



A Welcoming Congregation

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Notice of Election of Board of Trustees & Nominating Committee

The election of new members to the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee will take place as a part of the Congregational Meeting on May 22nd, 2011. More news on the elections, including biographies of the nominees, appears on pages 4-5.

Minister's Musings

APRIL 3RD CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

On Sunday April 3rd, Celebration Sunday is the day we ask all UUCP members and friends to bring their pledge forms to the service and make their financial commitment for the 2011-2012 congregational year. Get In by turning in your pledge form by Sunday, April 3rd! We are making a difference in people's lives and in our community and state. Nationally, we are providing leadership for our Association as GA 2012 approaches. Every day, every week, we make a difference in the lives of the chil-

dren, the families, the adults, everyone who comes to UUCP by lifting spirits, building community, sharing our journeys, and growing our spiritual lives. None of this happens, without your generous financial support to the UUCP. Members are asked to give 5%-10% of their income to charity, and to make the congregation a priority in their giving. I make this commitment pledging 6% of my income to the UUCP. As a congregation, we live out this generosity. We give close to 5% of our income to the wider denomination and district organizations, and this year we gave 9% of our income to outreach, including charitable giving and our justice programs of the congregation. As a congregation, we model the giving we ask of members—that we might realize how much we have to give when we give together.

Also, on April 3rd, we will be having a 50th Birthday Party for our campus. Our congregation, the First Unitarian Church of Phoenix, was organized 65 years ago, but the congregation bought this property on Lincoln Drive and built the building 50 years ago. It is also the 50th anniversary of our preschool, the UU Early Education Cooperative.

To celebrate this milestone, we will have a birthday party that will include a historical scavenger

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hunt, with several stops that people and families can visit and learn about throughout the campus. This will include the Memorial Garden and the That Which Might Have Been statuary memorial, the Olsen Meditation Garden, the ghost eye tree, the historical display from our Transylvania Partner church, among other stops. As an alternative to the scavenger hunt, there will be a conversation with people who were members of the congregation in 1961 and with Peter Drake, the son of the building's architect, Blaine Drake, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright.

After the historical scavenger hunt, we will have cake, ice cream, face painting and entertainment on the patio. All these activities will happen for both services so you can come to either the 9:30 AM or 11:15 AM services. I look forward to seeing you for the festivities.

Yours,
Susan

Annual Stewardship, Capital Fund Drives & Legacy Giving: What's the Difference?

This is the third in a series of four articles describing the UU Foundation of Phoenix, its endowment fund, and opportunities for legacy (or "planned") giving to our congregation.

In the last article we introduced the concept of "legacy (or planned) giving." Legacy giving is distinct from other types of fundraising done at UUCP. It's important to remember the differences.

The annual stewardship campaign (also called annual canvass or pledge drive) seeks contributions to fund the operating budget. We ask our members to make a pledge each year to sustain the operations of the congregation, typically from disposable annual incomes. Pledges are paid in installments, typically by check, electronic fund transfers, or stock gifts.

A capital fund drive seeks financial resources for specific projects, such as building improvements or facility expansion. Capital campaign pledges are usually three to five times larger than the individual annual canvass pledge amount. Pledge payments are made over 3-5 years, and donors usually have to "stretch" their financial resources to contribute, perhaps dipping into savings or using non-cash assets to make a campaign gift.

On the other hand, a planned giving program could be described as work that has a beginning, but has no end, unlike both the annual canvass, which occurs within a set amount of time (weeks or maybe months), and a capital campaign, which begins and ends in a matter of years. Planned giving programs are forever. Although people may give to endowment funds at different times of their lives, or in honor of a beloved family member or friend, most will do so at death. Their lives, not the church calendar or the schedule of a building project, will determine when they are ready to make their ultimate gift to the endowment.

Our UU Foundation (UUF) administers the legacy giving program and endowment fund of the congregation. Members are encouraged to consider the Unitarian Universalist Foundation of Phoenix in their estate planning. Please contact Marshal Smart (or any UUF Board member) to discuss giving to our endowment. Additional information is available on the UUCP website under "UU Foundation" (<http://www.phoenixuu.org/?q=node/3688>).

These Unitarian Universalists, whose ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden this month in past years, are still remembered...

Jess Otis Allen
Lucy Burrell Allen
Irving I. Bezman
Virginia Ann Bliklen
Bruce H. Clayton
Eleanor Dana-Mast
Edward Ellison Davis
Hanna B. Parker
Lucy Buckner Wells

From the President

UUCP friends,

This is my first Horizons article for the President's column, which comes at a special time for our congregation. This month is the 50th anniversary of our church building and this year is the 50th anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Anniversaries are great for celebration, but we should always take a deep breath to remember the deeper meaning of our historical landmarks. For me, a sense of history has always been a key to understanding the purpose of being a UU.

Before we joined the UUCP, I knew very little about Unitarian Universalism and at first I was hesitant to join because I was not completely sure that UU was not a "cult." (Perhaps some of you new members know what I am talking about.) However, that myth was quickly dispelled when I learned about the rich, rich history of Unitarian Universalism and the breadth and depth of its membership, and most of all, its tradition of outreach.

Our UU roots reach back directly to a community famous for seeking religious freedom—the Puritans. It is a significant illustrative fact that the oldest active church in the US, the Puritan's Old Ship Meetinghouse in Hingham, MA (est. 1681), is now a UU Welcoming Congregation. Likewise, the UUCP was one of the first congregations on what is now "church row" on Lincoln Drive; and today

is one of the most progressive and inclusive religious communities in the state.

Unitarian Universalism at its best, has always been about translating our rich past into a message for the future and about strengthening who we are in order to become who we want to be. At our very best, the "who we want to be" has been about inclusion, welcoming, acceptance and love. In other words, cults build walls to keep others out. UUs build bridges to bring people in. When we are reminded of our bridges to the past, we are remember to build our bridges to the future.

Of course, honesty and transparency requires us to own the fact that Unitarian Universalism does not have a perfect record of outreach. There are many bridges yet to be built and many that are in disrepair. It is my hope for the next year or so, that the Board of Trustees helps to build new bridges and repair others, not only inside our congregation, but also in the larger UU world and in the even larger world in general.

It very clear to me and to the staff and lay leaders that the greatest bridge-building task in the near future is centered around Justice General Assembly in June 2012, which will be here in Phoenix. You may have heard about this already, but I expect you will be hearing much more. A sense of history will remind us that this year is the 50th anniversary of the UUA, but that 2012 will be first year in the next half century of UUCP and UUA his-

tory. You and I will have a hand in shaping that future. In the next 15 months, history-making events will occur, just as they have been occurring on the streets of Phoenix, on our pulpits and in our congregations.

Going back to the question "what do anniversaries mean?" the Universalist in me replies, "These anniversaries remind us that we are part of a chain of people that stretches far backward and forward in time." We are also part of a chain of people that reaches far across spatial and political and cultural boundaries—from the Philippines to Uganda, from the Puritans to the Wiccans, from Selma to Arizona, to Mother Earth—all of this is part of us. When we picture ourselves in this manner, we allow our spheres of influences to become more universal and our religious community becomes stronger and more meaningful.

Yours in faith,
Jimmy
President@phoenixUU.org

Nominating Committee: Details and Biographies of Nominees

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce our nominations to be voted on during the congregational meeting.

For Board of Trustees (two-year terms):

Elyse Arring, Secretary
Diana Ashley, Member at Large
Linda Bellantoni, Member at Large
Ellie Anderla, Past President

Remaining on the Board will be: Jimmy Leung, President, David Johnson, Member at Large in 2010-2011, recommended to be Vice President in 2011-2012, Smoot Carl-Mitchell, Treasurer, and Richard Plattner, Member at Large.

For Nominating Committee (two-year terms):

Jay Bastani
Sarah Carlson
Greg Holmberg

Remaining on the Nominating Committee will be Larry Agle, Susan Morris, and Sandy Weir.

Biographies of the recommended candidates follow.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ELYSE ARRING, SECRETARY
I have been a lifelong UU, but didn't know it until I discovered UUCP a few years ago. Since then, I have taken over editing Horizons, worked on the inaugural UUCP Auction committee, made countless wonderful new friends, and felt at home in a spiritual place besides the woods. I have watched this congregation grow, both in number and in its embodiment of UU principles and our own mission, reaching out to the greater community and setting an example of how to approach our world's conflicts with grace and love. I am very proud to call UUCP home and raise my family in among this generous community.

I live in Central Phoenix with my partner Noël and our two children (ages three and five), and work as a writer and editor. Professionally, I have taught for university English, Humanities, and Business departments, edited textbooks and other learning materials, crafted portfolios and resumes for executives, and written poetry and fiction. I am honored to be considered for your Board of Trustees, and look forward to the opportunity to serve, grow, and learn.

DIANA ASHLEY, MEMBER AT LARGE

I have lived in the Valley since 1953 and have been a UU at heart as long as I can remember. My first memory of UU is of being in religious education classes when they were held at the old Jewish Community Center. I

explored other faith communities as an adult but came back to UUism as the only one that fit for me. My primary focus has been as a member of the choir, Chair of the Music Committee, Chair/co-Chair of the Stewardship/Capital campaigns the past two years, and as a member of the Finance Committee this past year.

I have worked in Finance and Accounting in Healthcare and social welfare organizations since 1987, most currently in healthcare medical economics. I have served on Boards of Directors as Finance Officer and Secretary in the past and am eager to serve UUCP and help guide this beloved community toward further growth in membership and programs. Thank you for asking me to serve.

LINDA BELLANTONI, MEMBER AT LARGE

My daughter Jenna and I joined UUCP almost three years ago after a long search for a spiritual home in which to grow and feel welcome. And we are both so glad that we did! I feel truly blessed to belong to a community of like-minded, caring individuals who simultaneously embrace us and challenge us personally, spiritually, and intellectually. I am particularly grateful for the wonderful RE programs that my daughter has been involved in; the members of the congregation truly 'walk the talk' when it comes to passing on to our children and young adults the values reflected in our seven principles.

Although I have been a member for a relatively short time, I feel fully vested in the congregation. I

try to take full advantage of the ARE programs; I enjoyed a brief but rewarding opportunity to facilitate a covenant group last summer; and I was honored to help facilitate the sessions discussing our shared values. I hope to be able to give back at least a small portion of what I've gotten from being a member of this wonderful community.

Professionally, I've had a 20-year career in the defense/aerospace industry as a technical and management consultant, focused primarily in strategic planning, organizational development, and performance managements systems. Jenna and I live in north Scottsdale with our Maltese Gracie.

ELLIE ANDERLA, PAST PRESIDENT

Although I was raised in the Presbyterian church, I knew as a young adult that mainstream Christianity did not fit for me, but didn't stay in one place long enough to become an active part of any church and attended various churches only occasionally.

I became a member of UUCP after moving to the valley in 1969. Over the years, I have been part of the Religious Education Committee and taught Sunday school, and have served on the Welcoming Congregation Committee, the Committee on Ministry, the Minister's Advisory, the Board of Trustees (President, 2004-2005), the Membership Committee and the Ministerial Search Committee. Currently, I am on the Unicare Committee, am a Small Group Ministry facilitator and help teach

English to Eritrean refugees. Many Sundays, I enjoy being a greeter or an usher for service.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JAY BASTANI

As a Zoroastrian, I first became a member of the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Lincoln, NE, in 1983. My wife, Shoba, and I were members there for 18 years while I continued my private practice in psychiatry. In 2001 we migrated to Phoenix. We were in search of a community of individuals similar in belief to ourselves but with diverse backgrounds. Jay Alagia encouraged us to check out the local UU and we joined UUCP in 2006, where we found a welcoming oasis of other like-minded individuals on a similar quest. I am currently finishing two years of service on the Board of Trustees, and previous to that I was on the Adult Religious Education committee. In that capacity, I was involved in classes that focused on understanding others' beliefs.

GREG HOLMBERG

I moved to the Valley from suburban Philadelphia with my wife Toni in the spring of 2001. I am employed at the Cave Creek Unified School District in the transportation department, and am co-chair of the Interest-Based-Negotiating (IBN) Team representing 400 classified district employees. Previously, I earned a BS in Industrial Engineering and I spent the next 30 years in various engineering and marketing activities. I have two grown

daughters from my previous marriage. I have been a member of UUCP since moving here, and have served on various Committees, including the Universal Access Committee, Sound for Sunday Services, Ushers, the Outdoor Group and the Called Minister Search Committee. Prior to moving to Phoenix, I was a member of the Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA. I feel that UUCP has become a center for my life in this my new desert home. The strong sense of community, friendship, and spiritual growth are essential to me. I am delighted to be serving UUCP.

SARAH CARLSON

I am a long-time Valley resident. After moving to central Phoenix, I began attending UUCP and joined in 2003. I came for UU social justice, but stayed for the community I found here. I have served on the Green Sanctuary Committee, the Ministerial Search Committee, several Covenant Groups, and the Social Action Committee. For the last four years, I have served on the Board of Trustees as vice president, president, and now past president. While occasionally challenging, I have found each of these experiences rewarding and invigorating. I believe that UUCP affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of all, while facilitating the development of a spiritual focus and center in our lives and supporting aspirational goals such as service to one another and the broader community. I have a BA in History and a JD from Arizona State University.

Welcome Worship Associates

Nine members of the Congregation have been named to the first group of UUCP Worship Associates. This new program will engage Worship Associates in creating, planning and conducting worship services every Sunday of the year. We expect that Associates will serve two-year terms and that applications will be open again in the fall of 2012.

The Worship Associates have taken part in one training session and have begun to participate in Sunday morning worship. We all welcome your ideas and opinions about enhancing our Sunday services and look forward to serving the Congregation. If you have questions or comments for all of us, feel free to contact Coordinator Susan Goldsmith.

Please welcome:

Anne Byrne
Gary Ezzell
Susan Goldsmith
Richard Jahrmarkt
Gary Lawrence
Glen Lockwood
Karin Quinn
Jaynn Truran
David Weaver

Greetings from Your Music Director!

I have just finished a day-long meeting with the UU Musicians Network Conference Planning Committee. Committee members chose to meet in Phoenix. They flew from Chicago, Arlington, Tulsa and Denver.

Every year the music leaders in the Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States and Canada meet to participate in workshops, panel discussions and sing in a conference choir of over 200 voices. We participate in daily worship and business meetings. We learn from national and international composers and conductors. We make more music in five days than anyone can imagine.

Those who attend the conference are not always music directors. We welcome all. If you go, you will meet music committee members, choir members, friends, ministers and spouses. The 2011 conference is July 27-31 in Arlington, VA. The Professional Development Day will feature Rev. Robert Hardies, senior minister of All Souls Church, Unitarian, in Washington D.C. The topic is "Reclaiming Unitarian Universalism's Lyric Theology."

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact me directly. It's a very reasonably priced five days of UU music. It would be great to have more UUCP members attending!

Be sure you are in services at UUCP on May 1st. This will be our combined choirs, All Music Sunday. Our own, UUCP Congregation Choir will be joined by Valley UU's choir and Handbells. This year's music will feature UU Composers, music by our own.

Connie Jahrmarkt, CML

This I Believe

It is not uncommon for visitors and prospective members to ask about UU beliefs. As Membership Coordinator, I field this and many other questions about UUCP and Unitarian Universalism. So what *do* UUs believe? I'm not going to offer an answer here, but I do plan to focus the June 26th Sunday service on this topic. I think it would be fun, informative, and inspirational to hear from a cross-section of members too. So consider this an invitation. If you are interested in being part of a "This I Believe" service (drawn from the idea of the popular NPR series of the same name), please send me a typed (12 pt.), double-spaced, essay no more than two and one-half pages in length by May 31st. Email it to me at membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org, mail it to me at UUCP, or hand it to me on a Sunday morning. The topic is wide open. Responses might range from personal answers to life's "Big Questions" to simple truths you've discovered or one of the guiding principles of your life. I will choose four to six selections, based upon length and balance of themes, and invite the authors to participate in the June 26th service. Note: To participate, you must be

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willing and able to come to an early service rehearsal the morning of June 26th, time to be determined based on choir/musician rehearsal needs. I look forward to reading your submittals! With your permission, I will hold onto all responses if we get more than we can incorporate into one service, and we might possibly do a "This I Believe, Service #2" at a later date.

Namaste,
Linda Lawrence

Be a Superstar!

We are happy to welcome new UUCP STARS to our program. They are Catherine Desberg, John Moats and Jenny JonesMoats, Ann Bixel, David Weaver, Uli Boecker, Amy Edelen, and Sunshine and Ron Zinn. STARS are the people who have attended a brief training to learn how to be especially welcoming to our visitors and newcomers. You can identify STARS by the colorful stars affixed to their nametags.

For all of you who are already STARS and may have missed the training update on March 13th and for anyone else who is interested, here are some suggestions to consider:

1. Offer to give visitors a tour of our campus before or after a service.
2. Ask if you can join someone who is sitting alone in the sanctuary.
3. Introduce visitors to UUCP staff members.
4. Volunteer for our Welcoming Ministry and serve as a Sunday

morning Greeter or Usher by contacting membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org.

Please remember that it is important to ask open-ended questions and to listen to the observations, questions, and comments of our guests. Find out what they are interested in and help introduce them to people and activities that match their interests. As much as we love Unitarian Universalism and UUCP, we don't have to do a "hard sell." We simply have to be ourselves—friendly and responsive.

I want to give special thanks to one of our very own Superstars, Natalie Summit, for being the STARS trainer for the past few years. She is an awesome example of a friendly, inviting person! Thanks for the time you have spent training STARS, Natalie, and for all the other ways you volunteer your time and talents at UUCP.

Thanks also to those others who made our March 13th Dancing with the STARS event so fun: Sally Boyd for help with planning and decorations, Joan Gale and Bill Snowden for their lovely dance to "Catch a Falling Star," Chris Snyder and Kat Crabtree for sound out on the patio, Jenny Jones Moats for helping at the new STARS table, and Gary Lawrence for his assistance with set-up and clean-up. And thank you to all who participated, danced, and had a good time! Keep on shining!

Linda Lawrence
Membership Coordinator

Pathway to Membership

There may still be time to join the April Pathway to Membership class that starts Sunday, April 3rd, from 9-10:30 AM in the Johnson Room. The second session will be Saturday, April 9th, from 6-8:30 PM in the sanctuary. If you have questions or want to register, please contact Linda Lawrence, our Membership Coordinator, right away: membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org or 815-218-3148. Free childcare is available but you must notify Linda in advance so that we have the appropriate number of childcare providers.

Congregational Potluck

April 9th

Please join us in the Johnson Room or Sanctuary (depending upon the size of the group) to welcome prospective new members. We will gather at 6:00, enjoy food and conversation, see a short video of UUCP history, and hear a few words from Rev. Susan and others. Afterwards all are invited for a short joining ceremony for those newcomers who have decided to become members.

Please sign up in advance at <http://doodle.com/yvd4658v49pizdv9> or by contacting Linda Lawrence at membershipcoordinator@phoenixuu.org. Please note that the Membership Committee needs at least two people to help set up at 5:00 and to help with light clean-up right after the meal. We ask that current members volunteer on the doodle link to help

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with these tasks so that prospective members can enjoy the evening as our guests.

Finally, free childcare is available for those who request it in advance. Please email names and ages of your children to Linda Lawrence no later than Wednesday, April 6th, if you will need childcare during the potluck and/or program.

Waterways Clean-up Days, Anyone?

Paul and I love to hike and kayak. Here in the greater Phoenix area we have explored parts of Lake Pleasant, Bartlett Lake and the Salt River. From the water we have seen jack rabbits, wild burros, swallows, birds of prey including eagles, lots of fish, and beautiful dragonflies of many colors.

Arizona is full of beauty and life. I have learned to appreciate the delicate yet spiny prolific life in the desert. These bodies of water that support so much life and are surrounded by dry desert are also used and appreciated by many human beings.

Some of the people that swim, camp, picnic, boat, fish, ski and paddle on and next to these bodies of water live their values of caring for the earth. They pick up after themselves and others. But unfortunately some people do not understand that it is our responsibility to care for the earth and appear to have no frame of reference for taking responsibility for their trash.

I have learned that whenever we go

out kayaking for the day I bring a large garbage bag. We have fished cans, bottles, paper, plastic, battered flotation devices and a multitude of other objects out of the water. We have also beached our kayaks and picked up trash, many bags of trash. We have found evidence of family gatherings, plates, plastic bags, cans and bottles, wrappers and packaging, discarded buckets, fishing tackle and containers for worms.

My heart aches when I see mother nature so disrespected and misused. For me the earth is a temple, a spiritual temple that lives and breathes and gives us everything we need to survive.

“Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.” This being the seventh principle that we covenant to affirm and promote, I want to propose that the UUCP community live our values and help to pick up after people that either don’t care or don’t have any frame of reference for caring for the earth. Let us gather our resources, our time and energy and make a difference for the plant and animal life around and in these lakes and river.

Who has canoes, kayaks, sail boats, life jackets? We need any small boat that is easily beached. Would anyone like to help organize waterways clean-up days? We can make a difference and feel good at the end of the day that we have!

The rewards for picking up trash

are instant, the bags fill up quickly and when you look around at the area, what a difference you have made! When my daughter was five we moved back to the city of Portland after living in small town ME for a few years. Our apartment was right across the street from a large park with huge old trees and a man-made pond. Quite often we would each take a bag and cross the busy street to see who could pick up the most trash. Picking up trash is fun to do with children and it teaches them important lessons.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact me, Victoria Capon at redirector@phoenixuucp.org.

Muuvie Night Presents:

INSIDE JOB
APRIL 20TH, 6:00-9:00 PM
JOHNSON ROOM
2010, PG-13, 108 MIN

From filmmaker Charles Ferguson comes this sobering, Oscar-winning documentary that presents in comprehensive yet cogent detail the pervasive and deep-rooted corruption that led to the global economic meltdown of 2008. Through unflinching interviews with key financial insiders, politicians, journalists and academics, Ferguson paints a galling portrait of an unfettered financial system run amok—without accountability. Actor Matt Damon narrates.

UUCP to Host Internet Safety Workshop

On April 29th at 6:30 PM, UUCP will host a powerful and timely event for parents – Keeping Kids Safe: An Internet & Mobile Safety Workshop™. Delivered by Ellodee Cloninger, a Certified Internet & Child Safety Advocate, the 45-minute workshop addresses cyber-safety issues impacting today's youth and strategies for effectively dealing with these challenges.

One in five U.S. teenagers has already received an unwanted sexual solicitation online and cyberbullying and sexting have reached record levels. According to a Cox Communications Teen Online & Wireless Safety Survey, 38% of teens have experience with cyberbullying and 20% have engaged in some form of sexting.

Keeping Kids Safe: An Internet & Mobile Safety Workshop utilizes the latest statistics, resources, videos, and expert tips to empower attending parents with:

- A clearer understanding of the issues facing digital children;
- The resources they need to communicate with their kids about making safer decisions;
- and information about digital tools designed to help parents keep their kids safe when they use social networking and mobile phones.

We're so grateful to Ellodee Cloninger for sharing this important information with our community. It's my hope that every parent will take advantage of this unique op-

portunity and join us for the workshop.

While this is the first time the workshop has been hosted by UUCP, thousands of parents across the country have already benefited from the program. The event is being offered at no charge and is open to the general public. For more information and to register please contact Victoria Capon at redirec-tor@phoenixuu.org.

If you are interested in hosting a free workshop for your school or organization, contact Ellodee Cloninger at 415-686-8824 or by email at Ellodee@hotmail.com.

World Tai Chi & Qigong Day

April 30th from 9:30-11:30 AM, Frances Cheung is offering a free two-hour introductory Tai Chi lesson in the sanctuary at UUCP.

Frances Cheung has been a Tai Chi Instructor for more than eight years. She was involved in organizing this yearly worldwide event in Southern California for nine years.

On Saturday, April 30th, at 10:00 AM, tens of thousands of people in hundreds of cities, in more than 70 nations will come together, to breathe together, to provide the world a healing image of our planet and our people.

Be a part of World Tai Chi & Qigong Day 2011!

Traveling 2nd Fridays

2nd Friday of each month, UUCP Sanctuary, 7:00-8:00 PM.

April 8th: "Life in England: Two Americans Spend 4½ Years in Cambridge" by Angela Jansen

After receiving her PhD, Angela chose to do her postdoctoral fellowship at the Sanger Centre and Cambridge University. Thus, she and her husband Greg became expats in England. Come hear about life in the UK; pubs, punting, houseboats, British travels, Burns Night Suppers, and Christmas Dinners. If you've ever been curious about living and working in England, and learning to speak the English language, come hear our story.

If you have any questions about Traveling 2nd Fridays, call Barbara Cawthorne at 480-994-1452. Everyone is welcome to join us for this one-hour presentation and discussion. Remember: mark your calendars for the 2nd Friday of each month from January through June.

April New Day Meal

Thanks to everyone for their help preparing our meals for the New Day Center.

We have seen service in action over and over again. For the future meals, we will still be having the sign up board, need five adults to cook and five adults to serve. Would like to call on any other Covenant groups to see if they would like to sponsor the meal. It would be very helpful to have a UU to sign up each month as the lead cook and a UU to sign up as the lead server each month. These should be individuals who have recently cooked or served in the past.

While we still have our two services, we prepare the meal at 10:30 AM and meet at the Congregation at 4:15 PM to serve. If anyone has questions, you can contact me at kmraife@aol.com or 602-840-9095. I try to do reminder calls five to seven days before so please respond to calls to be sure you are still available. If you have signed up to cook or serve and your plans change, please make arrangements to have someone cover for you and let me know who that person will be. Thanks so much for your support.

Katie Raife

UUCP & Phoenix Pride

APRIL 16 & 17

UUCP Interweave, together with the Valley's other three UU congregations, will be marching in the upcoming Phoenix Pride Parade on Saturday, April 16th. We will also have a UU Welcoming Congregations booth in Steele Indian School Park from noon-7:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday. Come march with us, or volunteer your time to help make this the best pride participation event yet! Please email Interweave Co-Chair Dean Clarke Taylor at uudean@gmail.com to learn more.

ERI Expands

The Eritrean Refugee Initiative will soon offer mentor training to volunteers who would like to befriend and spend time with individual Eritreans.

Bead To Succeed, the paper bead project, plans new items made from recycled costume jewelry and aluminum can pop tops. If you have bead necklaces/bracelets/earrings you no longer wear, please bring them to the ERI box on the Social Action table along with your aluminum pop tops. Computers and printers are also welcome as are donations of household goods and furniture. We refer large items to the Refugee and Immigrant Relief Center and the Welcome to America Project both of which give receipts for tax purposes.

The Friday English class, which offers three levels of instruction, is expanding to include Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks to all who contributed their efforts and presence to the March SAC luncheon which featured finger lickin' good Eritrean food and presentations by refugees in the English class.

To add your name to the mentor training list, donate any item or your time email eri@phoenixuu.org

Share the Plate with UUSC

On Sunday, April 10th, all undesignated collections will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee as part of our monthly Share the Plate Program.

UUSC's mission is to advance human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. This mission of UUSC is guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), as well as Unitarian Universalist principles, which affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. UUSC's work focuses on four areas:

1. Civil Liberties. UUSC strengthens individual liberties and democratic processes eroded by overreaching security measures adopted after 9/11.
2. Economic Justice. UUSC advances workers' rights and supports living wage campaigns, addressing the impacts of globalization and privatiza-

- tion.
3. Environmental Justice. UUSC promotes and defends the human right to water, particularly in communities facing water-service privatization and resource depletion.
 4. Rights in Humanitarian Crises. UUSC responds strategically to disasters, whether natural or manmade, defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations who are often left out of recovery efforts.

In each area, UUSC applies an analysis of race, class, and gender, recognizing the role of systemic discrimination in perpetuating injustice and human-rights violations.

If you would like to learn more about the Share the Plate Program or submit an application for an organization to be considered future donations, please see UUCP's website (www.phoenixuu.org).

UUSC Membership

Because of your membership in UUSC, an orphaned child, 12-year-old Jean Baptiste, in Haiti was shielded from the sex trade and will soon move into a new home where she will enjoy every chance for a healthy life.

Membership donations helped Haji Murat's young sons and daughters return to school, an impossible dream when food, supplies, clothing and shelter came first in Pakistan.

Thanks to you, in places like Pakistan, Haiti, Uganda and the US

Gulf Coast, stories of sickness, sadness and struggle are becoming stories of resilience, perseverance and heroism.

UUSC and the UUA have teamed up in response to the triple disasters in Japan. Visit www.uua.org for more information.

Our goal is to become an Honor Roll member of UUSC like most other UU congregations in Arizona by increasing UUCP memberships from a very small percentage to 75% or more! Have you renewed or joined?

UUSC Youth membership: \$10
Senior membership: \$20
Regular: \$40
Dual: \$75

Visit www.uusc.org or come to the Social Action table for a membership application.

UUSC: advancing Human rights worldwide; envisioning a world free from oppression and injustice where all can realize human rights with dignity.

Heather McLellan
UUSC Representative

Social Action Luncheon

The April 16th Social Action Luncheon will be at 12:30 PM in the Johnson Room. We are pleased to welcome Tim Schmaltz, CEO of PAFCO (Protecting Arizona's Families Coalition), one of the leading advocates for children, families and vulnerable adults. PAFCO

was formed in 2001 and has grown to be a statewide coalition of more than 100 groups which seeks to prevent drastic cuts to human services. This is an especially important topic as the Arizona legislature is considering record budget cuts this year.

Women's Spirituality Circle

We are a friendly, feisty, festive group of spirited women who meet once a month, the third Monday, in annex B at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is April 18th. Open to all women on a spiritual journey (aren't we all?).

Heather McLellan 480-941-1038
Carolyn Allenby 623-398-6765

Attention, Book People!

We need *you*, former bookstore clerks (and librarians? indubitably!).

Sometimes our small AFD committee runs out of Sunday book table servers. If you are a book person and could help us out occasionally—and get “that old feeling” 🎵 that comes with book selling—please contact Terry Simmons at terrynsimmons@gmail.com

Unicare Column

The UUCP Community lost two very dear friends in this past month of March. As we mourn those we have lost, we are edified by the purpose and integrity of their lives so well lived.

Bill Roberts died on March 3rd. A long-time member of this Congregation, Bill will be greatly missed for his intelligent and positive presence. Born on December 10, 1928 in Provo, Utah, Bill combined his love of sports with the education he received at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Washington State College and a post-doctoral at the University of Pittsburgh, Department of Biochemistry. Bill was a leader and the go-to person in his field of nutritional consulting for the cattle industry. In his busy life, Bill was an Eagle Scout, served in the Marine Corp, was a member of Sigma Xi, Arizona Cattle Grower's Association, and the Sunnyslope Historical Society to name just a few. Bill's grandchildren will remember him for the time he spent teaching them the finer points of fishing, hiking, snorkeling and camping. Our love and community support go to Bill's wife, Joan, and their family.

We will remember Pat Aloe-Stauber, who died on March 18th, as our octogenarian rebel with a calling! Her trademark was a hot pink streak down the center of her Mohawk hairdo. She once had her car "detailed" with bright lightening streaks down each side. Pat was a true artist, spending much of her life designing jewelry. She had a keen eye for interior design and her home was a treat to visit.

An even greater passion of hers was her dogs; she raised them, trained them, and showed them in competition all around the country. We are very fortunate to have a lasting remembrance of Pat in our sanctuary, because it was Pat who commissioned an ASU student to design and build our sanctuary chalice. She amazed us with her energy and enthusiasm. We will miss her greatly. Our love to Pat's family.

A great big hug to Laurie Rosales and the wonderful team of caregivers here at UUCP who have been with Laurie and her son to help her during her illness and move to a new home.

Our hearts are with Pat Shannon and Anita Silverthorn as they heal. Both are plucky ladies and we send our support their way.

To all of those who are facing the challenges of life, we offer our hands and hearts in support.

Julie Smart
Unicare Chair

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New Members

Meet more of the new members who signed up during our February Pathway to Membership Class!



Laurie Arora (with Rajeev)

Laurie is originally from Burlington, VT and is married to Rajeev Arora. They lived in California and Massachusetts before moving to Arizona. Laurie works part-time as a physical therapist and is enjoying being the taxi service for daughters Asha and Meera, especially when everyone can agree on a song they all like. Laurie and Rajeev found the UU church in Newburyport, MA, before moving to Arizona where they attended UUCP on and off for their first 4-5 years in Phoenix. Laurie enjoys traveling with her family, being outdoors, and projects around the house. She has instigated three cross-country road trips that ended on Lake Champlain in South Hero, VT, with her parents.



Ann Bixel

Ann was raised in Michigan. She decided to see the world at age 25 and joined the DoD schools in Europe, teaching American servicemen's children on an Air Force base in the middle of Germany for two years. Returning to the States with half a masters degree and a Volkswagen, Ann headed to California to finish her degree and taught in the inner city of Los Angeles for many years.

When her daughter Renee and son-in-law Tim brought two beautiful grandchildren into the world, Ann decided it was time their family stopped living across the country from each other. She sold her house, packed up and moved to Chandler, AZ. Ann has been here a full year now and doesn't know why she didn't come sooner. She is looking forward to getting to know people at UUCP.



Matt Brazil



Mary Dawes

More new members on next page...

New Members...



KATIE MARION



BRIAN & KARIN QUINN



DAVE MILLER



APRIL MACK



ANNA SERAFIN



JON PENROSE

Celebrations of Life

9:30 AM and 11:15 AM

APRIL 3: CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

Help us complete our 2011-2012 Stewardship Campaign by bringing your filled out pledge card to this service. Get In by April 3rd! Be a part of UUCP Making a Difference in our lives and in the world. And come for the 50th Birthday Party of our building and campus, complete with cake and ice cream and games.

APRIL 10: JUSTICE SUNDAY

Service Leader: Sun Principe, Social Justice Director, and Heather McLellan

Justice Sunday is a time when congregations learn more about UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, thereby gaining a greater appreciation of its programs to uphold the inherent worth and dignity of every person in 22 countries around the world.

Share the Plate Sunday: to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

APRIL 17: MULTIGENERATIONAL EARTH DAY SERVICE

Service Leaders: Connie Jahrmarkt, Music Director, Richard Jahrmarkt, and more!

This multigenerational service will celebrate the ways that we can all better care and show reverence for the Earth. The family choir will sing, and our Worship Associates will help lead the service.

APRIL 24: LIFE, MYTH AND MEANING

Service Leader: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

In honor of Easter, we will explore the ways we make meaning out of life and myth, and also the ways we make myth, stories of meaning, from life.

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in building religious community,
called to
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