



FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos

our mission

think about our lives grow spiritually care for each other act to make a better place honor how all things connect



rise up

March 2019

Sunday Services at 10:30 am

Mar. 3 – “Why the Revolution Needs Buddhist Debate”

All around the world people are waking up to where society has a lot of room for improvement, but we're not all that great at discussing what we've found. What good is cataclysmic insight if you can't share it in a way another can understand? The debate practices of ancient Tibetan Buddhism hold key principles about using our words to build bridges of understanding and matrices of shared meaning. Come find out how these tools can help clarify the discussions most important to *you*. –Rev. Fa Jun

Mar. 10 – “Why the Revolution Needs Non-Violent Communication”

In the copious research on using non-violent tactics for social change, it is well known that a significant reason to use nonviolence is that violent change tactics tend to promote more violence. This is relatively easy to see in terms of protest movements, but can be difficult to recognize how the same is true for the way we use our speech. To truly be nonviolent, a revolution must learn how to effectively express love through our words. –Rev. Fa Jun

Mar. 17 – Poetry Service

Join us for a poetry service in celebration of love in all its many splendored forms. Spring is nigh, birds are nesting, the air is softening. And your heart? Read to us your favorite poems of love (however that speaks to you), written by yourself or another. Share with us the words that make your heart sing (or that make you ache). OR if you just aren't feeling the love, and would rather celebrate International Women's Day, bring us poetry in celebration! Led by Alison Hurwitz and Karen O'Brien.

Mar. 24 – “Why the Revolution Needs My Grandparent's Values”

Specifically, the revolution needs a few of my grandparent's values, in particular: frugality, tenacity, and care. These are the values that allowed members of the Greatest Generation to survive the Great Depression and contribute to the efforts to win World War II and fight against its atrocities. These same values can help us in today's world to face the similarly gargantuan tasks of reversing climate change and staving off fascism. –Rev. Fa Jun

Mar. 31 – “Don't Be Afraid to Be a Fool”

In honor of April Fools day, we'll take a lighthearted look at the archetype of the Fool and explore ways that we can come to take life a bit more lightly and thus unburden ourselves of unnecessary stress. We'll inquire as to how valuable “knowledge” really is, and explore the relationship between knowing and unknowing. The Dao tells us to “Empty the mind and fill the belly,” and Christ calls upon disciples to “become as a little child.” We shall pull the thread of these teachings from the great traditions and follow its path to a stronger and more open heart! –Rev. Fa Jun



As a Welcoming Congregation, the UUFLG welcomes everyone into our community, without regard to race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnic background, socioeconomic status, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Los Gatos
Open Minds, Loving Hearts, Serving Hands

Satirical Singer/Songwriter Roy Zimmerman Performs at UUFLG!

Friday, Mar. 22

Doors Open 7 pm, Concert Starts 7:30 pm

15980 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos

In the current national nightmare, we need to laugh. And we need to hope. Roy Zimmerman's signature blend of heart and hilarity has never been more necessary. RiZe Up is 90 minutes of Roy Zimmerman's original songs, a funny and forceful affirmation of Peace and Social Justice.



Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, and his videos have garnered tens of millions of views. He has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Ellen DeGeneres, Holly Near, Robin Williams, Arlo Guthrie, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin, and tours the country constantly with his wife and co-writer Melanie Harby.

See the full-page flyer in this newsletter, and please share it with friends and family to ensure a full house. Part of the proceeds benefit our Fellowship! There will be wine and beer for a donation, and there will be appetizers. Roy is a wonderful and funny musician and it should be a great evening!

February Shared Plate

In February, we collected **\$387** for **Village Harvest**. This year they'll harvest and donate enough healthy local fruit to food banks to help tens of thousands throughout the year, like the over 245,000 pounds donated in 2018.

Thanks for your generosity!



Environmental Justice Class Series: "Our Place in the Web of Life" Sessions: Sun., Mar. 10 & 24, Apr. 13 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Join us as we continue our Environmental Justice classes titled "Our Place in the Web of Life", part of our Green Sanctuary program. Participatory and collaborative, this course will help us learn new practices and skills to create a more just and sustainable world. **Children are encouraged to attend!**

In February, we held our first two sessions, which were well received. Each session builds on the previous ones. As such, join us for as many as you can for maximum benefit!

We'll enjoy a light lunch before digging into this vital work so please sign-up in the foyer so we know how many people to expect. Email Robb Stolberg (bigbrownbat@yahoo.com) with any questions or to be added to the list.

Please spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and colleagues that we have a venue suitable for recitals, weddings, memorials, parties and more!

We welcome your ideas to increase our rental income!

Contact Donna Brewer, donnabv@hotmail.com or (408) 358-1212.



MARCH

4TH ALBERT JAMES

6TH DONNA BREWER

7TH MERRITT BENSON

7TH JIM STUBSTAD

19TH ZOE THORN

23RD BRADY WILLIAMS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

UUFLG RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE! GREAT FOR ALL SORTS OF EVENTS!

Submit items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month to Lance Jacobson (editor) at news@uuflg.org. Submit as single-spaced documents in rich text format (.rtf) or plain text.

March Shared Plate: IWC's Global Initiative for Women's Leadership Fund

This month, the offertory on Feb. 17 (except for checks and envelopes marked "pledge") will go to the **International Women's Convocation's Global Initiative for Women's Leadership Fund**.

Honoring Barbara Kres Beach, the founding president of IWC, the Global Initiative for Women's Leadership (GIWL) supports programs that provide culturally sensitive leadership training, networking opportunities and resources, as well as build capacity for sustainability and long-term success.

Culturally sensitive development happens when women team up and agree on their priorities. Training programs for the GIWL are built by women who are ready to make equality, empowerment, and community their priority, passion, and action.

The Global Initiative Leadership Team links in-country participants and facilitators with mentors, resource specialists, and funding matchmakers. The Team – in and outside the country – plans together, identifies resources, activates the project, and finally, takes stock to ensure that goals have been reached.

GIWL focuses on program sustainability, requiring looking beyond short-term goals, toward a long-range vision: building capacities, strengthening women's community, civil, business, and political participation, and advancing gender equity.

Projects IWC has helped design/direct, co-sponsor or raise funds for include a:

- micro-loan program in Mutundwe Village, Kampala, Uganda
- five-module leadership school for Unitarian women and grants to local empowerment projects in Transylvania
- six-module leadership development program in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills, India
- violence awareness and prevention program in UU communities in the Philippines
- violence awareness and prevention program in Unitarian communities in India
- pilot leadership development program in Bolivia

Learn more at intl womens convo.org/international-womens-day-2019.



Update from the Board

Greetings Beloved Community, we want to share with you some of the recent discussions of our governing board.

At our Feb. 14 meeting, we discussed **facility** needs and priorities. Projects planned for the next few months include replacement of the shade cloth on the outside deck and weatherproofing the exterior doors. Issues with the drains and irrigation system are under investigation. Replacement of the air conditioning and remodeling of the bathrooms are longer-term priorities. (For the full current list of facility priorities, or to provide input, please contact a member of the **Stewardship** Working Group: Sarah Ditzler, Ron Kirkland, Sue Ann Lorig, Rick Roberts, or Edy Young.)



The board also authorized payment of **pledges** via direct deposit to the Fellowship bank account. If you are interested in paying your pledge in this way, please contact Rick Roberts, Treasurer.

As you may know, the board has asked each committee to share its news and goals, and we want to share some of this with you. Here is what's been going on in the **Social Action** Committee:

- The committee prepared a handout that describes its work and lists the projects it completed in 2018; this will be included in the visitors' packets as part of our **outreach** efforts.
- Habitat for Humanity, with which some committee members work, is starting construction of a new community of **tiny homes**.
- Starting at the end of this month, the committee will be collaborating with Religious Education to collect socks for **children** living in the San Jose Family Shelter.
- The committee's Green Sanctuary Working Group has conducted the first two sessions of the intergenerational "Our Place in the Web of **Life**" class. The remaining sessions will be on March 10 and 24 and April 7. The group is also developing other projects, with the goal of applying for Green Sanctuary candidacy for the Fellowship in July.



Do you have something to say to the Board of Trustees? A guest commentary time for members can be made available at the beginning of each monthly Board meeting. Contact Lynn Golbetz (lynngolbetz@comcast.net) for more information. View the minutes of Board meetings online at uufg.org/board-of-trustees-minutes/.

Funny songs about
Peace and Justice

RiZe UP

**UU Fellowship
of Los Gatos**

15980 Blossom Hill Road

Friday, March 22

7:30 pm

\$20 or pay what you can

**roy
Zimmerman**

"With music this good
and humor this insightful,
there is good reason
to be optimistic."
- No Depression Magazine

March 2019

At the time of publication, no UUFLG activities were scheduled on 3/1 & 3/2.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9-10:15a CRE Committee (C.) 10:30-11:30a Service & Children's Religious Exploration (CRE)		10-11:30a Chalice Circle		12-1:30p Retired UU Men's Lunch (RUUMs) 1p Sun. Svcs. C. (online) 4-6p MOH	12p Joint Connections C. & Sunday Services C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30-11:30a Service & CRE 12:15-2:15p Environmental Justice Class 3 (Children welcome!)	7:30-9:30p Great Books Discussion	10:30a-12p Finance C. 2-3:30p Caring C.	7-9p Stewardship	9:45a-12p Morning Women's Group 4-6p MOH 7-8:15p Board	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30-10:15a Social Action C. 10:30-11:30a Service (Shared Plate: International Women's Convocation) & CRE		10-11:30a Chalice Circle		12-1:30p RUUMs 4-6p Minister Office Hours by Appt (MOH)	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite) 7-10p Roy Zimmerman Concert	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30-11:30a Service & CRE 12:15-2:15p Environmental Justice Class 4 (Children welcome!)				4-6p MOH	2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	9a-12p Bldg. & Grounds Workday 6-9p Game Night
31	Apr. 1	2	3	4	5	6
10:30-11:30a Service & CRE				4-6p MOH 6:30-8:30p New to UU Class	1-2p Connections C. 2-4p Memoir Writing (offsite)	

Note: This calendar is intended for events relevant to the life of the Fellowship. For a complete calendar of UUFLG facilities use, which includes rentals, view the online calendar at www.uuflg.org. In case of errors, omissions and changes after newsletter publication, find the most up-to-date calendar online. To request updates to the online calendar, email admin@uuflg.org. For recurring event details and contacts, refer to [Activities & Programs](#) online.