whatever you can provide.

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## YARD SALE

**May 14 is the date.** Mark you calender now and, if you haven't already, start saving your stuff. This is the date of the city-wide sales so we expect lots of shoppers to be out.

We need good, unbroken, and clean stuff such as books, clothes, housewares, baby items, toys, plants, jewelry, tools, decorative items and small pieces of furniture. No textbooks or very large pieces of furniture please.

We are also looking for volunteers to help sit up, sell, cashier, organize, and clean up. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the Fellowship and have fun at the same time. If you want to help please contact Julie Doyle: julie17810@cs.com, 353-2828 or Connie Springer: cfspringer@earthlink.net, 269-4943.

## **NEWS FROM THE WEST ROOM**

Have you noticed the relaxed appearances from JULIE DOYLE? She is still her happy person, but she has resigned from her often stressful position at Valley Medical Center as of January 1, 05. Congratulations for filling that most important position working for children's health and welfare for so many years. Enjoy! One of her special interests has been in the Holy Land and she plans to travel there soon.

Speaking of travel JOANNE AND NORMAN CRANE have just returned from a week's visit to the island of Saipan. Their grandson JOE AND WIFE ALLISON and 3 great grandchildren are stationed there for 5 years as medical doctors. They have lots of stories to share about this unusual experience, just ask them!

SHARON GRAHAM is making a rapid recovery from her recent surgery. Congratulations, and keep up the good work.

Have you noticed that HEATHER BRADLEY and children ZANE, ISABELLA, AND LINNEA have been coming to Fellowship alone? You see GEOFF is busy finishing up his thesis for a masters' degree in architecture. He has completed his course work at CAL POLY UNIVERSITY. We'll let you know when he gets his degree so we can celebrate this milestone with him.

BETTY FELDHEYM send her greetings to each of us and she hopes to be back with us soon. Take care of yourself for all of us!

EDY YOUNG returned from a wonderful 10 day workshop of painting and meditation techniques in Hawaii.

JO COOLEY was one of the featured artist in a recent art show in a Saratoga Gallery. JO'S speciality is making lovely pieces of art out of gourds. This show featured her gourds in "tea pots" of all shapes and sizes. I'll tell you in advance of her next showing so that you might attend this creative and imaginative show.

It was good to see NICK MATTHIESSEN as an employee in the Los Gatos Trader Joe store.

Hopefully there will be lots of children who will sign up to go on the bird walk sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Watch for more details from PHYLLIS REID AND EDY YOUNG.

Thanks everyone for participating in the SOCKS FOR TOTS project. The Social Justice Committee is behind this project too. The 118 children at the San Jose Shelter will each receive an Easter Bag with 3 new pair of socks.

We send greetings and love to members who can not meet with us regularly: DIANA PAYNE, FRANK LEVY, DAVID AND LUCILE REITER, ROBIN CONNELLY, GEORGE AND TERRY GORDON, CURT AND JOANNE HARRISON, MARGARET HOWARD, SHIRLEY ROSENBERG, and BOB LINDSAY in Oregon.

If you haven't sent in your Living History article yet, it is NOT too late. We will accept your "memories" as soon as possible. Just send them to Lou Yabroff c/o the Fellowship.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 9 HOLLIE DUNHAM  
10 ANN CAMPBELL  
11 CATHY CLAUER  
12 PAM RHODES  
13 BILL CRAWFORD  
17 BRIAN SMITH  
20 ZARA VAN WICKEN  
21 JULIE DOYLE  
24 DWIGHT WYGANT

Have you given me your birthday yet? I don't want to miss anyone, so let me know!!

-- Lou

## **Mary Lou's Mass - MUSIC FOR PEACE**

The Sacred Choral Jazz of Mary Lou Williams  
The Dee Spencer Trio with the First Unitarian Chancel Choir

Friday, March 11, 2005 @ 8PM  
Saturday, March 12, 2005 @ 8PM

www.uuoakland.org  
tickets@uuoakland.org  
510-893-6129

First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
685 14th Street (at Castro)  
Oakland, CA

\$15 - \$25 - \$35  
A Benefit for the First Unitarian Church of Oakland.

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### **See the REAL Alaska!**

Five Alaska UU fellowships invite other UUs from "outside" for our UU eco-spiritual/intercultural programs in July, 2005. Stay in UU homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka and enjoy discussions and dinners with Alaska UUs. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south. Visit Denali's Mt. McKinley and Kenai's fjords and glaciers. See totem poles, native arts, dancing, story-telling. Rev. Dick & Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. Visit website [www.wuurl.org](http://www.wuurl.org), e-mail [dick@wuurl.org](mailto:dick@wuurl.org), or phone toll-free 1-888, 998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations due April 1.

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### **Got Yarn that You're Not Using?**

As part of a social justice action at the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Palo Alto, we're collecting yarn to knit or crochet into handmade items for Afghans for Afghans. Donating yarn is a great way to clean out your closets for a good cause! Afghans for Afghans is a humanitarian and educational people-to-people project (in partnership with the Quakers/American Friends Service Committee) that is sending crocheted and hand-knit blankets, hats, mittens, socks, sweaters, and vests to the needy people of Afghanistan. Since 2001, over 20,000 handmade items from Canada and the USA have been distributed in Afghanistan.

If you have yarn that you would like to donate to this good cause (single balls and scraps are fine!), please contact:  
Gloria Geller  
[ggellerg@yahoo.com](mailto:ggellerg@yahoo.com)  
(650)947-9426

To find out more information about Afghans for Afghans,  
go to <http://www.afghansforafghans.org>.

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### **Reach for the Stars While Grounded on Earth**

Stebbins, a PCD/UUA summer gathering will take place at beautiful Asilomar on the California coast July 10-15, 2005. Registration is now open.

The Stebbins executive committee is pleased to announce our theme speakers Connie Barlow and the reverend Michael Dowd. They will share The Great Story with us. The Great Story is humanities common creation story. It is a way of telling the history of everyone and everything that honors all religious traditions and all creation stories. For more on this deeply moving topic see Michael and Connie's website at [www.thegreatstory.org](http://www.thegreatstory.org). We are also proud to announce Til Evans as our special guest presenter. She will present workshops entitled "Spirit of Place".

In addition to Til, Connie and Michael, attendees may enjoy book groups, a discussion of globalization and outsourcing, dream work circles, choral singing, poetry writing and reading, mental fitness activities, tennis clinics, stretch, soul coaching, Tai Chi, folk dance, nature walks, volleyball, women's groups, strolling on the beach and whatever you bring. Check out our website [www.serve.com/stebbins](http://www.serve.com/stebbins) and reach our registrar Judy LeBlanc at 510-234-3524 or [judyleblanc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judyleblanc@sbcglobal.net).

## PCD EXEC LAYS OUT MINISTER OPTIONS & PROCESSES

Cilla Raughley, Executive for the Pacific Central District, UUA, met with Fellowship members Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, to answer questions about our congregation's options for hiring professional leadership. About a quarter of the families in our Fellowship were represented at the meeting. The questions centered around the choice between hiring an Interim minister to serve for one or two years or searching for and calling a "settled" minister without this intermediate step.

A few of those present expressed a desire to go for the "settled" minister search without an Interim Minister. However, an overwhelming majority of those present agreed we need the community development work that an Interim Minister is trained to provide. There was also acknowledgement of the fact that some valued members, not in attendance, preferred to go back to our former lay-led status. Most felt that to thrive and grow there needed to be shared lay and professional leadership.

Ms. Raughley answered questions about the UUA search process helping congregations and ministers make a suitable match. The process for finding Interims is much more streamlined than doing a Settled minister search. Timing is always critical and after much discussion it was decided that the Board should take those steps that would offer the most choice in finding an Interim for the 2005-2006 Fellowship year if this turned out to be a congregational decision. A second informational meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon. In the meantime, Irving Yabroff agreed to write up the information received and to summarize the discussion. The information piece will be sent out on the Announcement List, posted on the website, and sent to all members by regular mail in the next two days.

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### **Results of the Recent Minister Survey**

The recent survey sent out to all members by your Board of Trustees asked three questions:

1. Do you want the Fellowship to hire a full-time minister soon? 55 forms were returned. Of these, 31 responded "Yes" and 19 responded "No". This shows that a significant, but not overwhelming, majority is in favor of having a full time minister next fiscal year. This degree of support is adequate to get us started and to hire an Interim Minister. We will, almost certainly, gather much more support as we go along, particularly if we have a good experience with an Interim Minister. A settled minister generally looks for a 90-95% majority before agreeing to serve our Fellowship.

2. How much are you willing to increase your pledge to support a full-time minister? Twenty three people out of 51 responded zero. The remainder totaled \$1212 a month which is \$14,548 for the year. This is about half the increase needed to support both a full-time minister and part time DRE for next fiscal year, albeit with a significant increase in volunteer support to replace some of the paid support. Considering that we have seen very little information about what a minister can do for us, what we can do to maximize our chances of getting one that fits our congregation, and what the financial and program requirements are for us to afford one, this result is not surprising. We will be getting that information during this next month in preparation for our annual pledge campaign. Hopefully, this will result in the needed support for a minister that most of us want.

3. Are you willing to join a search committee requiring much time and effort? There were 11 positive responses, though some were reluctant. This is very encouraging. Those willing deserve our grateful thanks.

In summary, this questionnaire shows a strong majority want a full-time minister next fiscal year but there is less enthusiasm for increased pledges to pay for it. Hopefully, greater enthusiasm will develop as we learn more about what a minister has to offer and get more detail on what pledge level is required to support one. We can support a full-time minister if we want one. It is a goal which is within reach.

Irving Yabroff  
Committee on Ministry

**The Board of Directors of the Pacific Central District** invites you to nominate worthy individuals and congregations for the following awards. Please send your nominations to the PCD office no later than March 18, 2005.

Charles B. Rosene, District Administrator  
Pacific Central District - UUA  
6536 Telegraph Avenue, C-102  
Oakland, CA 94609  
(510) 601-1437

**Distinguished Service Award**

for a Unitarian Universalist in the PCD whose life has provided distinguished leadership to our religious movement.

**Living Our Unitarian Universalist Values Award**

for a Unitarian Universalist in the PCD whose life has consistently exemplified our UU values.

**Unsung Hero Award**

for a Unitarian Universalist in the PCD who exemplifies personal commitment to the PCD, that strengthens Unitarian Universalism.

**Culture of Financial Generosity Award**

for a PCD congregation that has shown special creativity and innovation in building a culture of financial generosity.

**Junella Hanson Memorial Award for Excellence in Faith Development**

for the congregation who has added innovative programming or experienced increased enrollment for adult, youth, or children's religious education.

**Growth Award**

for the congregation with the largest net membership growth during the current year.

**Growth Award**

for the congregation with the largest percent increase in net membership during the current year.

**Moral Beacon Award**

for the individual or congregation who has demonstrated excellent work for social justice in the Pacific Central District.

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**PCD District Assembly 2005**

April 8 - 10, 2005 San Ramon Marriott

Hosted by: UU Church in Livermore & Starr King Church (Hayward)

<http://www.pcd-uua.org/events/DA-2005/index.htm>

Come join over 400 Festive and Feisty Unitarian Universalists at DA2005! This annual event is a wonderful weekend of worship, celebration, learning, friendship and family fun!

District Assembly is for EVERYONE!

All the information you need is available online on the PCD web site - worship, workshops, activities, and more!

Register online (and use your credit card) on the PCD web page! <http://www.pcd-uua.org/events/DA-2005/index.htm>

You can also reserve your room at the San Ramon Marriott online - \$89/night (single or double occupancy).

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage.mi?marshaCode=OAKSR> and use group code: PACPACA. or call: 1-800-228-9290 and tell them you are with the Pacific Central District.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your earliest convenience (see info at top of page).

Onward and Upward,  
Chuck

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# CALENDAR ITEMS

- Mar 1** 10:00a -12:00p SGM meet - L  
3:00p -4:30p Membership Committee Meeting - all members invited
- Mar 2** 5:30p -7:00p Bylaw Task Force - L  
7:00p -9:00p SGM meeting - L
- Mar 3** 12:00p -1:00p RUMS Lunch on the deck
- Mar 4** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice - W
- Mar 6** 9:30a -10:15a Finance Committee Meeting - L  
10:30a -11:30p Sunday Service - B  
11:45a -1:00p Q&A Session about RE - S
- Mar 7** 10:00a -3:00p Life Stories Classes - W  
10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums - E
- Mar 10** 10:00a -12:00p Women's Group - W  
4:30p -6:30p Committee on Ministry - L  
6:30p -9:00p Board Meeting - W
- Mar 11** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice - W
- Mar 12** 7:30p -9:00p Concert by UU Troubadour Jim Scott
- Mar 13** 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Service - B  
11:30a - ? Pledge Drive Kickoff Luncheon with live entertainment  
11:45a - 1p Sunday Service Committee Meeting - L
- Mar 14** 10:00a -3:00p Life Stories Classes - W  
10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums - E  
7:15p -9:00p Women's Spirituality Group - L
- Mar 15** 10:00a -12:00p SGM Meeting - L
- Mar 16** 5:30p -7:00p Bylaw Task Force - L  
7:00p -9:00p SGM meeting - L
- Mar 18** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice - W  
7:00p -10:00p Friday Fellowship Film Festival - Film to be announced in newsletter for March
- Mar 20** 10:30a -11:30p Sunday Service - B  
1:00p -3:00p SGM Meeting - L
- Mar 21** 10:00a -3:00p Life Stories Classes - W  
10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums - E
- Mar 25** 2:00p -4:00p Recorder Group Practice - W
- Mar 27** 10:30a -11:30p Sunday Service - B
- Mar 28** 10:00a -3:00p Life Stories Classes - W  
10:30a -1:00p Monday Mums - E  
7:15p -9:00p Women's Spirituality Group - L
- Mar 30** 5:30p -7:00p Bylaw Task Force - L

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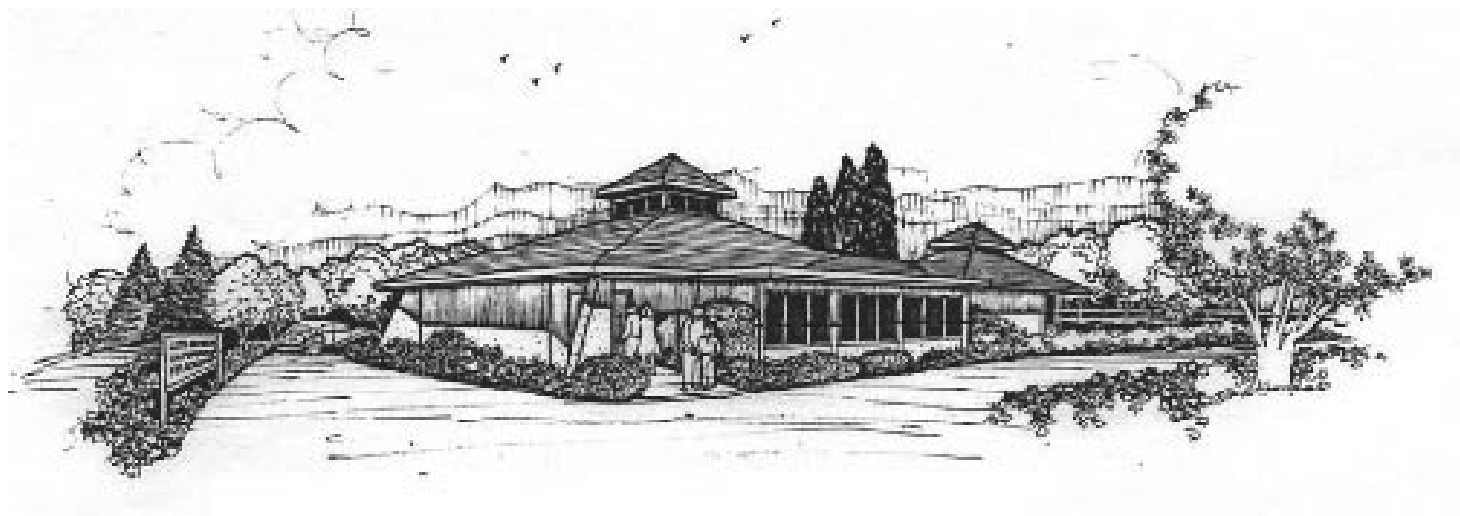
## AUCTION, AUCTION, AUCTION

The Wednesday evening Small Group Ministry has taken on the commitment of planning and putting on the annual UUFLG auction. And we are excited! It will happen on Saturday, May 28, 05, so please mark it down on your calendar right away. Since it is Memorial Day Weekend, we are planning a BBQ before the Silent Auction, followed by the fun part of bidding for your favorite dinner, piece of art, pie, or getaway. Be thinking of what wonderful item you can donate. More details will follow. Remember, this is a big fund raiser for our Fellowship. And don't forget the yard sale on May 14. ( Wednesday evening SGM members, in case you have questions are: Bill Scarvey, Jim Beebee, Jo Cooley, Leo and Doris Boyd, Doug Doughty and Julie Doyle.)

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