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Sunday Morning Services Begin at 10:30 am

## From Your President

What a Fellowship! After four months on the job, one would think that I would not be surprised at the depth, talent, wisdom, friendship and compassion we possess as a group. But once again I am amazed.

The stories we tell: At the Big Birthday Bash (BBB), where we honored eleven individuals whose lives touched each other's and who still continue to touch us all, we saw brief glimpses of men and women who made (and make) a difference in this world. We are thankful for them and blessed that they are a part of our lives. Entertaining us at the event were Stephen Fischman and John Scholfield with their singing and Dante Noto on the piano. Thank you for making an exceptional event even better. And a special thanks to Daga as the MC.

Last month, we had our biggest fundraiser, the Services Auction. We were pleased to raise over \$14,000. A special thanks to the 40 or so members who donated items, dinners, lessons, trips, services, etc. To those bidders/winners, thank you for helping sustain our Fellowship. You get 70+ UU'ers in a room and you can't help but have fun! Laura McArdeLL, you are fabulous!

Circle Suppers continue to attract a big crowd. Our social action group continued to reach out to our community with Jean Raun hosting an informative session about the ballot initiatives. Attendance on Sundays remains strong and that is a tribute to our minister, Kent Doss, and his special message, the music of Carole Cole, and the welcoming Fellowship that we are. I always see new faces.

We are blessed to have each other.

*Jeff Morris*

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## Upcoming Events

**Bridge-building Workshop for UU, Arab, Muslim, and South-Asian Activists Saturday, June 5, 9am– 4:30 pm at the New Horizon School, 651 N. Orange Grove Blvd. in Pasadena** - A day of discussion, learning, and relationship building on critical civil-liberties issues affecting Muslim and Arab Americans — and all Americans. This event is free and lunch is provided. To register for this event and for more information, contact Rev. Hannah Petrie of Neighborhood UU Church by e-mail at [hpetrie@neighborhood.org](mailto:hpetrie@neighborhood.org) or 626-449-3470, ext. 14. To join a UUFLB Carpool contact Jean Raun or Daga Krackowizer.



**Film: The Pentagon Papers Then and Now: Unitarian Universalists  
Confronting Government Secrecy: – Saturday June 12, 2-3:30 pm at**

**UUFLB** - Democracy Now! host Amy Goodman moderated a panel at General Assembly with Dan Ellsberg, Senator Mike Gravel and Former UUA President Bob West on the role of Beacon Press in publishing the Pentagon Papers. We will watch a recording of this workshop and reflect on the role of Unitarian Universalism in calling for accountability in government.



**Film: “Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg”, Saturday June**

**12, 7-8:30 pm at UUFLB** – This new documentary tells the story of one brave dissenter. In 1971. Daniel Ellsberg, a leading Vietnam War strategist, concludes the war is based on decades of lies. He leaks 7,000 pages of top-secret documents to The New York Times, a daring act of conscience that leads directly to Watergate, President Nixon's resignation and the end of the Vietnam War.

**Water Justice Road Trip for Young Adults between ages 18 and 35, June 12-20**

Our stops will include canoeing on Mono Lake, a trip up the Owens valley, camping in Yosemite and rafting through the Double Lickety Split on the Kern River. We'll hear tales from the Water Wars when Los Angeles sucked water from the eastern Sierra for its growing population; see the Ballona Wetlands Land Trust where people have been working to restore wetlands, learn about the history of the public trust doctrine and much more. By the time the nine days are up, we'll have discovered the spirit in justice work, made friends for life, learned an enormous amount and seen some of the

mountains that have inspired generations of California writers and artists. Please send an initial \$100 payment to hold your space. The full registration fee is \$395. UULM will give \$75 for each participant whose congregation sponsors \$75 or more.



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## Sunday Services



*The UUFLB Choir meets every Sunday at 9:30am and all are welcome.*

### **June 6 Our Friends with Fur, Feathers, and Scales**

This Sunday we celebrate the interdependent web of life by reflecting on our relationships with animals. Many of us have pets, and each of us has been impressed at some time by a non-human creature. There is so much to learn from our fellow animals about the world we share. This Sunday we will draw on the symbolism of religious traditions, as well as our own deep feelings of compassion for our non-human friends.

*Reverend Kent Doss*



"Blessing of the Animals" - 5-5:30 pm - Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet to receive a blessing. We will gather on the patio for a short ritual to bless all of our animal friends. All are invited to stay and enjoy the sunset or bring a picnic and games if you like.

### **June 13 Getting Our Principles in Order**

Unitarian Universalism is guided by a wonderful set of seven principles. They both welcome a diversity of opinion, and point to some very clear truths. But this Sunday, we'll talk about the order of those principles. Why is it that we talk about the value of individuals before we talk about the value of community? *Reverend Kent Doss*

### **June 20 Summer Solstice - Intergenerational Celebration**

All are invited to join in this family-friendly worship service. We will celebrate the arrival of summer through music, movement and stories, for an hour of inspiring fun. *Bring your drums this Sunday, we will all participate in a rousing drum circle led by Summer Albayati-Dadah.* *Reverend Kent Doss*



### **June 27 Thomas Starr King and the Discourse of Anti-Racism**

In the 1850's, California was dominated by pro-Southern politicians who were profoundly racist. When Unitarian minister Starr King arrived in San Francisco in the spring of 1860, he became the first prominent white person to speak out in favor of racial equality. What was the result? Glenna Matthews will address this question, as well as that of the long-term impact. *Guest Speaker, Glenna Matthews, UUFLB Member*



Glenna will join us for a Sandwich Sunday lunch and discussion following this service. \$5 donation for adults.

### **July 4 Revolutionary Spirits**

Come celebrate the 4th of July as we take a look at our founders' faith and vision for our nation. We have inherited a legacy we still wish to protect and preserve today. You may be surprised at the varying views of our Founding Fathers and Founding Mothers *Guest Minister, Lee Marie Sanchez*

## Message from the Minister

Wow, our church year is quickly drawing to a close. What a year it has been. I have to say, there is a certain energy around UUFLB these days, a sort of electricity in the air. And I love it! More and more we have seen some of our missing long-term members returning to worship on Sunday mornings. And the mantra of “We’re tired” is drifting into “We can do this.” I think you agree, it feels very good to be a part of a vivacious community like this.

As summer draws near, I will be taking some time away. I will be on vacation June 30 through July 14, visiting family and friends, and meeting my new niece. I have arranged support from two other ministers in the area. If during this time you find you need some pastoral assistance, please call Helen Frederick and she will help you get in contact with supportive clergy.

Later on in the summer, July 25 through August 31, I will be on study leave. This is much needed time for reading, research, and reflection. This year I am using the time to focus on a couple of interests that arose during church year. First I’ll be reading up on Buddhism and spending some time deepening my meditation practice. The other major area that I hope to explore is Transcendentalism. It’s a fascinating literary and theological movement and it’s a central piece of our Unitarian history. I’m pretty excited to dive into both of these topics. During that time I’ll be available for pastoral care, and will probably only be present at critical meetings.

Most churches operate on this model, where things slow down during the summer and ministers use that time for vacation and study. The Board and I are looking into changing that model a bit, so that my study time is spread throughout the year next year, rather than spending a single large chunk of time away in the summer. At any rate, during July and August, you probably won’t see much of me, but I assure you, you will be on my mind.

Peace

*Kent*



**Coffee Talk - Tuesdays 4:30-6:30p.m.** at the Koffee Klatch, 1440 South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. Hang out with Reverend Kent Doss and whoever else shows up to get a bite to eat and chat. All are welcome. This is a great chance for new folks to meet UUFLB members in a casual setting.



**Book discussion at Coffee Talk, Tuesday, June 15: Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn** In this thought-provoking and profoundly inspiring book,

Kristof and WuDunn reveal the cruel and maddening reality faced by women who experience violence and oppression. Half the Sky will stir feelings of admiration and discomfort, and hopefully sow the seeds of humanitarian activism.

## Fellowship News

### First Friday UU Discussion Group in Laguna Woods Village

Friday, June 4, 2010 at Noon

Topic: Let's talk politics – your hopes and fears. Riva & Mark, your hosts, live at 2007-B Via Mariposa West, Laguna Woods Village. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your lunch. Drinks and a light dessert are provided by the hosts. For gate entry and/or more information, call 830-5294.



**Membership Orientation, Sunday, June 13, 12-2:00pm** – Join Reverend Kent Doss and church leadership for lunch and a conversation about what it means to join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Laguna Beach as a member. There is no obligation to join; this is just a chance to learn more. The following week, on Sunday, June 20, we will recognize any new members during our worship service.

### Big Birthday Bash Big Success

*Daga Krackowizer*

A happy group of 80 people came on Sunday afternoon, May 2, to wish eleven 90 Plus (and our one 100 year old member, Al Slobod) a Happy Birthday! Mimosas were served, per the request of our 90 year young Norma Young! Others chose lemonade and cookies as well as other yummy food. Each honoree had a lei placed on him or her by Jonathan Hefferlin (his mother, Alice, was one of the ladies honored.) Daga Krackowizer read excerpts from the biographies submitted by each person. Anyone wishing to read the complete stories could read them in a prepared booklet. And what great things we heard about our honored members! Please call the office for a booklet if you want to read about these amazing people.



Here are some things we learned: Art Slobod worked on the Manhattan Project as well as the Apollo Space Program; Eva Garnet at 96 just finished a book and is still teaching exercise classes; Ruth Meskin (Riva's sister) is the second oldest practicing psychologist in the U.S; Barbara Wright has been a UU all her life and worked in the first bilingual program in California; Lorraine Barr just finished a book; Charlotte Decker served as a WAAC in World War II; Norma Young started painting at 74; Alice Hefferlin, at 97, still helps each Sunday by putting out the hymnals; Lorna Ingram attended the famous Hollywood High; Charles Moore worked on the Moon Landing and Shuttle Programs; and Kurt Topik has led a life full of rich and wonderful experiences you have to ask him about.

Thanks to our minister, Kent Doss, our President, Jeff Morris, Tom McGrew, Helen Schofield and her husband, John, for bringing his Barbershop friends to sing, Dante Noto for playing for us, Steve Fischman for singing some favorite Italian songs, Barbara Pemberton, Jean Raun, Riva Dimond, for various jobs and Amy Walzer for taking such great photos.

Thanks to our Honorees! We are happy you belong to UUFLB and are part of our lives.

### Coats, Hats, and Umbrellas, Oh My!

There are several lost and found items that have been collected on the shelves in the family room, including umbrellas, coats, hats, reading glasses and more. If you are missing something, please check these shelves. Items that appear to be unclaimed will be donated to the Resource Center.



## Social Action News

*Jean Raun and Riva Morton-Diamond, Co-Chairs*

Congregants of UUFLB have been active in promoting social justice during the past month. Because of our respect for our First Principle, that all people should live with dignity, we signed a letter to Representative John Campbell, asking him to revisit his position on immigration (which we printed from his web site and displayed.) At this time, we have not had a response from our Congressman.

Our principles tell us we should respect and support the democratic process. Our democracy cannot remain viable without an informed electorate. We hosted a town meeting to give members of our community the opportunity to hear a presentation of the Pros and Cons of the ballot issues presented by the League of Women Voters. We concluded our 2010 session of Great Decisions with a powerful discussion of China and another of the current peace process. These discussion groups, which take place around the nation, many of them in Unitarian Universalist churches, are coordinated by the Foreign Policy Association. They help participants gain a better understanding of the complex issues facing our nation in the international arena. We will begin the 2011 sessions next January.

The next Statement of Conscience by the Unitarian Universalist Association which we will be considering is "Ethical Eating." Our Fellowship hosted another Town Meeting featuring Sylvester Johnson who discussed how our food choices can give us an extended...middle age. And we continued to serve meals to the homeless at the shelter. Oakley Frost represents all of Laguna Beach on the city committee dealing with this issue, and Daga Krackowizer serves nobly on the Resource Center task force. We are fortunate to have people who respect our principles serving on those commissions.

Our next Sandwich Lunch will be on June 27, when we will discuss "Thomas Starr King and the Discourse of Anti-Racism" with our speaker, Glenna Matthews. Sandwich lunches give us the opportunity to edify our minds, nourish our bodies, and acquire funds to provide for the social justice needs of our community. Thank you, Helen Scholfield, for organizing these lunches, and to those who generously provide the delicious food. Want to help in the effort? Call Helen before June 27.

Because Social Justice is a core of our belief system, all members of the Fellowship are considered to be members of the Social Action Committee. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 13, right after services.



### **A New Book for UUs....And Others**

Rev. Chris Schriener, who served for 12 years as minister of our Fellowship, has completed a new book, Do Think Twice: Provocative Reflections on Age-Old Questions. In writing this book, Chris has attempted to approach familiar topics in unusual and creative ways. He discusses core values, "neurotheology," personal identity, free will, religious revelations, the mystery of consciousness, Biblical literalism, theism vs. atheism, accepting mortality, the limits of our knowledge, and the mismatch between human nature and the modern world. The book also offers strategies and techniques for personal and spiritual growth. *Do Think Twice* is available for \$25, plus tax and shipping, \$30.44 total. Orders may be sent to Chris Schriener, 39541 Wilford Ct., Fremont CA 94538.

**The Voyage-Religious Education Newspaper**  
*Wendi Bender, RE Coordinator*



**UU based care giving and values exploration in the Family Room or adjacent Library for Infants through Pre-Kindergarten**

Our little Explorers will enjoy the stories of Dr. Seuss and apply the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism to their everyday lives. These stories are fun and engaging. But even more importantly, they are based on life situations and experiences and give us a way to reflect, to talk about things that are part of our lives.

**Innovators (grades K - 4th)**

**Seekers (grades 5th - 6th)**

**Youth (grades 7th and up)**

- 6/6 Social Justice/Elijah's House
- 6/13 Social Justice/Laura's House
- 6/20 Intergenerational Service with Kent
- 6/27 Wishing Well Sunday/Social & Earth Justice

This month we are focusing on Social Justice and spending our time learning about organizations that aid and support the community through the building safe havens. We will look at different organizations that were created through the vision of just one person and talk about how it only takes the compassion of one individual to make a difference in the lives of many. There are many examples of caring in our community. We will focus on two Orange County organizations that are making a difference and were started with one person's vision.

Elijah's House and Laura's House are two different organizations created to help troubled men and women in different ways. These organizations have the same goal: Let's work together to help others who are unable to help themselves! We will apply our UU Principles to making a difference in our community and remembering how our own daily choices can make the world a better place. Through learning about how others have changed the world we will support our UU children in growing and maturing into adults of compassion and understanding.

In May, our Youth raised \$460.00 for the AIDS Walk. We met at the Orange County Great Park and walked together with other UU congregations. It was very exciting to see thousands of people from all over Orange County coming together to make a difference! Way to go Kids! I was very proud to be there to watch our children put their faith in action.

Please remember, the last Sunday of the month is our children's Wishing Well Service downstairs. We collect donations for the those less fortunate and focus on Social & Earth Justice.

See You On Sunday!

*Wendi*



## Your Connection With the Wider UU World

Barbara Williams-Pemberton, Denominational Representative



### What Does That Acronym Mean?

#### LFD (Lifespan Faith Development)

The UUA staff group formerly known as Religious Education (RE) became Lifespan Faith Development. This group is charged with overseeing the development and maintenance of all denominational UU religious education programs and curricula.

### Schedule at de Benneville Pines

#### June

**4-6** First UU Church San Diego Congregational Retreat

For info: 619-298-9978 or [mail@firstchurchsandiego.org](mailto:mail@firstchurchsandiego.org)

**7-10** Camp available for lease

**11-13** PUC/Anaheim UU Congregational Retreat

For info: 310-378-9449 or [admin@pacifunitarian.org](mailto:admin@pacifunitarian.org)

**14-17** Camp available for lease

**18-20** Santa Monica/Chalice UU Congregational Retreat

For info: 310-829-5436 or [office@uusm.org](mailto:office@uusm.org)

**23-26** Fullerton Stake LDS Young Women's Camp (Private)

**27-7/3** Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Middle Schoolers (Wk 1)

For info: 888-442-7286 or <http://campbravo.org>



### Chalice Lighter News

Every few months, I write about what Chalice Lighters and what they fund and why we should support the program. The grants have helped with the expenses involved with searches for called ministers. They have helped furnish a new worship space and a new fellowship hall at various times and for various congregations. If we had 20% of our congregation's members as Chalice Lighters, we could apply for a grant. We could use it to improve our technology considerably more than we can now. I you support that ambition, see Barbara Williams-Pemberton or grab one of the brochures in the pamphlet rack. The request is for \$20, but the Chalice Lighter Committee will accept more if you wish. You can now make your contribution online, either by credit card or by electronic funds transfer as well as by check.

### Another Unitarian Universalist Travel Opportunity

WhaleCoast Alaska 2010 is coming! Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite us to experience their eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer in their fourteenth year! See *Real Alaska*, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka. UUs host events and lead tours. Email [dfrey@WhaleCoastAK.org](mailto:dfrey@WhaleCoastAK.org) or call 907-322-4966 for information. Visit [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org) for an overview. Hurry, because the program fills fast!

## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of North Bay (Wine Country Holiday)

*"Napa was as delightful as I had expected. What was equally important and somewhat unexpected was the profound connections I felt with my hosts and hostesses."*

*Carol Lim, LA*

**The UU's of Napa, California** proudly announce a new season of **Wine Country Excursions**. Again, they offer a variety of options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas. There much to see and do in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: e.g. wine tasting at renowned and boutique wineries; visits to art galleries and museums; exploring the natural beauty of our hills and valleys on miles of hiking and bike trails or by car on our highways and back country roads. The program runs from April through October. The fees are below market rate for similar services and **all proceeds go to their small Fellowship**. For complete details contact Tom Wilson (707-254-7443) or [2wilsons1dog@comcast.net](mailto:2wilsons1dog@comcast.net)

## Endowment Committee

*Charlotte Decker, Committee Chair*

Sometimes an investment you make for yourself is really an investment for others. Consider the story of Grace Groner, who died last January at the age of 100. She lived in a modest, one-story house in Lake Forest, Illinois, was never married, and in 1935 purchased \$180 of stock. Upon her death, that stock purchase, now valued at \$7 million dollars, was given to Lake Forest College, from which she was an alumna. The donation will be used to support the students through scholarships and internships and to enable students to pursue study-abroad opportunities. All of this is made possible by the estimated \$300,000 in interest earned from the stock each year.



Likewise, small and large donations to the UUFLB Endowment Fund are invested, along with the existing funds, to produce interest income that can be used for the benefit of UUFLB (for example, building upkeep or improvement) or to support certain non-profit organizations (for example, Heifer International). Please consider making a donation to the UUFLB Endowment Fund – for the betterment of UUFLB – as part of your estate planning. For more information, contact Charlotte Decker. Thank you!

## Yesterdays Create Tomorrows...

On June 23, 2001, Unitarian Universalists elected The Reverend Doctor William Sinkford the first African-American president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We UUs were 'way ahead of the rest of our country. Last June, we elected Reverend Peter Morales as our first Latin-American president. We're still ahead of everyone else, aren't we!

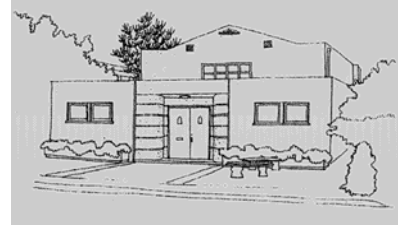


### Circle of Light

Becky Chamberlain, Jean Raun's daughter, still needs our loving, healing thoughts and support as she heals from her first cancer surgery and deals with further treatments and more surgery. Patricia Blanchard still has the same health issues and needs our support. She is growing weaker. She has a new phone number, so call the Fellowship office (949-497- 4568) for it. And Frances Heussenstamm's brother, Jerry, suffered a stroke while Frances was teaching on a cruise ship.

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