

# **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos**



# **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

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## **SUNDAY PROGRAMMING, October 2004**

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

**No Sunday Forums this month**

**Oct. 3: “Sacred Sounds: Music with a Message.”** This service, presented by UU musician and story weaver, Julia McKay, explores our relationship to the Source of all Life through music, vibration and embodiment. Julia exclaims that music is the quickest way that she knows to open the heart and create connection. As special music for our morning service, she will be sharing her evocative piano compositions to do just that! Please join us in a heartfelt and enriching journey.

Julia is a native of Colorado and a member of High Plains UU Church in Colorado Springs. She has been a public school music teacher, a psychotherapist and is currently enrolled at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley.

Katie Rall is service leader

**Oct. 10: “When the Spirit Moves You (to Afghanistan).”** Mountain View City Councilwoman Rosemary Stasek has traveled to Afghanistan four times since the fall of the Taliban. She shares with us the power of the Holy Spirit moving her to help women there and the transformative spiritual experience of working in a place of both destruction and resurrection.

Rosemary presented a Forum at our Fellowship after she went to Afghanistan to work on a reconstruction project in the women’s prison in Kabul. She has made two additional trips in 2004, the last in June when she taught Afghan women to make preserves in an income-generating project. We asked her to come and share what inspires her to do these things and more. Check out her website at <http://stasek.com/mvcouncil/bio.html>.

Lynn O’Keefe is service leader.

**Oct. 17 & 24:** These Sunday Services will be announced on a new Sunday Programming website that is in the process of being created. Go first to [www.uuflg.org](http://www.uuflg.org). They will also be announced in our Sunday Order of Service as they are scheduled. The Sunday Service Committee is waiting to fill these dates so the committee that is searching for a minister to preach two Sundays a month will have some openings available.

**Oct. 31: “Honoring Death—Celebrating Life”**. The beginning of winter is a time when many cultures honor their ancestors and remember their dead. This year we will blend the festive, colorful decorations of Mexico’s Dia de los Muertos with the darker, more somber traditions of Celtic Samhain. As the wheel of the year turns from light to dark, we pause to remember those who came before us and look forward to the future in the ongoing cycle of life on this Earth. Please bring momentos of cherished living beings who have passed from this world to place on our alter.

Hollie Dunham and Walt Main will lead this intergenerational service.

## **View from the Board**

The fall business meeting will be held Sunday October 24, beginning at 12:15. Show up at noon for the sing-along. The only business we know of so far is the usual election of nominating committee members, and the possible selection of a Sunday-only minister.

It's very likely that no business suitable for an absentee ballot will show up. If there is no absentee ballot, we will have to meet our 40% quorum requirement by actually having people present at the meeting. Please show up!

**Thanks, Walt**

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## **Notes from the Bylaw Task Force**

Your Bylaw Task Force held the first of its series of informational discussion meetings last night (Sept 16), and there were all of six people in the room. Not that bad, until you notice that three were members of the task force. Ah, well. Maybe Sunday will be better.

We plan to meet each month through March, skipping December, on the third Thursday evening at seven and the third Sunday at twelve-thirty. The Thursday and Sunday meetings will be on the same topics, so you can choose which is more convenient. By the time spring rolls around, we should have all of your input, and be able to present for your approval a complete new set of bylaws with the inconsistencies and speed bumps removed, and reflecting the current wishes of the congregation.

On October 17th and 21st we will have our second discussions of the front matter (name, purpose, etc), membership, and business meetings( quorum, voting, etc), and our first discussion of a brand-new ministry article. Come sing a song with us, that we may know your mind.

**Walt Main, Chair**

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## **Membership Committee News:**

We will have our monthly Membership Committee sponsored Fellowship Friday Film Festival (FFFF) on Friday (duh!), October 15, 2004 starting with cocktails at 7:00 PM and the film beginning about 7:30 PM. The film for October is a documentary entitled Unprecedented: The 2000 Presidential Election. This is a terrific film with a very high viewer rating of 8.4/10 at the Internet Movie Database site. Prior to the film we will have a surprise short item that will be entertaining and of interest to Fellowship members. The November FFFF will take place on Friday, November 5, 2004 starting at 7:00 PM. The September FFFF was a smashing success with nearly 30 members and friends socializing and participating in the film and following discussion. Don't hesitate to bring a friend as this is a very nice way to introduce your friends to our Fellowship and vice-versa. Several guests commented on what a good time they had and asked when the next FFFF is scheduled.

The Membership Committee also asks members to reserve the following dates for all-Fellowship social activities: November 19th we will have a pre-Thanksgiving Friday night desert and game night (kids welcome) starting at 6:00 PM. On December 17th we will have an RSVP Friday night potluck and music night/sing-along, also starting at 6:00 PM. Sing, Eat, Drink and Make Merry!

The Membership Committee will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at the Fellowship starting at 3:00 PM. All members are invited to attend.

Last Chance! There will be one final Fellowship photo session starting about noon after our Fellowship service on Sunday, October 10, 2004. The Membership Committee will be publishing our first Member Photo Directory at the end of October. If you miss getting your photo taken you can email a .jpg image to Harry Campbell. All members should make sure that the Fellowship has your current address, phone number and email address (especially the latter as they tend to change quite often).

**Ciao.**

**Harry**

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

By the time you read this, we will have had our first “Curriculum Sunday”, and judging by all the children who were in attendance at the “Gathering of the Waters” service on Sept. 12th, I’m expecting we’ll continue to have good turn-outs in our RE classes. We’re so fortunate in having such wonderful, dedicated families and a full roster of excellent teachers. Although all our regular teaching positions are filled, I’ll continue to need volunteers to help me on Children’s Chapel days, or when we have other multi-age group Sundays. Please let me know if you are available to fill in occasionally in that capacity. No preparation needed!

I want to say a special “thank you” to Brian Smith, who was kind enough to post a lot of information about our Religious Education program on our website. I’m especially grateful that he took time out of his busy schedule to comply with my request very quickly, making it possible for new families who may be looking for a spiritual home this fall to find out about us. You may want to check out the website information for yourselves, and also thank Brian personally for his efforts.

I was very pleased to see the form our last Newsletter took, since I’ve thought for a long time that there needed to be more flexibility in its format, and more opportunity for Fellowship members and friends to have their say. I also felt a little uncomfortable having to fill a page with MY thoughts, since I don’t feel that my thoughts are any more important than yours.

I do want to conclude with the thoughts of someone else, though. When I attended the General Assembly, I purchased a couple of books by Eknath Easwaran, and found out how to get a “thought for the day” delivered by email. Here is a paragraph from today’s “thought”:

“The spiritual life is a call to action. But it is a call to selfless action-- that is, without any selfish attachment to the result. It is not action or effort that we must surrender; it is self-will, and this is terribly difficult. You must do your best constantly, yet never allow yourself to become involved in whether things work out the way you want.” From “Words to Live By”, by E. Easwaran. If you’d like to subscribe to this and receive an uplifting thought each day, log on to: <http://www.nilgiri.org/Html/Thoughts/today.html>

Curriculum Sundays- Oct. 3rd and 17th.  
Children’s Chapel, Oct. 24th  
October 31- Intergenerational “Day of the Dead” Service

**Namaste, Phyllis**

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### **COM Corner** - Reflections on Cafe Conversations II

The Committee on Ministry hosted Cafe Conversations II: Dreaming on a Midsummer’s Eve on Sunday, August 22nd. More than 30 members participated in a lively discussion about community, commitment, and our expectations for professional ministry. The discussion questions were written in advance, and assumed that we would have a cross section of the membership, including members of long standing and relative newcomers, those who are heavily involved in the life of the Fellowship, and those who weren’t. Despite the large and enthusiastic turnout, the balance was tilted dramatically toward those who demonstrate their commitment to the Fellowship through service. We all learned a great deal about what motivates the deeply committed: a strong sense of community; acceptance of one another, despite our differences; community caring about the healthy growth of our children; and a challenging, stimulating environment to pursue spiritual and intellectual growth. It was gratifying to hear why these members care so much about our community.

What we have yet to hear is why other members keep their distance. What can we do to enrich your Fellowship experience? What would it take to move you toward a deeper commitment? How can we best support you on your journey? If you’ve got answers, we’re all ears. Please drop by during our “Coffee with the CoM” hour on Wednesdays. The schedule is 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays, 8:00 am in the Lounge; 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm in the Office.

**Bill Scarvie - for the Committee on Ministry**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bookkeeper Irving Yabroff has received pledges from six additional pledging units totaling \$4,140. This increasing our total income expected in the current 2004/02005 Budget to \$106,060 from the \$101,920 shown on the budget approved in the August 29 Membership Meeting. We still have 28 non-pledging units, but some of them are nevertheless contributing very generously with their time or with significant financial contributions. Finance Committee members would welcome hearing from any others who have not yet shown their interest in our efforts to continue serving all members. Current members of the Finance Committee are Bob Bixler, Cal Clauer, Tim Connelly, Russell Malley, and Irving Yabroff. Treasurer Bob Bixler requested that I assume the Chair position so I agreed to.

---Cal Clauer, Finance Committee Chair

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## SMALL GROUP MINISTRY NEWS

Three Small Group Ministry groups have been successfully meeting at intervals since last spring and have written their covenants. Each group has between 6-11 members & is led by 1 or 2 facilitators. The facilitators have been meeting monthly for their own Small Group experience as well.

We are in the process of forming the Steering Committee to oversee the Small Group Ministry program. The responsibilities of this committee are coordination of group formation, recruiting & training facilitators, content development, and program evaluation.

We are looking for interested persons to be on this committee. Committee members should possess the following qualities; passionate about SGM, familiar with SGM concepts, committed to attend monthly meetings, & work well in a group setting.

If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact Katie Rall @ 369-0433.

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## The Women's Group

The Thursday morning Women's Group will meet October 14 at 10:00 in the west room. All fellowship members and friends are welcome. ***Please note the change of time!*** Our discussion will be centered around the Thoreau article and the one on Addiction, page 26 of the July-August issue.

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Now is a good time to do that Fall housecleaning because the A. M. Women's Group is again asking for your support in donating to our **Friends Outside project**. Donations will be collected Sun., Oct. 17. Please bring clean, useable items of clothing for men, women, and/or children, household appliances, and kitchen utensils in bags and boxes. Leave in designated area on outside deck for pick-up at noon. Questions? Call Pam Rhodes (408) 266-5942

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## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY TO COLLEGES:

BRANDON CONNELLY, San Jose State University Graduate School, Masters in Guidance.

DEREK DOYLE, freshman at Cabrillo College in Aptos.

BEJAN FANIBANDA, junior at UC Berkeley, English major.

SEAN KEENAN, taking a leave for the coming semester.

MELISSA MALLEY, freshman at UC Irvine

CHRIS MATTHIESSEN, senior at UC Berkeley, Economics major.

NICK MATTHIESSEN, finishing West Valley College, sociology major.

TIM MATTHIESSEN, freshman at UC Santa Cruz.

SYAMBRA MOITZO, junior at SMU in Dallas, Texas.

ELIZABETH RAFFERTY, sophomore at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ

JAMES RAFFERTY, freshman at DeAnza College.

BECKY SHELDON, senior at Johnson State College in Vermont, hotel management major.

JIM SHELDON, senior UC Santa Cruz, Computer and Ethics major with Education minor.

MARTHA SHELDON, freshman at Cal State at Monterey Bay.

JUSTINA WOFFORD, freshman at West Valley College.

# JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CHIT CHAT FROM THE DECK

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Thanks to DWIGHT WYGANT for painting the old, dirty, white posts to a beautiful grass green color. These are posts on the east side of our property, and now really look nice.

The grounds committee continues to be at work on our gardens. With RUTH WEBB as the chairman of grounds, her green thumb committee members are ANN CAMPBELL, LIDA KLUZEK, JO COOLEY, PHYLLIS REID, AND CHRIS and HUD WASHBURN. We all thank you and are enjoying the gardens every day.

Thanks to the WOMANS MORING GROUP and RUMS for the delicious pancake breakfast. So good to see everyone again after summer vacations!.

PAULINE AND LEN STONEHILL were delighted to have newly married granddaughter Laura and new husband stop over for a short visit, before returning to Seattle.

NAN AND BOB BIXLER were thrilled to participate in their grandson Alex's wedding and various parties over the Labor Day holiday.

Thank you to JAN WYGANT for the many years of mailing out the NEWSLETTERS.

Congratulations to GLEN MARCHANT for "the new look" in the Newsletter!.

Everyone enjoyed the music before the last business meeting. Thanks, RUTH WEBB.

Congratulations to WALT MAIN for the one hour business meeting. Way to Go!

The leaders of the Small Group Ministry are doing a great job. They are: KATIE RALL, LYNN O'KEEFE, SUSAN PARKS, JULIE DOYLE, and DOUG DOUGHTY. Your leadership is appreciated!

There is a paper sign in the kitchen that says one of the service projects of the SGM is ridding the building of ants. They are using ground cinnamon and dry boric acid in this project. Be patient, and hope this treatment will work!! We all need to do our part and not leave food in any room.

Congratulations to JUNE CURTIS on her first pay check from her job at TimeSys. Plus she is now a new aunt to a very special new born girl named Megan.

Congratulations to MADIE AND BOB SHEBESTA on being new grandparents to a baby girl Rebecca born 9-31-04. She has big brothers NATE AND ANDREW. NATE you will remember has childhood leukemia, and is now in remission of Stage 3 leukemia. BOB AND MADIE have recently moved to Folsom.

Thank you to MARILYN WILDER for writing the obit about GERRY SCOTT in last month's Newsletter.

Have you read the thank you notes from the students of a recent piano recital, and one of the Peace Essay students? They are on the bulletin board.

Well wishes to GEOFF BRADLEY after his recent emergency appendectomy surgery.

Did you know that HOPE SUTTON SALVADORE and family have moved to a new home in Morgan Hill?

The Woman's Group have a new set of officers for the next 6 months. They are: LIDA KLUZEK, convener, CLAIRE STEELEY, scribe, LYNN O'KEEFE, devotion leader, ROBIN CONNELLY educational leader, RUTH WEBB and PAM RHODES as project leaders, JOANNE CRANE, announcements, and GRATIA TREVEY as telephone caller. All women are welcome to come on the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 12 a.m. Call LIDA for details.

Thanks to KAREN AND BILL SCARVIE for hostessing the Café Conversation meeting and pot luck dinner.

In talking to CHARLIE WALTON, I learned that he has an El Toro sailboat (8 ft. long) for sale. It is at Vasona Lake in a locker, and easy to get to. If you are interested and want some great fun on the water, call CHARLIE at 354-1358, or talk to him on the deck and go for a trial sailboat ride!.

SUSAN FAALAND has retired, sold her home, and moved back to Boston, MA. Her younger son HENRY lives in the Boston area. PERE, her older son, and family are now living in FL.

Welcome home to EDY YOUNG who has had 3 months in and around Utah.

ANN AND CHARLIE WALTON have been in Chicago for a school reunion for ANN.

Congratulations to DEAN JOY for letting go of the walker, cane, and now wheelchair after his bad fall. Thanks to ANN JOY for being his wonderful wife, nurse, cook, and attendant thru his long confinement.

Best wishes to JO COOLEY's son BRIAN on his recent marriage in S.F.

Thanks to TIM DUNN for assisting BRIAN SMITH in the PA department. We appreciate both of your contributions.

Congratulations to MARTIN YABROFF (son of LOU and IRVING) for being called to serve as Dean of the Cathedral of the Episcopal Church in South Bend, IN.

**Keep sending notes, calls, prayers, and good wishes to those on the recovery list:**  
JIM KRENICKY, ZARA VAN WICKEN, DIANA PAYNE, BETTY FELDHEYM and KIM WILDER.

**What is new with YOU?      Talk to Lou.**

## Autumn Exploring UU Class

For those who would like to understand a bit more about UU history, traditions and the people behind the scenes at UUFLG, join us in our Autumn Exploring UU class. There are four Tuesday classes for the following dates: October 19th and 26th and November 9th and 16th, from 6:30-8:30. Childcare will be arranged upon request. Please contact Hollie Dunham if you are interested in attending. 650-812-0525 or hollied58@yahoo.com

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### SIGHTS TO SEE ON THE FELLOWSHIP GROUNDS !!

1. The bouganvillea outside the north east entrance to the sanctuary. It's in beautiful bloom.
2. The "green post area" now has a full row of euryops marching down the side.
3. The mums in the butterfly garden area and above: yellow & soon purple in full bloom. The butterflies are visiting.

Thanks to J.J. for the spider plants (their new homes are outside the west room door and off the deck), to Pauline Stonehill for the paper iris and the shasta daisy, and to Edy Young for her daisies. Remember the Fellowship if you are dividing plants or discarding no longer wanted plants. See Lida, Jo Cooley, Ann Campbell or Ruth. (356-1735) If anyone wants to contribute a flat of fall annuals they would be most welcome. And it's bulb planting season.

There's always something new in the garden. Stay Tuned.

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**Christmas Sale** - There will be two work/play groups for creating items for our sale. October 16th from 1:00 to 3:00-ish and November 6th from 10:00 to 1:00. Bring something to work on or there will be other activities to choose. Contact Jo Cooley at 371-3862 or Pam Rhodes at 266-5942 if you have questions.

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**UUWorld information** - As a member of the Fellowship, you should receive a copy of the monthly publication UUWorld, the magazine of the Unitarian Universalist Association. At UUFLG, the Membership Committee is responsible maintaining its mailing list with UUWorld. Recently that mailing list has been updated to reflect the changes to the membership list. Those people affected have been notified by Jim Beebe, Chair of the Membership Committee (james\_e\_beebe@yahoo.com, or c/o UUFLG, 15980 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032). It is the policy of UUWorld to send one copy to a household, even if more than one member resides there. Their address labels can show only one or two names regardless of the number of members at the address.

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**Propositions and Candidate Forums** set up by the Southwest Santa Clara Valley League of Women Voters.

#### Propositions -

- Oct. 18, Mon. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Los Gatos Meadows, 110 Wood Rd., Los Gatos
- Oct. 19, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Los Gatos Terraces, Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos
- Oct. 21, Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Saratoga Sr. Center, Allendale Ave., Saratoga
- Oct. 24, Sunday 10:30 a.m. United Methodist Church, Church St., Los Gatos

#### Candidates Forum -

- Set. 28, 6:00 p.m. Candidate Forum at the Los Gatos Town Council Chambers
- Oct. 20, 6:45 p.m. Los Gatos High School Library

Regards,  
Doris Boyd

# CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sunday, Oct. 3 - RECCY meeting @ 9am.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6 - Coffee with the COM @ 8am
- Thursday, Oct. 7 - Noon brown bag lunch on the deck for men with flexible time.  
Come and enjoy an hour or so of sociability.
- Sunday, Oct. 10 - final Fellowship photo session starts @ noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 - Membership Committee meeting @ 3pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Coffee with the COM @ 8am
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 - Sunday Services Committee meeting in Lounge @ 5:30pm. .
- Thursday, Oct. 14 - Morning Women's Group @ 10am
- Thursday, Oct. 14 - BOT meeting @ 6:30pm.
- Friday, Oct. 15 - Friday Film Fest, cocktails @ 7pm, film @ 7:30pm
- Saturday, Oct. 16 - Christmas Sale Group @ 1-3pm
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Friends Outside donations @ service
- Sunday, Oct. 17 - Bylaws Task Force @ 12:30pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Exploring UU @ 6:30pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 20 - Coffee with the COM @ 7pm
- Thursday, Oct. 21 - Bylaws Task Force @ 7pm
- Sunday, Oct. 24 - Fall Business Meeting @ 12:15pm
- Tuesday, Oct. 26 - Exploring UU @ 6:30pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 - Coffee with the COM @ 8am

## October birthdays of our UU Family:

- 1 - TIM CONNELLY
- 3 - GRATIA TREVEY
- 6 - JOANNE CRANE
- 7 - NAN BIXLER
- 8 - BARBARA KALMOUTIS
- 8 - ANDREAS OMVIK
- 12 - KAREN LEARY
- 20 - BETTY FELDHEYM
- 22 - BECKY SHELDON
- 27 - EMILY DOUGHTY
- 29 - PAT O'HARE

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**INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO?** Board of Trustees President, Walt Main, will email a copy of the meeting agenda to anyone who is interested.

Walt: [wmain@earthlink.net](mailto:wmain@earthlink.net)

**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.

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