



The SLO UU News

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County

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Thank you – two little words are no match for the gratitude we feel. Thank you to all those who helped with our farewell celebration. Your generous offering of time and talent made the gathering a wonderful event. From set-up to clean-up, folks turned out to make the day perfect.

Special thank you to the central committee who created the program, coordinated logistics, juggled invitations, arranged food (and what a spread it was!) and shepherded the multitude of UU volunteers. Without your attention to detail, perseverance and vision for a “good” goodbye, the Saturday celebration would not have happened.

And to the congregation – thank you for the stole! A beautiful gift to remind of the “stars” in this community and the years of ministry we have shared with one another. And thank you for the golf gift certificate. What better way to move into a new community than with an invitation to play golf.

Goodbyes are seldom easy and your heartfelt messages, cards, words, gifts and presence send us on our way feeling loved and appreciated. In turn, we love and appreciate you. Farewell, Helen and Rob



WHERE, WHEN, AND WHO ON SUNDAYS

2074 Parker Street, San Luis Obispo, 93401

11 am Worship services, children’s classes and care

In Between Ministers

David Robinson, Religious Educator and Administrator

Rebecca Sloan, Choir Director and Pianist

For more information, call the church office, (805) 544-1669 Monday-Friday, 9 am to 1 pm, or email UUSLO@slonet.org.

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Growth and Learning Circle

Never an End to Learning



The REview

by David Robinson, Religious Educator



If there's one thing we've been missing since we started worshipping here at Parker Street, I think we'd all agree it's the outdoors. So we're going to try something new starting in July with *RE in the Park*. On Sunday, July 18th we'll be conducting RE over in Meadow Park (about half a mile away from the Fellowship – on South Street near the corner with Broad). Check your RE Update for details of how things will run, and be sure to give us your opinions – both before and after – so we can fix any problems and be ready to go again in August.

Summer also means planning out the schedule of classes and teachers for next year. On Saturday, August 21st from 9am to noon we'll be having Teacher Orientation and Training at Parker Street. This session is designed for everyone. If you have never taught RE you'll learn the basics of how to assist in our classes. If you're an "old hand" you'll have the opportunity to expand your area of responsibilities. Everyone will spend some time on classroom management skills; our particular RE philosophy; and specifics about the curriculum for next year. If you can't make it August 21st, please let me know what alternative times / days will work best for you and I'll set up a second date that accommodates as many people as possible.

If you are currently on the Teaching Schedule I'll be sending you a separate email to discuss your preferences for next year (keep teaching on the same schedule, keep teaching but change your schedule, stop teaching so you can concentrate on other volunteer opportunities, etc...). If you are not currently teaching and want to know more about what it involves before committing, please contact me. If you can set aside one Sunday a month to share your life experiences, and your life, with our booming population of young ones, we will ALL

benefit from it! We currently have openings for teachers on the first and second Sundays of every month – so we'll welcome you with open arms should you want to jump right in and get started NOW.

Summer really is here and that means we start planning for Plaskett Creek! Our annual Fellowship Campout will take place August 6-8th. Flyers with more information are available in RE and the Community Room. EVERYONE is welcome – for the whole weekend or just come up for the day Saturday and enjoy the beach, tie-dye, spaghetti dinner and s'mores by the campfire. Register quickly though, there's always a chance we will fill up!

Are YOU getting the RE Update every week? Every Thursday or Friday I send out an update with information about events and classes for the coming weeks as well as teacher and snack scheduling info and other important stuff. To get on the list just send an email to uufslocdre@yahoo.com and let me know you want the weekly RE Update.

A very MAGICAL day is coming in August! Wands at the ready and watch your RE Update for more info on our annual day at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Mark Your Calendar:

July 18: RE in the Park

August 6-8: Plaskett Creek Campout

August 21: Teacher Training and Orientation

July/August 2010 at Camp de Benneville Pines:

July 11-17: Elementary (and Counselor-in-Training Program)

July 18-24: Jr High (and Leadership School)

July 25-31: Sr High (and Adult Advisor Training)

August 1-7: Family Camp

August 22-27: PSWIRL Summer Camp for Grownups

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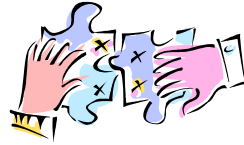
IN JOY

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Growth & Learning Circle Never an End to Learning



Pathways Circle Our Ministries Of Support



A New Art Show Goes Up on July 17

Look for a new show called "**Sunrise and Sunset / Coastal Views**" to go up on Saturday July 17. Living in this lovely area, you may have favorite art pieces, realistic or abstract, in your collection or your studio.. Think of sharing them with the fellowship and visitors, and bring them in at 10 AM on the 17th, ready to hang. Work can be any medium or size, up to 3 or 4 pieces per artist. Please include the information for labels.

Work in the current show can be picked up then, or any time after Sunday service on July 11.
Questions? Joan Scott 227-4246 moonwatch@tcsn.net



Need a Little Help from Your Friends?

Contact the Fellowship or a Regional Care Coordinator

If you or someone you know in the congregation is in the hospital or is recovering from illness, please contact the Fellowship. We'll organize support through our Regional Care Coordinators.

Thank you to our volunteers:

Avila, Grover Beach, Oceano, Pismo Beach, and Shell Beach:

Jan Turney

Arroyo Grande: **Trish Wilson**
Atascadero, Templeton & Paso:

Laurie Napoli & Joan Scott

Cambria, Cayucos & Morro Bay:
Kate and Terry Throop

Los Osos: **Joy Gault & Chris Cummings**

San Luis Obispo: **Marianne Culver, Tom Norwood, and Bonnie Wamsley**

Santa Maria and Nipomo: **Sandra Sondhi**

Pathways Coordinator
Jan Clarke

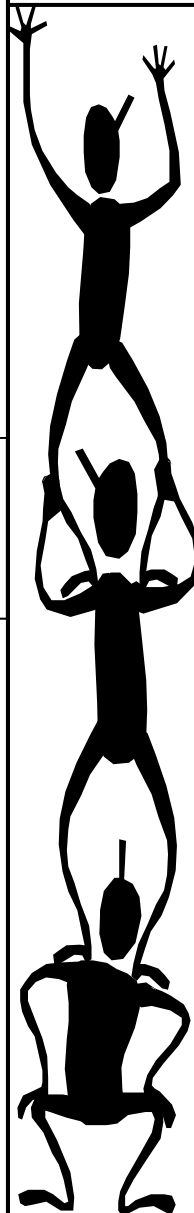


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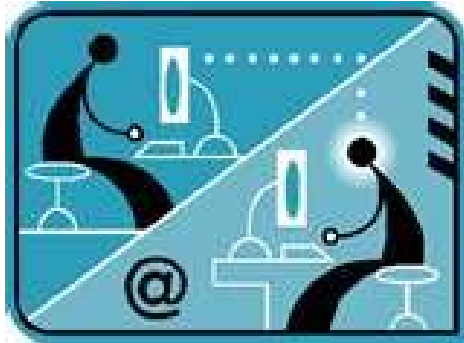
Women's Retreat

Save the dates of October 9th and 10th for the annual Women's Retreat at Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria. Come join us to share good company, food, music, crafts, hikes and workshops. Take time to renew, connect, reflect, relax, laugh and bond with other women on 12 beautiful forested acres overlooking the ocean. Contact Laurie Weymann with any questions at slwmann@yahoo.com.





Stewardship Circle Care for Today and for Tomorrow



Admin News – July 10

The Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in celebration of Independence Day.

July is a busy month around your Fellowship Office with the start of a new financial year. That means your NEW budget is now in effect. Do you have any expenses related to church operations for last year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)? Those request forms need to be in the Office by 8 am, Tuesday, July 6th. All requests submitted after that will be charged to the current year's budget (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).

July also brings us new editors for the *News and Notes* and the *SLO UU News* (also known as the Newsletter) – and with it some changes about how we do them. Please remember a few simple guidelines to make the process quicker and less error prone:

✦ *News and Notes* articles should be emailed to the Office (uuslo@slonet.org) with a reference to N&N in the subject line so the editor can pick them out quickly and simply. **Jan Clarke** is the new editor.

✦ Newsletter articles should be emailed directly to the new editor, **Laurie Napoli**, at vnapoli@sbcglobal.net. Please be sure your email contains ONLY information relevant to the newsletter. If there is anything that needs the attention of the Administrator, send that to the office in a separate email. If you want the same article to run in *News and Notes*, send it in a separate email to the office as well as to Laurie.

✦ The Newsletter deadline is still the 15th of every month.

✦ The *News and Notes* deadline is still noon, every Wednesday. Contact the office (uuslo@slonet.org; 544-1669) if you have any questions.

In addition, July marks the start of a new “calendar” year. While our Calendar of Events is obviously an ongoing thing, July marks the time when the groups and committees with recurring events (weekly, monthly, quarterly meetings) have their timeslots carried over for another year. If your group needs to change their meeting time or place, please contact the office. If you have no changes, rest assured your meeting accommodations have not been changed and will continue on the calendar as they were last year.

THANKS

David Robinson, Administrator

Office Hours: Monday – Wednesday, 9am to 1pm

The Office is staffed by volunteers Thursday and

Friday from 9am – 1pm

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Please Keep Up The Good Work

By Terry Throop, Treasurer

Thanks to everyone who has contributed generously to the Fellowship during the 2009-10 Fiscal Year.

It's still a few weeks too early to know exactly how last year will end up. Find out in the next newsletter. But it's not too early to know that we're coming up on one of the most difficult financial times of the year. It seems that when the pace of Sunday services slows a little, there's a tendency to let the pace of contributions fall off, too.

We have a lot of expenses related to our transactions which will be coming up in July and August. Please remember the Fellowship while you're taking care of yourself and relaxing this summer.



Stewardship Circle Care for Today and for Tomorrow



A Prayer for Summer

Blessed are they who pay their pledges before the days of vacation.

They go forth with a light heart.

They wear soft clothing and wander in pleasant places.

They anoint themselves with SPF 50.

They sit by the still waters and hope that the fish biteth and the mosquitoes biteth not.

They build a fire of charcoal, yea, they build it with care and do place marinated and savory things thereupon.

The wind wafteth the aroma to their nostrils and their taste buds doth tingle in anticipation.

They eat thereof and are satisfied.

Night cometh.

They close their eyes in thanksgiving, and their sleep is undisturbed.

For lo, they knoweth the good work of their Fellowship doth continue in their absence, and verily, it shall not be diminished.

For their pledges are paid, and they shall dwell in the house of [our](#) appreciation forevermore.

Amen.

The Fellowship Financial Community thanks you.



Fun – and Successful – Connection Events!

In May, our Fellowship enjoyed our first Spaghetti & Bingo night (or Spingo/Binghetti as we now say). More than 80 people joined in the fun, including lots of kids, enjoying a great meal, playing bingo, winning prizes and even singing the hokey-pokey! It was a great time, and the event raised about \$1,300 for the Fellowship!

Then in June, we had a second Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's. Again, we had great participation with 72 meals served and \$500 raised for the Fellowship.

Also in June, a huge Rummage Sale was held at the Edna property that netted over \$1800 the first weekend! In fact, there was so much donated, and so much participation, it was decided to carry it over to one more weekend. Stand by next month for final results on this event.

Thanks to all for coming out for the fun and helping out in so many ways. Special thanks to Trish Wilson, Janet Murphy and Susan Stenovec for heading up the May event, to Mary Jeanne Bonaventure for organizing the Board Pancake Breakfast, and to Joyce Knight for taking the initiative on the Rummage Sale.





Stewardship Circle
(continued)



Social Responsibility Circle



New Connection Events

Connection Events are the activities we plan as a Fellowship to bring us all together and to raise money to meet our mission and to stay a vital part of our broader community. We have ambitious goals this year and a small group has laid the framework for 4 great events in the 2010/2011 year:

- October 16, 2010 - Live Auction, with dinner and music
- February 5, 2011 – Culmination of Silent Auction held throughout January, ending with a Spaghetti & Bingo night
- April 30, 2011 – Tennis Tournament
- May 14, 2011 – Community -wide 'Scavenger Hunt' – details pending!

Why two auctions, you ask? Happily, we have an abundance of generous offerings! Last year, we had over 60 live auction offerings and even more silent items. By hosting two separate events, we have more chances for people to participate. So start thinking of your auction items!

Not surprisingly, each event will need a team of folks to help out. It's fun and rewarding and any level of time and talent you would like to offer is happily accepted!. Won't you join us?

Andy Pease (baspease@sbcglobal.net), Susan Stenovec , Trish Wilson and Janet Murphy



It's Time, Once Again, To Celebrate Gay Pride!

July 11 marks the 13th Pride in the Plaza celebration for SLO's GLBT Community! It's a family-friendly fun day in the sun with free entertainment, and LOTS of color and excitement! UUFSLOC has hosted an interfaith booth at Pride in the Plaza for the last 12 years. And this year will be no exception! I will be looking for help setting up, staffing the booth and representing our Fellowship, then tearing down at 5:00 PM. Set up occurs at 9:00 AM, before church. We need four people to help set up two pop up shade tents and tables and chairs. Set up takes about 30-45 minutes. We usually schedule two people per hour to staff the booth from 12-6 PM, with the last folks helping tear down the booth. You will share this booth with members of several other faith traditions.

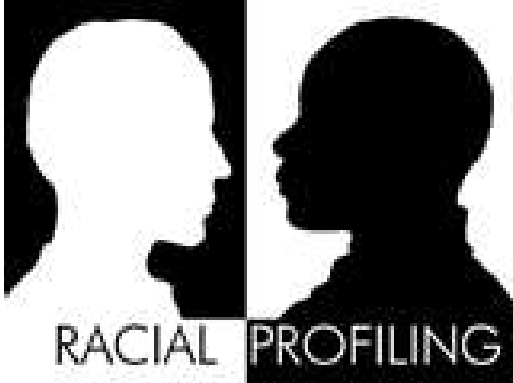
Staffing the booth is a chance to tell the public about our congregation, and I am seeking new and older members and friends--anyone who is proud of our Unitarian Universalist faith and our Fellowship! Don't be shy...you know what the Fellowship has meant to you, so it's just a matter of sharing that good news! Let folks know that there is a faith community where they can come and NOT have to check their sexual orientation or their beliefs at the door--we welcome all who come to share in our spiritual journey!!

Please let me know if you would like to help. That's Sunday, July 11, 12 noon-6:00 PM at Mission Plaza downtown! Check your calendars, please. Then contact Gina Whitaker about volunteering.

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Social Justice Responsibility Circle Inspired by Faith, Committed to Action



On the Social Justice Front... By Gina Whitaker

NO to Racial Profiling; YES to Immigration Reform
April saw one of the most stringent and discriminatory immigration enforcement laws passed in the US to date, SB1070 in Arizona.

Once again, through hurtful legislation, persons suspected of Hispanic origin have become the targets of racial profiling. Clergy and congregations from many faith traditions in Arizona participated in efforts to defeat this bill. Now, we must stand with our Hispanic brothers and sisters until this law is repealed or found unconstitutional.

Equally as important is working to get comprehensive *federal* immigration reform legislation passed. We need legislation that resists scapegoating and protects the rights of all who reside in the United States--a policy that understands the root reason for mass migration: the economic, environmental and trade inequalities that exist between the U.S., Mexico and all of Latin America.

Many immigration civil rights organizations in Arizona including the [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#) have called for a boycott of traveling to and holding conventions and events in Arizona. As I write this, UUFSLOC's five delegates are preparing to deliberate and vote on a resolution to move General Assembly 2012 OUT of Arizona in support of such a boycott. But the arguments are not simple. Many believe it is possible to make a stronger statement by holding GA in Phoenix coupled with actions and partnerships be-

tween now and then which emphasize working for immigration justice. Others believe that by holding GA in AZ, we are asking our own Latina and Latino UU attendees to put themselves in the same jeopardy of being racially profiled as Hispanics living in AZ.

On May 29th, a National Day of Action was held to kick-off to "Freedom Summer" in Arizona. The National Day of Action drew more than 100,000 people who marched six miles to the State Capitol to denounce SB1070. Clergy from many faiths blessed the marchers as they started out, offering bread and water as symbolic sustenance for their journey. For more on the march and this issue, see the Web site www.standingonthesideoflove.org.

And for a full background on this matter, see the following blog site; it's really terrific! <http://socialjustice.blogs.uua.org/2010/06/16/puente-and-ndlon/>

Now is the time to attend to each other with love and compassion, and may the solidarity we share strengthen us for the challenging journey that lies ahead.





**Thank You for Serving on the Board
By Eric Olsen**

I would like to offer a special thanks to the three departing UUF Board members this year: Scott Cleere, Richard Besel, and Kate Throop. Leadership is something that we need to cultivate and cherish within the Fellowship. These three are extraordinary leaders, each in their own way, and I am proud to have served with them.

Scott Cleere stepped in to fill a partial term when Jean Gordon needed to step down for a bit. Scott brought a quiet, thoughtful wisdom to the Board when it was much needed.

Richard Besel served on the Board for a year. His insight and expertise in communication and honest debate helped us often. Rich was also a force for full discussion and understanding BEFORE voting. We learned a lot from Rich.

Kate Throop also served the Board for a full year. Kate is a "utility infielder" for the Fellowship. She has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and skills that allowed her to step in as recording secretary, corporate secretary, Chair of the Interim Hiring Committee, leader of our covenant efforts, all while being the Circle Coordinator for Growth and Learning. Kate will be missed as a Board member, but not as a continuing leader in the Fellowship.

Please join me in thanking these friends for a job well done the next time you see them.

Cheers, Eric Olsen

Outgoing Board President and Ongoing Board Member

P.S. from the Board: And special thanks to Eric Olsen for serving as our Board President for the past year. As a relatively new member to the Fellowship, Eric jumped in with both feet as president and thoughtfully led us through a successful year with many accomplishments. His organizational skills and sensitivity to group dynamics provided the backbone for our efforts, and his wit and candor kept us grounded and in good spirits. Thank you, Eric!



New Long Term Home Task Force Formed

After reviewing the offers to serve from the membership, the following people were selected by the Board for the re-chartered New Long Term Home Task Force (NLTHTF):

1. Eric Olsen (also Board Member)
2. Susan Stenovec (also Board Member)
3. John Bonaventure
4. Eileen Pritchard
5. George Snow
6. Jack McConnell
7. Ann Bernhardt

Ex-Officio

8. Andy Pease (also Board President)
9. Sean Dennison (also Minister)

Task Force Charter

1. Analyze the exit poll survey for trends and insights.
2. Conduct an alternate site real estate search to explore and document possible properties; work with commercial realtors as appropriate, without cost.
3. Provide written documentation of Steps 1 and 2 above for Board review; upon Board approval, distribute results to the congregation; target mid-October 2010 or as recommended by the Task Force.
4. Based on analysis above, and others as deemed appropriate by the Task Force and/or Board, recommend a process for a future vote regarding a Long-term Home decision; target date for establishing the process is mid-November 2010.
5. Upon Board approval, implement and/or facilitate the process

Please join me in thanking these people for agreeing to help us with this important task.

Eric Olsen and Susan Stenovec,
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2009-2010

President - **Eric Olsen**

Vice President - **Andy Pease**

Corporate Secretary - **Kate Throop**

At large: **Richard Besel, Mary Jeanne Bonaventure, Andrea Brown, Scott Cleere, Chris Cummings, Joyce Knight**

Appointed Treasurer—**Terry Throop**



Endowment Fund Of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County:

A permanent fund maintained for the financial health and long-term needs of this Fellowship.

Gifts of all types are received, invested, and maintained by the Endowment Fund Committee as directed by the Fellowship Bylaws. The Committee receives bequests, trusts, annuities, life insurance, and special donations at any time. An explanatory brochure is available in the Social Hall. Members of the committee are elected by the congregation. They are available at your convenience to discuss your wishes and answer any questions. To make a financial donation to the Fund, make out your check to: "UUFSLCo Endowment Fund".



In Memory of Tessa York

We offer our sympathies to the family and friends of Tessa York, who died in Cabrillo Care Center, May 8. Tessa was a member of our congregation for 13 years and her gentle presence will be missed. We'll announce details for a Celebration of her Life as they are finalized.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Worship and RE 12:30p Social Justice Com- Class	5 6:00a Office Closed 9:45a Music Committee - Sanc 6:00p Worship Arts Com - Classroom	6 9:00a Staff Mtg 6:00p UFETA - Classroom 7:00p Lit Wits - Sanc 7:00p Mens Group - Off	7 12:00p News and Notes Deadline 6:30p (Adult Ed - Sanc)	8 9:00a CCCLJ Board - RE 1:00p Womens Disc - Sanc/CR 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 1:00p Single Again - CR	10
11 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 11:00a Worship and RE 12:30p Second Sunday Conversation	12	13 6:00p Board of Trustees - Sanct/CR	14 12:00p News and Notes Deadline 2:00p Membership Com - CR 6:30p (Adult Ed - Sanc)	15 12:00p Newsletter Deadline 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	16	17 10:00a Art Show Hanging
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