

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos



## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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### July 2007

Sunday Services at 10:30

#### July 1

##### *Soapbox Sunday on the Topic of Patriotism*

It's time to get ready for the Fourth of July! In 1850, Daniel Webster said, "I was born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American!" What does that mean to you? Is patriotism the "last refuge of scoundrels," (Samuel Johnson) or a "sense of national responsibility, the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime" (Adlai Stevenson)? Mount the soapbox and give us your personal 3 minute story on patriotism - it's meaning and how it has touched your life. Call JJ Martin to be included in the program - 408-353-3672. Space is limited, so call soon.

Moderator: JJ Martin

Musicians: Ruth Webb, the TUUnitarians

#### July 8

##### *"The Faith That Can Save the World"*

We UUs are confident that our values could make a better and more peaceful world....why then, are we reluctant to proselytize? Is it because we don't know the right language? Bob Meyerson is a retired insurance executive, a veteran of the US Navy, and a native of New Jersey. He has been a member of the Starr King UU Church in Hayward for six years. He says, "I've always been a UU. I just didn't know a religion had been formed around MY ideas!" In addition to taking his message to various UU Churches, he is a folk music fan and often plays his five string banjo at church functions.

Musicians: Larry Chinn, piano, David Peyton, flute

Lay Leader: Lynn O'Keefe

#### July 15

##### *"The Challenges of Being a UU Peace Officer"*

Eric Nelson explores the seeming dichotomy of his faith and his career, answering questions such as, "How do I work for peace, yet be prepared to kill?". Eric works full time as a peace officer specializing domestic violence, sexual assault, and crimes against children. Eric is a member of the San Francisco Church, where he is helping to develop the technology that will allow them to have their worship services on streaming video. Eric lives in Davis with three adopted dogs.

Musician: Larry Chinn

Lay Leader: Linda Krenicky

#### July 22

##### *"The Paths to Peace"*

Be prepared to sing out in this service. From personal, inner peace, to peace in our families and communities, to world peace, we will explore the many paths through prose and song.

Musicians: Dave Coldren, piano, Susanne Mulcahy, guitar, the Nightingales

Moderator: Linda Krenicky

#### July 29

##### *Blessed Be the Animals*

##### *--Our Friends, Our Pets, Our Loved Ones*

UUs honor our connection to the web of life, and our pets are very close to the center of that web. Today we will honor our furry, feathered and finned friends (scaly or slick friends are OK, too). We will sing their praises with animal songs, and give them our most sincere Blessing of the Animals. You may bring your pet on a leash, in an appropriate container, or in a picture so that it may be blessed and shared. Please use your good judgment on whether or not your pet plays well with others. Call JJ if you have questions, 408-353-3672.

Lay Leader: JJ Martin

## Treasurer's Note

Dear Friends

At the annual members meeting in May, I presented 2 budget proposals to the congregation to vote on. The "Option 1" budget included money to fund a part time Director of Religious Education (DRE) position. It also showed an estimated \$14,391 in new funds required to cover the costs, or in other words a projected deficit of \$14,391 if we chose to hire a DRE.

There were valid arguments from both sides, but in the end the majority of the congregation decided that funding the DRE position was a key requirement to our continued growth and ability to offer a professionally run Religious Education program for both children and adults. I'd asked that we collectively take a "Leap of Faith" to fund the position now while we look to new member growth and fundraising activities to cover the expected deficit during the upcoming fiscal year.

I also promised to report back on the progress made to reduce the anticipated deficit on a regular basis. As we begin the new fiscal year July 1 2007, I am thrilled to report that our anticipated deficit has been almost cut in half. From the original \$14,391 down to just \$7,486. The majority of the funds came from new or increased pledges for the 07/08 year as well as additional dividend income generated from our reserve funds.

This means that new amount of additional funds needed for the 07/08 budget is now just \$7,486, and I have great confidence in our ability to meet this challenge.

-John Omvik  
Treasurer UUFLG

## Administrivia From the keyboard of Adrienne Gormley

### Office Hours

The Fellowship Office will be closed on July 2-4 this year. The 4<sup>th</sup> is a legal holiday, as well. Because the building will not be open on July 4, the custodial service will be here on the morning of July 5, but should be done prior to the day's two meetings (RUMs and Building & Grounds).

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## Fundraising Team News

The Fellowship has taken the risk of adopting a budget with a deficit, which led to the formation of a new committee, the Fundraising Team. The members, Linda Krenicky, Chris Magee, Dick and Shelly Powers, and Irving Yabroff, met for the first time on June 7, 2007. It was a lively meeting that generated several money-raising ideas. The team quickly realized that growing our membership is perhaps even more important than the money we are able to raise. With that thought as a guide, there will be focus on events that are designed to bring newcomers to our door. Look forward to these events, already in the planning stages:

**July 22:** Used-book sale

**August 12:** Peninsula Banjo Band afternoon concert (check them out at <http://members.aol.com/penbanjo/>)

**September 2:** Pancake Breakfast and raffle of Edna Windes' watercolor, Sunflower. (This event will not be advertised to the public, and raffle winner does not need to be present to win). You can view the painting at: [ednawagnerpiersol.com/UUSunflwrPOSTERFLYER.pdf](http://ednawagnerpiersol.com/UUSunflwrPOSTERFLYER.pdf)

**October 19:** Dave Coldren, Esther Kaplan, and Susanne Mulcahy present an evening of music and comedy.

**November 18:** Andrew McKnight, UU traveling musician from the hills of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, will provide a music worship service and an afternoon concert. Take a look at his website: <http://www.andrewmcknight.net>.

**December (date to be determined):** Annual Holiday Boutique

**February, 2008:** UUFLG Auction Returns!

As you can see, there is lots of fun in the months ahead. We will definitely need all the talents in our community to make these events successful, so please be thinking about how you can help. From contacting local newspapers to hanging flyers around town, to making goodies to sell at the events, there's sure to be something you can do!

For more information, or to contribute your fund-raising ideas, please contact any member of the Fundraising Team.

## Children's Religious Education

The **RE committee is hoping to hire** both a Director of Religious Education (DRE) and another paid teacher. If you know of any candidates for these positions, please have them contact Leslie Jones or Sabine Omvik. By the time you read this, the DRE search committee is hopefully approved and can begin formal search and interviews.

We need **volunteer teachers for summer**. If you can spare a Sunday during the summer, we'd like parents to assist Michelle and Nan with older children in the pre-school room. Since there is no class for our older kids, they will be in the pre-school room. An extra parent to organize board games or other activities such as crafts would be nice for them.

Fall will be here before we know it. Because of our policy of two teachers per classroom, **we need to find volunteer staff** to supplement our paid staff to teach in the K-5 classroom as well as our middle school classroom. Please consider teaching one or two Sundays during the 2007-2008 curriculum year. If you plan to teach, we ask that you attend the **teacher training session on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9A-12P** at the Fellowship.

From Edna Piersol Windes

The painting, UU Sunflower, by Edna Piersol Windes.

**FUND RAISING RAFFLE** drawing at the Pancake Breakfast in September.

Winner need not be present, shipping within US paid by Edna.

Watercolor on Tissue Paper, the same technique as her painting in the world's largest collection of American Art (Butler Institute of American Art).

Painting size: 13 x 16" image, framed size 20 x 22"

Shipping free within US

Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5

Please help us sell TICKETS so your friends can have a chance.

Contact Linda Krenicky • lindakrenicky@comcast.net • 370 -1516

or Edna Windes • ednawindes@mac.com • 386 - 5317

You can see the painting on Edna's web site at <http://ednawagnerpiersol.com/UUSunflwrPOSTERFLYER.pdf>



### eSCRIP-A Way to Fund the RE Program

One of the ways we can meet the funding goal of supporting a comprehensive Religious Education Program at UUFLG is with a program called eScrip. eScrip is sponsored by Electronic Scrip Inc. (ESI), a California-based corporation dedicated to establishing relationships between commerce and community to provide resources to organizations that support children. eScrip merchants donate a percentage of purchases by people who register with eScrip and use their registered credit cards or gift cards at their stores. Many of the churches and schools in the community already participate in the program.

Thanks to Irving Yabroff, the UUFLG has been established as a participating group in the eScrip program. Members, friends and supporters of the Fellowship can help by signing up and designating the Fellowship as their selected group. If you are already participating in eScrip, no worries; you can add the Fellowship, as more than one group can be designated, and donations will be split among them. Information regarding the enrollment process will be posted in the entry way and West Room. If you have questions, or need help enrolling, please see Dick Powers, Irving Yabroff, or Linda Krenicky.

Please consider signing up for eScrip—it's simple, and a painless, effortless way for us to raise money for the RE Program. Can't get better than that!

## SUNDAY SNACKS

### *Are you wondering how you can take part in Fellowship Life?*

An easy way to get acquainted and provide a needed service is to furnish snacks and/or make coffee for the coffee hour following the Sunday service. A clip board containing a sign up sheet is available on the table in the foyer. Keep looking or ask if it isn't readily available. Just sign your name & phone and someone will call to remind you. Guidelines are posted in the kitchen. Clean up instructions also. Yep! Clean up is included in the duties.

Our wonderful Sunday morning snacks are feasible only if everyone participates. Lots of people are away on vacations so your help is needed.. Please take your turn this summer.



### **Calling All Painters!**

We had such a fantastic crew help us paint the lounge and west room this spring and It's time to roll up our sleeves to get our building gussied-up for the next chapter in our Fellowship's life. We'll be painting the walls of the foyer (easy!) on Saturday, July 28 from 10-1. Even if you can only spare an hour, we'd love your help. RSVP Sarah Mozelle at 813-3455.

**The Thursday Morning's Women's Group** will meet Thursday, July 12, at 9:45 a.m. Discussion topic is in Summer UU World, Page 30-32, "What is Unitarian Universalist Buddhism". Maggie Benson will bring refreshments and Edna Windes will do table décor. Contact Gratia Trevey, Convener, for information or participation: 395-9036.

## July's Family Friendly Event:

Dessert Potluck at Parma Park! July 21, 7pm.

Come visit with other parents and let the kids run around on a summer evening. Secure toddler-friendly play area and climbing wall for older kids! RSVP: Sarah Mozelle 813-3455



## Another Family Fun Event

Family Fun \*Beach Day\* on Saturday August 4th.

By popular request of the kids, we have added another event. We plan to gather at Seaclyff State Beach near Aptos. We plan to make it a late afternoon/evening affair. Everyone bring their own food. Bring kites, baseball mitts, frisbees. Also, if you have a guitar and are willing to play, we can try singing around a campfire. Call or e-mail Leslie Jones if interested. 927-9966 or [lesbehel@pacbell.net](mailto:lesbehel@pacbell.net).

## Announcement from the Caring Network:

In the interest of caring for all creatures, great and small, our Caring Network wants Fellowship members and friends to know that Kit Humphrey has a litter of half Siberian kittens who she would like to place in good, caring homes. The kittens are female, cream, red, or tortie and are free, wormed and immunized. They are the result of an adventure by the mother, a valuable breeder, who mated with a domestic shorthair. Kit has the Siberian Gatos Cattery and says the standard instructions that are given with the \$1,000 full Siberian kittens are available. Kit may be reached at 395-1540 or [kit.humphrey@comcast.net](mailto:kit.humphrey@comcast.net).

# GLOBAL WARMING CHALLENGE PROJECT

The **Social Justice focus** for this year is on global warming and we came up with a great way to give everyone in the fellowship a chance to participate. Each month we will publicize an action that people can take to reduce their energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions. We call these 'challenges' but they are really not difficult. There will be an overview of each new challenge in the newsletter. Details will be available in handouts on the deck and on the Social Justice page of the UUFLG website. Once you have completed the challenge action(s), just sign your name on the chart we'll have on the deck (if you can't make it to the fellowship, just contact Sue Fera and she'll sign your name for you). There is a new challenge each month, but you can complete and sign for any 'old' challenge any time. Our goal is to have the majority of UUFLG members and friends to complete most of the 12 challenges!

**In other Social Justice news:** The Cool Cities Los Gatos project moves ahead as the town of Los Gatos agrees to establish a 'green ribbon' task force and to sign the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. UUFLG joined efforts to convince the CA legislature to pass meaningful health care reform this year collecting thirteen 'get well' cards to state senators on the first Sunday of this project.

The next Social Justice meeting is Sunday July 8, 12:15 - 1:30. Everyone is welcome.

## GLOBAL WARMING CHALLENGE #1

### \*\*\* Air-Drying Laundry \*\*\*

**ACTION:** Obtain and install clothes lines and/or drying racks big enough to hold a whole load of laundry

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:** If you already have clothes lines and/or racks or if you are unable to install them, you may obtain and install clothes lines and/or drying racks for a relative or friend!

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION:** Line-dry at least 4 loads of laundry a month. Do this for 3 consecutive months. Families of 3 or more should aim for 6-8 loads a month but this is not mandatory for meeting the challenge.

**BETTER THAN NOTHING** (you won't get credit for the challenge but you'll save some energy). If you can't air-dry whole loads, you may air-dry half and do the other half in the dryer. Since you are not saving nearly as much energy, you should do this for as much of your laundry as possible.

- Sign the chart when you've done the action or alternative action
- Sign again when you've done the follow-up action
- Get handout on the deck or see website for more details, helpful hints and energy savings estimates

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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?** A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Harry Campbell ( [harrycampbell@gmail.com](mailto:harrycampbell@gmail.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](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.

## FROM THE DECK.....

DID YOU KNOW???? That during this last year, 4 of our members have had the SHINGLES, the latest being Claire Steeley.? That is true, and speaking from experience, they are no fun. It all started with Phyllis Foxcroft, Jim Stahl, Lou Yabroff, and recently Claire Steeley. Let any of the 4 know, and they will give you lots of sympathy!!!

It has been good to have Kit Humphrey and Henri Farhi with son Jamie in our congregation again. Welcome.

Pat O'Hare is expecting to have both of her daughters being with her for several days this summer.

I hope you were able to attend the wonderful potluck and talent show that was given in Rev. Carolyn Colbert's honor on June 15th. It was truly a wonderful evening and enjoyed by so many of us and gave us an opportunity to say thanks to Carolyn for giving us a wonderful year as interim minister!. This party was sponsored by the music committee. who are Linda Krenicky, chairman, Fidele Galey, Phyllis Foxcroft, Suzanne Mulcahy, and Ruth Webb.

Additional helpers were: Connie Springer for preparing a photo album, decorating it and including pictures, plus the purple and lavender table decorations. Ben Krenicky contributed toy spiders for decorations. John Omvik contributed photos for the photo album and the frames that were on the tables. Jan Raissle made Carolyn's card, and many many people brought food . Lynn O'Keefe and Jill Martin were in charge of the clean up crew.

Now about the program-----It was great!! The special numbers were: The TUUnitarians, Dean Marchant, Susanne Mulcahy, Kassandra Omvik, Andreas Omvik, Vern Hansen, Ryan and Jenny Heath, David Peyton, Linda Krenicky and Fidele Galey, Dave Coldren, and the Nightingales were all musical numbers. Phyllis Foxcroft, Pauline Stonehill and Ruth had a short skit, and Esther Kaplan did a monologue. A special extra was a song sung by Max Kaplan, that was so precious. To tie the evening together with lots of jokes and laughter was Jon Kaplan. What a wonderful time! Edna Windes painted a small water color picture that was given away as the drawing for the door prize. And the lucky winner was Ben Krenicky!

We are delighted that Ruth Webb and Katie Rall are attending the General Assembly in Portland.OR along with Rev. Carolyn.

Nan and Bob Bixler had a few days last week in Portland attending a family wedding and visiting with families and friends.

Lou and Irving Yabroff attended the graduation of their granddaughter Sarah from UC Santa Barbara. Sarah graduated with honors in the German Department.

Gratia Trevey will be the new "convener" for the Thursday A.M. Women's Group.

By Lou Yabroff



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

# July 2007

10:30 - Sunday Service	1	Carolyn Colbert available if needed, through July.	2	1:00 - Long Range Planning Committee Meeting 2:00 - Membership Committee Meeting	3	7:30 - Meditation Class	4	12:00 - RUMS (Retired Unitarian Men) 1:30-Building & Grounds Committee	5	12:30p -2:00p Music Committee	6		7
10:30 - Sunday Service 12:15 - Social Justice Advocates Mtg	8	7:15 - Women's Spirituality Group 7:30 - Great Books	9	1:00 Admin & Communications Grp Meeting	10	7:30 - Meditation Class	11	9:45 - Thursday Morning Women's Group	12		13		14
9:45 - Hymn Sing 10:30 - Sunday Service	15		16		17	7:30 - Meditation Class	18		19	Newsletter Deadline	20		21
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