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## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

(See the Month of Sundays insert for more information.)

### Forums – 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

- 4/7 “Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tashkent,”  
Ruby Long.  
4/14 “Peace Activism Through Public Art,” Lisa  
Reinertson.  
4/21 “Can Military Tribunals Provide Due Process?”  
Jed Scully.  
4/28 Speaker Dr. Willam Lee, *Sacramento Observer*.

### Services – 11 a.m. in the Auditorium

- 4/7 “Low Sunday,” Mary Howard, Music Committee.  
4/14 The Age of Narcissism, Part I,” Rev. Doug Kraft.  
4/21 “The Age of Narcissism, Part II,” Rev. Kraft.  
4/28 “Statements of Faith,” Worship Leaders et al.

## APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

- Rummage Sale 4/6.**  
**Green Thumb Sale 4/6 & 4/7.**  
**Afternoon Forum talk 4/7.**  
**Women’s Alliance Luncheon 4/13.**  
**4th-5th Grade Talent Show.**  
**Jesse Kalu Concert 4/14.**  
**Open Meeting About the FORUM 4/21.**  
**Sandwich Supper Social 4/26.**



## COMING IN MAY

- “Witness for the Prosecution” 5/3, 5/4, 5/5**  
**Spring Auction 5/5, 5/12, 5/19**  
**Semi-annual Congregational Meeting 5/19**

## PRESIDENT’S LETTER

I think this column may disappoint those of you looking for inspirational or motivational words on the canvass (which I hope is going well and thank you for your generosity). This month I may also surprise some of you by not focusing on St. Patrick’s Day or my Irish roots (my trips to Ireland I have shared with many of you). Instead I would like to say a few words on a topic that may strike you as mundane or even pedestrian (no pun intended).

And that topic is: **TRAFFIC SAFETY.**

Please drive carefully.

This idea, theme, cliché struck home to me recently when I was involved in a serious traffic accident. I am generally OK; however, I am still using a sling and have some lingering fears of driving and entering intersections—but I am realizing AGAIN how suddenly events can affect you so dramatically and how precious our health and lives are.

I was struck by someone who was not paying attention and we believe the “minor distraction” of a cellular phone was involved. Regardless of the reason for the accident and thank goodness for insurance, this incident again reminds me of how busy our lives have become and how many of us try to do two or three things at once. Sometimes with serious and negative consequences.

I know I could weave into this column words about the interconnected web and how driving can be a spiritual experience for some folks—but I have a much more pragmatic and rational appeal: **BE CAREFUL AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.**

Please.

My employees at the DMV have handled hundreds if not thousands of accident reports and I have even processed a few myself. But when you are involved personally, when your shoulder hurts constantly and you cannot do the simple things you took for granted yesterday like combing your hair or lifting a child, then you stop and think how individual lives are changed every day by carelessness and inattention.

So while I am thinking of our canvass and our growing congregation, I am also thinking of how we get to UUSS and maybe take those trips for granted. So the next time you are driving over to church and are in a hurry—please take your time and arrive safely. We will all benefit.

*Linda Clear, Your President*

## **AT THE MOMENT...**

*The Reverend Douglas C.B. Kraft*

President Bush and the terrorists may have more in common than either would like to admit. They both seem to see the world as a battleground for spiritual forces. The terrorists who destroyed the World Trade Center believed they were soldiers in a battle between Islamic Goodness and Capitalist Evil. To them, civilian casualties were unimportant because of the holy issues at stake.

President Bush has declared a secular jihad. When he speaks of evildoers and an Axis of Evil, it sounds like we are engaged in a struggle between God and Satan. In such a struggle civilian casualties are regrettable but acceptable. Curtailing civil liberties, indefinite detainment of suspicious looking people, military tribunals, even nuclear weapons are justified.

I agree that terrorism is a serious threat but object to the pop theology that cloaks our actions in the language of a religious crusade. It is easy to see how this distorts the thinking of Islamic extremists. It distorts ours as well.

During the first day of the Unitarian Universalists Ministers Convocation in Birmingham, Alabama, Rebecca Parker offered similar reflections on the theological implications of current affairs. The lectures, worship, workshops, small groups and informal discussions with colleagues and friends were stimulating. But after three days, I could absorb no more. I needed a break.

I walked out of the hotel, under the highway, into the downtown area and west to Kelly Ingram Park. Video footage from the 1960s civil rights struggle showed this park and police using fire hoses on men, women and children. Across one intersection I could see the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, which was bombed killing four children.

I crossed the street to the Civil Rights Institute. Inside, I read local newspaper accounts from that era about Rosa Parks and the boycott of the segregated bus system. I had forgotten the legal maneuvers used to try to break the boycott. The Black community had organized carpools as an alternative to the buses. The city fathers declared the carpools an illegal, unlicensed business enterprise. Four decades later the disingenuousness of these tactics seems appalling. But from their world view, they were doing the right thing to protect the sacred social order.

Martin Luther King articulated the connections between racism, poverty and war. In today's "war" on terrorism, the connections are clear if we ask the right questions.

Why are poverty, education, childcare and disabilities programs being cut as too expensive? Why are expensive and unneeded military programs being added at a dizzying rate? Who benefits economically from the war? Why are tax cuts favoring the wealthy whisked through congress in an aura of patriotism? How many civilian

casualties are there in Afghanistan? How many people in this country have been detained? Why is it difficult to get answers to these questions?

The subterfuge of the Birmingham city fathers in the '60s is easy to see today. How will today's policies be judged in forty years?

Our Unitarian Universalist faith is rooted in the importance of questioning. Patriotic fervor discourages hard questions. May we stand firmly in our faith and continue to ask questions.



### **Finding Doug**

I will be at a retreat with Joanna Macy for a few days after Easter. At other times, I can usually be found at the church between 3 and 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and between 1 and 3 on Wednesdays and other times by chance or appointment. Feel free to come by or give me a call (483-9283x201).



*Here are Roger and Ruth Barr at the Staff Services Auction party February 23, "Dinner at the White House," authentically costumed as James and Dolley Madison.*

## R.E. VISIONS

The few warm days we had at the beginning of March enticed me to uncover the patio furniture, dust off the cooler, and think about...’s’mores’! Apparently I am not the only one thinking about camping these days. Alice Lopes, a UUSS 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Dewey Fundamental School, had a recent assignment to write about a “tradition.” Her essay captures the essence of UUSS Camp (June 7-8-9, 2002 at Lake Oroville).

### *My Church Tradition, by Alice Lopes*

I can’t wait to go camping with our church. We go every summer. Our church is going to Lake Oroville. My dad, my mom and my brother got ready while I got dressed and started helping. We packed the car and hitched up the trailer. Before we leave town we stop to get lunch. Then we hit the road. When we get to the campsite, Mom and Dad set up the tent while I go to play with my friends. Then we go to dinner. After dinner, we go and play again. When we smell fire we run for the campsite to get marshmallows. When we go to bed the sound of crickets are everywhere. In the morning I smell cereal. After we have breakfast we go swimming in the lake. When we come back we have dinner. Then we sing songs around the campfire and eat s’mores. We go to bed and sleep well. In the morning the smell of pancakes is in the air. Then we pack up, say good bye, and head home.

The End.

Alice has captured the essence of UUSS camp: eat, sing, sleep, eat, play, eat, swim, play, eat, sing. Or, to say it in a slightly different way: nourish the body, feed the spirit, build community! Camp is a great place for kids and adults to connect and make friends – I hope to see you there.

Love,

*Kate*

P.S. Camp registration will begin Sunday, April 14 and continue every week until all the spaces are full. The cost is \$7 per person (age two and under free). Fees must be paid at the time you register.



The Junior High Class raised close to \$300 in March at their Bake Sale and Sunday Lunch! Proceeds from their fundraising will go to support Happy Tails, a no-kill sanctuary for neglected cats and dogs, Marvin Armando Sut Tucubal, our sponsored Guatemalan boy, and Loaves and Fishes. Thanks to all who supported the kids’ efforts, and to their teachers Theresa Stutz, Liz Scheff, Suzanne Hambleton, and Dan Meier!

## April Calendar

- 4/4 6:30 p.m. Religious Education Committee offsite (call Kate for directions).
- 4/6 Daylight Savings Time begins - Set clocks ahead one hour!
- 4/14 12:30 p.m. Talent Show fund-raiser by 4-5<sup>th</sup> graders in Auditorium.
- 4/20 8:30 a.m. “Creek Week” Clean Up Day! Meet at 8:30 a.m. at UUSS to carpool to our clean-up site.
- 4/21 9:30 a.m. The Religious Education Committee and I will host a “Q & A” Brunch: Everything you need to know about the NEW R.E. in Fall, 2002! We hope that every family will send a representative to this meeting - we’ll be asking you to pre-register your children for the First Semester (September-January) and to indicate a preference for the 9 or 11 a.m. service. We’ll have refreshments and a separate program for the children from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., and we will unveil the NEW R.E. grid. Don’t miss it! Please call me if you have questions beforehand - clear communication will be key to our success!
- 4/21 12:30 p.m. Coming of Agers and Mentors meet in Room 12 for presentation on “UU Spirituality” with Doug Kraft.
- 4/21 2-3 p.m. Meet with Katie Tenerelli and Kate Throop to begin planning May worship services.
- 4/26-28 PCD Annual Assembly in Santa Rosa.

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Nina Saferstein 4/9

Kayley Andersen 4/20

Kendall Bare 4/23

Alex Franco-Schmidt 4/26

### **Creek Week Clean-up and Earth Day Celebration 4/20**

UUSS members of all ages are invited to participate in this community-oriented volunteer project. We do this in remembrance of Ned Doehne, our dear friend who loved the outdoors and was always the first to volunteer to save the planet!

Meet at UUSS at 8:30 a.m. Saturday 4/20 to carpool to a near-by clean-up location (we will be working on Arcade Creek or Chicken Ranch Slough). At 12 noon, we’ll join the other Creek workers at The Discovery Museum (3615 Auburn Blvd.) for a picnic, live music, and earth-friendly displays and activities.

## **CABBAGES & KINGS**

This month I would like to draw your attention to this and that.

### **Web site**

Have you visited [www.uuss.org](http://www.uuss.org) yet? It is a constantly evolving work in progress with the goal of being THE place you go to find out anything you need to know about our common life. We have a long way to go, but we are making progress.

Do you want to read last month's Board Minutes, look up a past Unigram article, find out what is happening this week at UUSS, check out the Constitution? Maybe you missed Doug's last sermon or would like to nominate someone for the Board or get information about one of our committees or activities, then your instant resource is your UUSS web site. Go and explore all the information and resources available.

Not sure where to look? Use the Google search engine on the home page to find what you want to know in just a couple of mouse clicks. What you want isn't there? Let me know at [clay@uuss.org](mailto:clay@uuss.org) and I will try to incorporate it into the site. If you find pages with errors or that are in need of being updated please email [webmaster@uuss.org](mailto:webmaster@uuss.org) to let us know.

### **Member Records**

Recently you should have received some forms for updating our Member and Friend records. I know forms are a bore and I also know good intentions rarely complete and return the form, but it would be very helpful if you would take a few minutes very soon to do so and return them to us. It would make the office staff's life a lot easier. Thank you.

### **Chores**

In December I wrote about an experiment we were testing. It was to ask all who could to take turns with being ushers, greeters, welcome table assistants and coffee servers. So far it is a moderate success and we are appreciative of all who have been able to step forward to assist us by taking their turn. I am especially grateful for the number of people who have been willing to serve several times as a last-minute substitute.

The next quarter's assignments have gone out, so if you weren't assigned between January and March, you will probably get your letter shortly. While we will send you a reminder the week you are to serve, please mark you calendar with your date. If you can't work that date please try to swap with someone or call a substitute. If that doesn't work out give the office a call. Thanks for helping out.



*Clay Nelson*  
Business Manager

## **BOARD NEWS**

### **Board Adopts Endorsement, Public Statements Policies**

At its February 28 meeting the Board of Trustees approved the following policies. Both deal with the way UUSS presents itself to the larger community. Regarding **Endorsements**, we want to make it easy for the Board to support and endorse issues where there is no controversy within the congregation, but to slow down and require a congregational vote if there is disagreement. Regarding **Public Statements**, we are clarifying and limiting who is authorized to act as our public spokespersons.

#### **Endorsements**

Neither the Society's name nor the name of any Society group may be displayed in public, publicly announced, or otherwise used in a way that would give the appearance of Society endorsement of social or political causes, campaigns, positions or actions without Board or Congregational approval.

Requests for permission presented to the Board in accordance with current procedures shall be granted unless any of the following applies:

- a) One or more Board members object on the grounds that support or endorsement would be inconsistent with a current position of social witness adopted at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations;
- b) Five or more voting members of the Society object in writing in a timely manner, for any reason.

#### **Public Statements**

No one but the Minister and the President of the Board of Trustees may make or issue public statements on behalf of the Society, or hold himself or herself out as representing the view or position of the Society regarding social or political causes, campaigns, positions, actions, or emergencies unless authorized by the Board, Bylaws, or an approved Duty Statement.

This policy does not in any way restrict a member's right to discuss Unitarian Universalist principles, values, or resolutions or to express his or her personal views and opinions.

*Tiffany Urness, Vice President, Board of Trustees*

### **Notes From the Treasurer**

#### **Did you know?**

Did you know that eScrip no longer requires individual supporters to pay a \$10 registration fee? Registration forms are available in the office. Did you know that there is still some paper Scrip inventory available for purchase? Inquire in the office for stores offering Scrip. Did you know that both of these programs can be very beneficial to UUSS but require very little fund-raising effort on our part? Think about participating.

*Dennis Riechmann, Treasurer*

## UUSS NEWS

### Increased Ministry and Pastoral Care...

...were the major directions favored by the congregation during the March 3 service. Increased ministry included more ministerial help inwardly (that is, for the congregation) and outwardly (for social justice and outreach). The few comments on the Board's vision statement were overwhelmingly positive.

Hopefully, by the October congregational meeting we will be ready to formally vote on these. In the meantime, your comments help us refine and focus them.

The vision statement you considered was:  
*Our vision for the next five years is to build a congregation that can serve 900 members, friends, children and youth who will become a strong force for spiritual, intellectual and social enlightenment and change in our community.*

The goals and your ranking were as follows:

- 1) Increasing ministry to church and community through funding a student intern and adding another minister
- 2) Developing a pastoral care program (i.e. lay people trained to do pastoral care for members and friends)
- 3) Adapting governing structures appropriate to a congregation of 900
- 4) Expanding adult enrichment programs
- 5) Strengthening staff support
- 6) Enhancing physical facilities
- 7) Other

*Doug Kraft*

### "Stout-hearted Men" a Success

#### *UUSS Men's Chorus rousing debut March 3*

Thanks to everyone who made the Sunday, March 3, performance of the UUSS Men's Chorus a great success: Men's Chorus Director **Gary Decker**; Accompanist **Scott Holliday**; UUSS Music Director **Mary WillAllen**, and Members of the Chorus: **Taylor Carey, Jack Davidson, Robert Hosley, Rich Howard, Peter Killian, Pete Larsen, Dan Lewis, John Martin, Ian McMillan, John McMillan, Phil Melchers, Clay Nelson, Rich Reinertson, Dennis Riechmann, Hill Snellings, Terry Throop, Clair Urness, Peter Wallace, Mike Whipple, and Frank Winans.**



## UUs GET TOGETHER

### Ministry Circles on Spiritual, Ethical Search

Interested in joining a Ministry Circle? Call the church office (483-9283 ext. 0) or pick up a brochure after Sunday services at the Information Table.

*Fran Oyafuso*

### Class on Hearing April 12

#### *Do you have a hearing problem?*

Do you think you may have a hearing problem in the future? Do you live with someone with a hearing problem? Then this class is for you. And it is free!

Anyone interested is welcome to come to "Living with Hearing Loss," sponsored by the Senior Support Group and presented by the Agency for Hearing on Friday, April 12, at 10 a.m. in the Library.

Topics to be covered include Reading your audiogram; Assistive listening and safety devices for everyday situations; Hearing aids and expectations; Strategies for communication; and Community resources. If you would like more information on such topics, Please call the church office to reserve space (483-9283 ext. 0).

*Barbara Amberson*

### To Budapest and Beyond

#### *Join Partner Church Committee in travel*

All Aboard for the land of UU Beginnings! For those of you seeking new horizons for your 2002 summer travel plans: How about joining a group from our congregation in exploring Transylvania and Hungary for 12 to 14 days, getting to know our Partners in Unitarianism, and learning firsthand the story of our beginnings in 1538 and forward.

Stops will include Budapest, Debrecen, Kolosvar (Cluj) and some Transylvanian villages in a land of breathtaking mountain vistas and welcoming friends eager to share their homes, churches, arts, and traditions.

You can find out more about this exciting trip from our Partner Church Committee member Dixie Owens at 429-0295 or from me at 422-5343. Please call us with your questions and your eagerness to participate by April 15.

*Meg Burnett*

### Women's Alliance Annual

#### **Luncheon 4/13**

#### *Textile show, gourmet lunch featured*

The Women's Alliance Luncheon and Textile Show on Saturday, April 13, is open to all UUSS members, friends, and guests. The lunch will be catered by Charles, featuring a tri-tip roast or mostaccioli primavera as well as salad, dessert, and beverages. You may buy tickets before and after church in the patio area. We are also selling raffle tickets for the Elvis Presley wall hanging and a variety of other fabric art pieces.

*Pat Moore-Howard*

## UUs GET TOGETHER

### SSS SANDWICH SUPPER SOCIALS

"Fun With Music"

Friday, March 29, 7-9 p.m.

The Music Committee and Mary Howard will lead the group at the next Sandwich Supper Social, Friday, March 29.

"Board Games"

Friday, April 26, 7-9 p.m.

Come join us for your favorite board games and sandwiches at the Sandwich Supper Social, Friday, April 26. Make your own sandwiches and we'll provide the food, dessert and beverages. Both socials will be in the auditorium.

All ages welcome

Donation: Adults \$3; Under 12 \$1

For more information on the SSS series, contact Maryly Reinertson at 739-1083 or David Paul at 422-3732.

**TAKE TIME TO RELAX – COME! ENJOY!**

### Servetus Club Meets April 7

Servetus Club is a social club for older singles. We gather on the first Sunday of each month for a potluck, 6 p.m. in the Fahs Room, and we plan occasional trips and parties. Come join us Sunday, April 7. Cost is only \$2 for Servetus members, \$3 for guests. Bring a dish to share; beverages are provided. Guests are always welcome!

*Dorothy Engelstad*

### Attention all Bridge Players

#### Grand Finale is Wednesday, June 5

All bridge players are invited to the Round Robin Bridge Grand Finale on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the church Lounge. It is an evening for getting acquainted and for fun and laughter...sign up for next fall's new Round Robin schedule and enjoy the awarding of prizes to this year's winners. You don't need a partner to attend, and you need not be participating in this year's games. We welcome all bridge players.

RSVP to Jane Pivetti at 488-8049 or to me at 421-1026. P.S. to Round Robin players: please turn in your final scores.

*Betty Faist*

### Dream Group Meets Weekly

Tap into the wisdom you were born with by working with your dreams. The UUSS Dream Group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. –12:30 p.m. in the church library. Everyone is welcome, no experience is necessary. For more information, please call me at 353-0376.

*Fran Oyafuso*

### UU Young Adults: 4 April Events Spirituality, OWL, Picnic and more

UU Young Adults are Unitarian Universalists in their 20s and 30s. Some of us are single, some are married, and some are in between. Newcomers are always welcome! The group meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. in the church Library unless otherwise noted below. For more information on the group, please contact Laura Dickinson 477-5605. To join our e-mail collective, send a message to Dean Baird at [dbaird@mac.com](mailto:dbaird@mac.com).

**Sunday 4/7 - Spirituality: What Do You Mean?** - 7 p.m. in the Library. Our own Dar Coan leads a panel discussion exploring our varying definitions, interpretations, and expressions of our spirituality.

**Sunday 4/14 - Visit to UUCC and Discussion with the Rev. Melora Crooker.** This week we'll travel to the Unitarian Universalist Community Church at 7560 Florin Road (east off of Highway 99). Services there start at 5 p.m. After the service, we will meet with UUCC's minister, Melora Crooker, for a discussion. UUCC has a potluck dinner after the service, which we are welcome to join.

**Sunday 4/21 - Our Whole Lives: UU's Sexuality Curriculum** – 7 p.m. in the Library. Join Dennis Clear to talk about the Unitarian Universalist Religious Education sexuality curriculum for teens.

**Sunday 4/28 - Picnic at UUSS** -We'll start at 4 p.m. outside the church on the beautiful UUSS grounds, and we're inviting the Davis Young Adult group. Food, drink, and rain plans will be determined. *Carrie Cornwell*

### UUSS Poetry Forum Mothers Day

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 12, when UU poets will present their best. Participation has grown to the extent that each reader will be limited to one poem until all have read. Questions? Call JoAnn Anglin at 451-1372 or me at 646-1429. *Ruth Davis Barr*

### Gap Group Meets Twice in April Movie & dessert and a play

The Gap Group is a loosely organized group of middle-aged people, both married and single, who enjoy getting together for social occasions. New people are always welcome. Please call me at 481-9568 or e-mail me at [cgeorge255@cs.com](mailto:cgeorge255@cs.com) for more information.

**Saturday 4/20.** Join Judy Bell for a movie and dessert. E-mail Judy at [jlbell@jps.net](mailto:jlbell@jps.net) or call her at 961-0316 for time and place.

**Saturday 4/27** Join us to see the last play of the Chautauqua Playhouse series, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. Call me for more information at 481-9568.

**Mark your calendars for May:** Join us on May 18 for a pre-talk and concert by The Camellia Symphony Orchestra called "Philosophy and Music: When World's Collide." Contact Pete Wallace at 363-0204 or [croid@msn.com](mailto:croid@msn.com) for details. *Cathy George*

## COMMITTEES AT WORK

### “Witness for the Prosecution”

*Theater One productions are 5/3,4,5*

Theater One presents Agatha Christie’s *Witness for the Prosecution* in three performances Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4 at 7 p.m.--with dinner available by separate reservation at 6 p.m.--on Saturday, and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on May 5. (Our planned April productions of *Amy’s View* had to be postponed to September because of a casting conflict.)

*Witness for the Prosecution* is a first-rate courtroom drama filled with tension and suspense and plot twists. Francine Kozkodin is the director. The cast includes Barbara Amberson, Hank Coffin, Richard Dewey, Cory Fulton, Dave Lust, Ankie Giese, Gina Heckerth, Blythe Hewitt, Clay Nelson, Karen Norberg, Dixie Owens, Howard Owens, David Paul, Warren Questo, Mike Reynolds, and Sally Watkins. *Witness* is considered the best of the plays adapted from Christie’s prolific output of mystery stories. When it opened on Broadway in 1954 it received a New York Drama Critics Circle award and a Tony award.

We would welcome your help backstage, or with tickets, publicity, dinner preparation, etc. Please call the church office (483-9283 ext O) to volunteer. Whether or not you choose to participate, we hope that you will plan to come!

### Women’s Ritual Group Opens

*Dance workshop, Peace Pole coming up*

Women’s Ritual Group, a women’s group with an eclectic earth-based spirituality (goddess orientation), will be **open to new members** on two Mondays, April 1 and April 15, 7 p.m. in the Library. Meetings will start with a potluck, check-in (sharing, with talking stick) and program (usually spiritual in nature) with calling of the directions. Open meetings are held at the church library, other meetings are rotated in each other’s homes. For more information, call me at 455-3401.

We are sponsoring a **dance therapy workshop on Sunday, April 28** (see Page 8).

Back in October, in response to 9-11, we co-sponsored a proposal with the Social Action Committee to Property Management Committee on **Peace Poles**. (For internet information, enter “Peace Pole Project.”) Our proposal was to make or purchase poles for UUSS grounds, State and City, and spiritual organizations such as Interfaith Service Bureau and the Muslim and Jewish communities. Poles are 7 feet tall with plaques saying “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in different languages. Purchased poles are \$80, plaques are \$20 apiece. Please contact me for more information on this project or related activities such as Peace Pals, Peace Prayers, conferences, and internships.

*Laurie Jones*

### Special Forum 4/7 on “PPP”

*Massive project threatens environment*

A special Forum presentation on **Plan Puebla Panama (PPP)** by activist and anthropologist Suzanne Baker is scheduled for Sunday April 7 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. Plan Puebla Panama is a proposed 1,500-mile transportation corridor running through the heart of Central America. Construction of massive dams and reservoirs, high speed railroads, highways, ports, airports, and oil and gas pipelines as well as an enormous influx of sweatshops (“maquiladoras”) are anticipated, resulting in a devastating impact on the natural environment and indigenous peoples of the area.

Speaker Suzanne Baker, an archeologist, has been involved in Nicaragua since 1985 and is on the Executive and Environmental Committees of the Nicaragua Network and other organizations.

The PPP is a blueprint for the exploitation of natural and human resources in the interest of economic globalization with three basic goals: (1) increase the transportation and industrial infrastructure, thereby improving the capacity for export industries; (2) catalyze a shift of the region’s economy from agriculture to assembly plants; and (3) expand private control over the vast natural resources. Thirty-four million acres of ancient forest will be logged and replaced by mechanized and unsustainable tree plantations and other corporate agriculture, and at least five dry canals are proposed along Central America’s isthmus, resulting in ecological devastation.

PPP also provides a new excuse for militarization by the U.S. from Mexico to Colombia.

For information about local activist involvement to assist the resistance to this project, contact UUSS Forum Chair Rick Caughey, (916) 485-2869, rick@zsc.org; or see [www.acerca.org](http://www.acerca.org) or [www.globalexchange.org](http://www.globalexchange.org).

*David Paul*

### Crafts Group Meets April 14

The Betty Nash Memorial Crafts Group raised another \$50 for the church with its February sale, and we thank the romantics among you. Our next sale will be Sunday, April 7, and we’ll be offering Spring Spruce-up items for your consideration—things like decorative candles, picture frames, and pretty tassels for adding a fresh new look to your home. Remember, too, that Mother’s Day is coming on May 12, and we have things like jewelry, stationery, and decorated boxes for gift giving.

If you think recycling is important, if you enjoy building something out of nothing, if you like crafting pretty and practical things, come to a crafts group meeting (second Mondays at my home) and have fun with us. Call me at 481-3018 for more information.

*Gayle Voeller*

## **DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Starr King School for the Ministry** has courses available online and for the summer. Visit their website at <http://online.skism.edu>.

The **ICUU European Youth Conference** is scheduled for August 1-16 in Romania. Application and registration materials are available from the Rev. Lois Von Leer at [revolo@proaxis.com](mailto:revolo@proaxis.com).

We hope you will join us at the **Pacific Central District (PCD) Annual District Assembly** in Santa Rosa April 26-28. If you haven't already made hotel reservations, come just for Saturday to check out the fun for next year.

Also...at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) there are a bazillion things to see. Social and political issues, organization information, and you can actually hear speeches from conferences. It's fascinating. Give it a try! *Be Patterson*

### **UUSS EVENTS Bamboo Flute Concert 4/14**

*Native American Jesse Kalu evokes sounds of Nature*

The Special Events Committee will present Jesse Kalu, a native of the Chamorro tribe, at the 11 a.m. service and again at 4 p.m. in a fundraiser for the church, on Sunday April 14. Tickets are \$10 general, \$8 for students and seniors.

Jesse Kalu lived his first 22 years in the Marianas, where he played in the island bamboo groves and was treated by elders skilled in herbal medicine when he was ill. He created flutes from bamboo, each flute with its own name, its own songs from the sound of nature: whispering winds, dolphins, seagulls, eagles, loons, owls, wolves, coyotes, and more. Untrained in technical music theory, Jesse creates his songs from the heart, each one affecting his audience in a unique way. Come and discover the beauty of Jesse's serene music and his spiritual path on Sunday, April 14. *Meg Burnett*

### **Adult Education, Womens Ritual Group Offer Dance Workshop "Move Into Wholeness" 4/28 1:30-5 p.m.**

This dance therapy workshop will use movement, sound, and imagery as we follow the body's wisdom to recapture the effortless, joyful, creative life of the Spirit within. Any level of movement ability acceptable, no previous experience required. Wear loose clothing, sox or soft shoes. Registration before April 26: \$30, after that \$40. Facilitator Patricia Ehnisz, ADTR (Academy of Registered Dance Therapists) holds a Master's degree in Creative Arts in Therapy (Movement Therapy major). Patricia works extensively with people in all stages of physical and emotional health, and she instructed dance improvisation, fitness through movement, and body awareness at Cabrillo College in Aptos.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Social Responsibility Committee Meets 4/7...**

Future projects of the Social Responsibility Committee include a study of Globalization (see below), reviewing the disclaimer statement used by the Friends Committee on Legislation as a guide to making our own, and discussing the new Board rules regarding endorsements of committee requests. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m. in the Fahs Room. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

*Joyce Miller and Corin Choppin*

### **...and Announces a Year-long Study Wanted: Pioneering persons interested in learning more about Economic Globalization**

The UUA has chosen Globalization as the focus for their annual Study Project, and our committee has likewise decided to focus for the year on a study of Economic Globalization. Using the UUA training/study guide, we will divide our discussion of this immense topic into various subtopics. We are hoping to then make it available to the whole congregation. We will evaluate the various charges from diverse sources. For example, it is claimed that Globalization, as it is being played out by multinational corporations, IMF, and Multinational Investment Agreements, may indeed destroy the basis of democratic rule, affect what we have the choice to eat, and limit consumer and labor safety and rights--affecting us and future generations. We hope to focus on individual subtopics and present one session each month. **Come and learn or discuss!** If you would like to learn more and are interested in preparing material on a subtopic for discussion at monthly meetings, call Arnie Godmintz at 332 5980 or me at 974 7922.

*Nancy Gilbert*

### **Last Wednesday Film Becomes Last Sunday Film**

March 27 will be the **last** *Last Wednesday Club*. Starting in April, the new *Last Sunday Film* will be shown after church on the last **Sunday** of each month.

**Wednesday 3/27** "Hidden Wars of Desert Storm."

**Sunday 4/28** a film on Bio-issues (as food/genetic issues).

### **Marshall Rosenberg in Sacramento**

On April 25 Marshall Rosenberg will talk on "Manifesting More Compassion in Our Lives," 6:45 p.m., at the Sacramento Center for Nonviolent Communication (\$25). Dr. Rosenberg, international peacemaker and author of *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Compassion*, teaches NVC as a tool to access our inherent joy in giving, receiving, and speaking from the heart. For more information please call Itara O'Connell at (916) 344-3216 or email [itara@unlimited.net](mailto:itara@unlimited.net).

## **SOCIAL ACTION MARKETPLACE**

### **Social Action Marketplace**

Here is a list of opportunities for you to make a difference. If you have a socially responsible UUSS or outside activity that would be appropriate for this column, please call Joyce Miller at 371-4007 or Corin Choppin at 443-6383.

#### ***Sacramento and Regional Action***

**American River Clean-up** Jeff Voeller - 456-1422. Pick up trash along designated site one Saturday per month.

**Coalition for Sustainability** Nancy Oprsal - 482-5736.

Lifestyle choices that preserve the environment.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network** Nancy Oprsal - 482-5736. Local churches providing shelter, meals and support to homeless families.

**Interfaith Service Bureau** Barbara Hopkins - 482-0555. Cooperative activities of interfaith organizations.

**Loaves & Fishes** Jane Pivetti - 488-8049 Meals and support for homeless. Donations are always welcome.

**Latino/a Unitarian Universalist Networking Association (LUNNA)** Frank Winans - 646-0830. Latino/Latina outreach program.

**Maryhouse** Homeless women and children receive support services including breakfast, shower and laundry facilities, and healthcare for children as well as lunch.

**Mustard Seed School** Structured educational program for homeless children 3-18.

**Sacramento Children's Home** Thelma White - 488-8867. Mentoring program for children in this group home and school.

**Samaritan Center** Arnie Godmintz - 332-5980 Center for meals and other assistance.

**St. John's Shelter** Nancy Candee - 371-6703. Shelter for abused women and children. UUSS is officially responsible for the meal on the 4th Wed. each month, and more volunteers are needed.

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#### ***State Action***

**PCD UU Community Ministry** Jody Shipley - (510) 649-9088 (Berkeley). Support/information on community ministers, persons living with disabilities and AIDS.

**California UU Legislative Ministry Project** Arnie Godmintz and Nancy Gilbert. Mission: to advocate the UU Principles and Purposes in the California State Legislature.

#### ***National Action***

**Handgun Control, Inc.** Thelma White - 488-8867. Supporting handgun control.

**Million Mom March, Sacramento Valley Chapter** Thelma White - 488-8867. Promotes common-sense gun laws to protect children.

**Action Group Against Charitable Choice** Joan Osborn - 967-74243. This group, endorsed by the UUSS Board of Trustees and Social Responsibility Committee, has been

meeting regularly and has collected extensive documentation on the faith-based initiative for charitable choice, promoting the UUA's Action for Immediate Witness to oppose this initiative.

#### ***International Action***

**ChildReach.** Financial support to community development & education of children in other countries.

**Children International** Kate Throop - 483-9283 ext 203. A 15 year-old rural Guatemalan boy, Marvin Armando Sut Tucubal, is supported by a monthly donation coordinated through the Religious Education Committee.

**Church Partnership** Dixie Owens - 429-0295. Support for UU churches in Hungary and Romania.

**Last Sunday Club** Nancy Gilbert - 974-7922. Award winning documentaries on international issues, shown the last Sunday of each month.

**Sacramento Yolo Peace Action** Ruth Hultgren - 446-3525. Conducts activities to reduce military spending and promote international peace. It is presently sponsoring peace vigils.

**UNA (United Nations Association)** Fred Hansen -332-4968. Local chapter of group that supports the United Nations and meets monthly for a lecture and lunch.

**UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)** Paula Squire - 739-6444. Supports education, nutrition, clean water, sanitation, healthcare for children of the world. Volunteers staff the UNICEF shop.

**Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)** Human rights, social justice, peace, economic opportunity in the U.S. and worldwide.

*Joyce Miller*

### **The Bike Trail is Better**

The forecast was for rain but along the UUSS mile of the American River Bike Trail the weather was beautiful as Michelle Wood, Bill Pieper and Jeff Voeller spent about two hours on Saturday, February 23, picking up trash. Mile 3-4 with its parallel duck-friendly slough is always a pleasant place, but thanks to our workers, it is even better. Let's do it again on April 6. Meet at Milepost 4 on the trail at 10 a.m. or at 9:30 a.m. at the church to bike over. Call me at 456-1422 for directions or for more information.

*Jeff Voeller*



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**Practically NO DAYS LEFT at all!**  
**Bring your Rummage Sale donations to the church auditorium on April 3 & 4.**  
**Come to work and buy on April 6, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

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*The deadline for the May Unigram is Wednesday, April 10.*

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS – APRIL 2002

### 4/7

- 9:30 a.m. Auditorium Forum: "Life as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tashkent." Speaker Ruby Long, a former UUSS member and Trustee now living in Oakland, joined the Peace Corps at age 66. She returned for her tour of duty in Uzbekistan, where she lived for more than two years. Ms. Long will present personal experiences of living in another culture. Her Uzbekistani host, Mashkura Salomova, will also be here to answer questions. Anna Andrews, Coordinator.
- 11 a.m. Auditorium Service: "Low Sunday," Mary Howard and the Music Committee.
- 2 p.m. Auditorium Talk: "New Imperialism and Environmental Issues," Suzanne Baker. Ms. Baker has been a peace activist involved in Nicaragua since 1985 and is on the Executive and Environmental Committees of the Nicaragua Network. She also works with the Nicaragua Center for Community Action in the San Francisco Bay Area. As an archaeologist, Ms. Baker is director of an archaeological project on Omietepe Island, Nicaragua. Don Coan, Coordinator.

### 4/14

- 9:30 a.m. Auditorium Forum: "Peace Activism through Public Art," Lisa Reinertson. Ms. Reinertson is a sculptor with a long list of public commission credits, including the Cesar Chavez Memorial at Cesar Chavez Plaza Park in downtown Sacramento. Other recent works are the *Mother and Child*, Bronze terrazzo, pebble mosaic in Palm Desert, and *St. Thomas Moore*, bronze at Santa Clara University. Ms. Reinertson taught ceramics, sculpture, and drawing at Santa Clara University. She has received various awards including the Professional Achievement Honor at California State University, Chico, and California State Legislative Resolution for Martin Luther King, Jr. in the early 1990s. Pete Martineau, Coordinator.
- 11 a.m. Auditorium Service: "The Age of Narcissism, Part 1" Doug Kraft  
Narcissism is an emotional plague infecting our culture. It touches all our institutions – including our religious communities – and it influences our inner lives. Narcissism grows out of a futile attempt to ignore suffering. This Sunday and next we will look at the ancient myth of Narcissus as well as the traits of narcissism and how these might apply to our society, our church and ourselves. The first step in diminishing narcissism is to humbly and heartfully "get real." Music by Jesse Kalu, Native American musician.
- 12:30 p.m. Auditorium Talent Show Fundraiser by 4th-5th graders.
- 4 p.m. Auditorium Concert – Jesse Kalu, Native American musician. Tickets \$10 (\$8 for students and seniors).



### 4/21

- 9:30 a.m. Auditorium Forum: "Can Military Tribunals Provide Due Process?" Speaker Jed Scully is a Professor at McGeorge law school. Professor Scully's community service includes service as a Sacramento Superior Court judge pro tem and judge in municipal courts since 1984. Professor Scully was founder of GREYLAW, a legal service center for seniors in Los Angeles. He was a founder of the Anthony M. Kennedy American Inn of Court in 1987 and continues as a Master of the Bench. In addition, Professor Scully has served for 25 years on various Bar practice committees and is the new chair of the ABA Client Counseling Competitions Committee. Tami Buscho, Coordinator.
- 9:30 a.m. Religious Education "Q&A" brunch. Everything you need to know about the new R.E. in Fall 2002.
- 11 a.m. Auditorium Service: "The Age of Narcissism, Part 2," Doug Kraft.
- 12:30 p.m. Auditorium Open meeting on the future of the Forum. The Forum has been described as "the conscience of the community." How can it be made more important to the larger community of UUSS? Please bring your ideas as to how the Forum can best adapt this fall when UUSS begins holding two religious services on Sunday.

### 4/28

- 9:30 a.m. Auditorium Forum: Dr. William (Bill) Lee, Publisher, Sacramento Observer Newspaper. John Harvey Carter, Coordinator.
- 11 a.m. Auditorium Service: "Statements of Faith." Worship Leaders et al .



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**Sundays, May 5, 12 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

Bidding Sunday, May 5 and May 12 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. and 12:15-12:45 P.M.

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Stay for the Congregational Meeting and Luncheon,  
 and find out what you won afterward!

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One item only per sheet. Additional forms are available in the office. Please be very specific, include dates, times, location, number of people, the more details the better..

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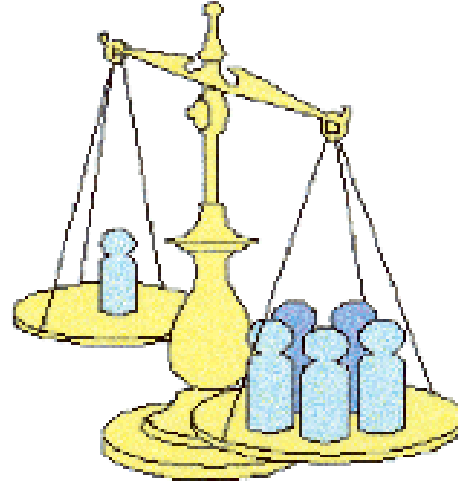
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***THE FORUM* needs your**

**HELP!**

This Fall UUSS will begin holding two religious services on Sunday. So ***THE FORUM*** has questions about how we can best adapt to the new arrangements. We invite you to bring your ideas to a meeting on April 21 at 12:30 pm in the Auditorium.

The questions?

- ❑ **On what day we hold *THE FORUM*? Sunday? Or another day?**
- ❑ **If Sunday, at what time? At 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00?**
- ❑ **If another day, which one?**
- ❑ **How often? Every Week? Twice a month? Once a month?**
- ❑ **What subjects would you like discussed? Politics, environment, human rights, aging, health, education, social issues, arts & culture, others?**
- ❑ **How would you be willing to help to make the service relevant?**
- ❑ **Would you be willing to HELP? By doing Publicity? Scheduling presenters? By attending regularly? With your ideas?**
- ❑ **The Forum has been described as the conscience of the community. How can it be more important to the larger community of UUSS?**

Please bring your thoughts and feelings about ***THE FORUM*** to the Auditorium 12:30 on Sunday April 21.

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