

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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Our Mission

- Provide a place where people are inspired to think about and discuss values, ethics, and the meaning of their lives
- Stimulate spiritual growth in children and adults through exposure to a wide variety of religious thought and experience
- Provide mutual support, caring and fellowship to our members
- Provide support of the larger community through service and social action
- Appreciate and honor our connectedness with all living things

June 2011

Sunday Services at 10:30

June 5 - Rev. Chris Schriener “Fiction-Proofing Your Own Mind”

On May 29 in “A Gospel of Ignorance,” Chris suggested that admitting ignorance can be positive and empowering. Today he will explore this theme further, focusing on why people often think they know much more than they do. Although investigators generate enormous amounts of data, it sometimes seems as if confusion is expanding more rapidly than understanding. People can “prove” that ESP is or is not real; that we do or do not survive death, and that all sorts of herbs and medicines help us or harm us. How can we sort it all out and develop a worldview that works?

June 12 – Rev. Suzanne Semmes “Unitarian Universalist Theologies”

Who is a theologian? What's our theology? We seldom consider what our common thea/ology is, but this Sunday will be an opportunity to do that. Before the UU gathering at General Assembly in Charlotte, NC, at the end of June, together we'll observe how "our thea/ological house" is evolving among the thea/ologians of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

June 19 – Rev. Suzanne Semmes “Brave Beauty Work: The Landscape of the American West”

American writers Mary Austin, John Muir, and Annie Dillard wrote extensively about the lands they encountered in their travels and lives in the American West. Today we'll consider the language they use to define those landscapes, and how it reflects the religious heritage from which they grew.

June 26 – Laura Fairchild “Understanding the Baha'i Faith”

Our guest speaker is Laura Fairchild, daughter of Marilyn Buelteman. Laura was raised in the Los Gatos Unitarian Fellowship.

“My journey to find my faith started as a child when I tried to make sense of Unitarian Universalism in the fabric of the culture around me. Over the years I have studied Buddhism, and dabbled in paganism and first nations spiritual concepts. After my children were born I took on the search more seriously. I wanted spiritual education that honors all religions, and recognizes all mankind as one. Someone suggested that sounded like the Baha'i Faith. I'd never heard of it before. Two years later I was a Baha'i and I credit my UU upbringing to enabling me to be open to this new world faith.”

July 3 – Martha Kendal “Cycling the Camino de Santiago across Spain.”

Martha Kendal lives in Los Gatos and has spoken at the Fellowship many times, on subjects ranging from Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Ben Franklin to the Erie Canal. We welcome her on this holiday weekend to enlighten and entertain us on her family's odyssey on wheels when they cycled the Camino de Santiago across Spain. In addition to describing the challenges her family faced in tackling this adventure together, she will fiddle a tune or two that are representative of the music of Galicia in Spain's northwestern corner. This is an intergenerational service that is sure to delight both adults and children.

2011 UUFLG Business Meeting

The 2011 UUFLG yearly Business Meeting was held at the Fellowship on May 22.

- Five new members of the Board of Trustees were elected for two year terms. They will take office on July 1, 2011, and they are:

Position

President	Bert Olson
Vice-President	Kathryn Wood
Building and Grounds Trustee	Coralee Linton
Sunday Programs Trustee	Jo Cooley
Community Visibility Trustee	Bonnie George

- UUFLG members also elected five members for one year terms on the fiscal year 2012 nominating committee: They are:

Erma Browning, Jen Dadek, JJ Martin, Sharon Graham, Katie Stubstad

- A resolution from the Social Action Team regarding Sustainable Purchasing and Operations was presented and approved as follows:

Whereas:

We affirm and promote the interdependent web of life

We want to be a model of environmental responsibility and sustainability

We want to educate, support and inspire others in the practice of environmental responsibility

Therefore:

We, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos, commit to practice and promote environmentally responsible purchasing and operations.

- A suggestion to modify the UUFLG fiscal year 2011 approved budget to reduce the PCD/UUA donation was approved.

- The proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2012 was approved.

- A summary of status of the search for a half time minister was requested and provided.

The task group has been in place one year and in early 2011 had seven minister applications, all from out of state. After review, four were interviewed but it was determined to be inadvisable to consider relocating a half-time minister to the bay area. More recently the search team has prioritized their search for local candidates and has been in contact with several. The search team anticipates selecting a candidate for Board approval by the end of calendar year 2011.



UUFLG Board Meeting Notes

The following are items of general interest from the UUFLG Board of Trustees' meeting held on May 12, 2011

- Our projected income at the end of June has decreased but so have our projected expenses for the year for a net financial improvement for the year

- The Board approved adoption of the Finance/Bookkeeping Policy and Procedures proposed by the Finance Committee.

- Share the Plate was skipped in April and effort was placed on collection drives for Easter Socks, and food for StandUp for Kids. The collection in April will be for Village Harvest.

- Thirty-four new plants were planed as part of the Sustainable Grounds program

- The rain delayed deck refurbishment project is nearing completion.

- The Board reviewed plans for the May 22 yearly business meeting.

Social Action

Spring Planting Party

On April 23rd, nine volunteers came together for the third Sustainable Grounds planting party. New native and drought tolerant plants were put in as part of our multi-year Sustainable Grounds project. Led by Connie Springer the volunteers planted over twenty California native and drought tolerant plants around the UUFLG grounds.



Before



After

To learn more about this multi-year project please visit our very own Sustainable Grounds Project web page at http://www.uuflg.org/sustainable_grounds_project.html



UUFLG Tee Shirts

Want to spread the word about UUFLG and let people know that we care about social action? Our UUFLG tee shirt will make a stylish statement! Available in sizes from 6 months – 4X, and women’s plus sizes. You can order directly from our Cafepress shop: <http://www.cafepress.com/uuflg>. If you have any questions please see Ryan or Jessica Spaulding.

Share-the-Plate

In May Share-the-Plate collected \$273 for Village Harvest. Our June Share-the-Plate will benefit Low-Income Self-Help Center in San Jose. Their mission is to empower, educate, and organize the diverse low-income communities of the Silicon Valley to fight for their rights. One of the things they provide is a drop-in center offering information, advocacy, use of a computer, fax, and phone as well as a listening ear. The people who come to them for help include the homeless, job hunters, people looking for affordable health care and low-income housing, immigrants, the disabled and increasingly people who have fallen into need for the first time and don't know where to turn for help. At the same time that the need is growing available funding sources for the center are shrinking. They could really use our help.

UU Beach Party Goes Bananas

Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Our great beach party auction!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- June 1 Eric Schnall
- June 3 Louis Gendzel
- June 6 Phyllis Foxcroft
- June 8 Joelle Gendzel
- June 10 Nicki Connelly
- June 19 Pauline Crawford

*Thank you for wearing your name tag on Sunday mornings,
and for parking on the street when possible to make room for our newcomers.*

INTERESTED IN WHAT THE BOARD IS UP TO? The Board minutes are listed under “Administration” on the right hand side of the home page of our website www.UUFLG.org.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THE BOARD? A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Paul Yeadon (paul_yeadon@yahoo.com) for more information.

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.

June 2011

Sunday May 29	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday JUNE 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
10:15a -11:30p Children's Religious Education Classes & Playtime	Memorial Day		6:00 - 8:00p RE Planning/ Training Mtg. for Summer Program	12-1:30p RUUM's Lunch 1-4:00p, Admin Offc. Hrs. 7:30p -9:00p Buddhist Meditation	11:30a -1:30p, Admin. Offc. Hrs 6 -10:00p Auction set up	5:30-9:00p, UUFLG Auction
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12 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Service 10:15a -11:30p Children's Religious Education Classes & Playtime	13 7:15p-9:00p Women's Spirituality Grp 7:30p -9:30p Great Books Discussion grp	14 7:30-9:00p, Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:00p -9:00p Sunday Programs Committee	15 7:15p -9:15p <u>Evening Chalice Circle</u>	16 12-1:30p Retired UU Men's Lunch 1-4:00p, Admin Offc. Hrs. 7:30p -9:00p Buddhist Meditation	17 11:30a -1:30p, Admin. Offc. Hrs	18 6:30p, Dinners for Eight
19 FATHERS DAY 10:30a -11:30a Sunday Servc. 10:15a -11:30p Children's RE Classes & Playtime 12-1:15p, Social Action Mtg. 1:00p. - 3 rd Sun. Hike, Contact Jim Beebe, 408-315-5066	20 27 7:15p-9:00p Women's Spirituality Group	21 28	22 29	23 1-4p Admin Offc Hrs 7:30p -9:00p Duldzin Dragma Buddhist Meditation	24 11:30a -1:30p, Admin. Offc. Hrs	25
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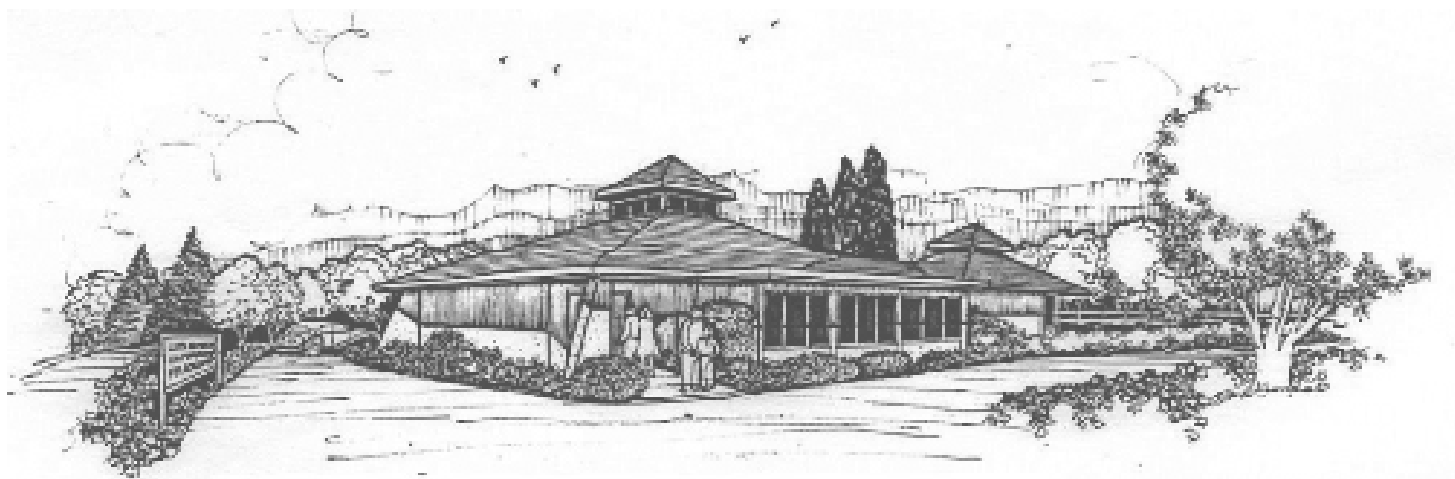
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