

DIALOGUE

A QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

Inspired by our UU principles, we are a vibrant, intentionally diverse congregation that models and promotes both locally and globally: love, spiritual growth, service, right relations and sustainable living.

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HAPPENINGS



Passover 2014

What a great ceremony and feast during the celebration of our Passover Seder! Over 50 members and friends gathered in the spirit of a Unitarian Universalist version of

the traditional Hagadah. A very special thanks to Bev Conner, Pam Parker, Alejandra Huffman-Chan, and all the volunteers who made this exceptional experience possible.



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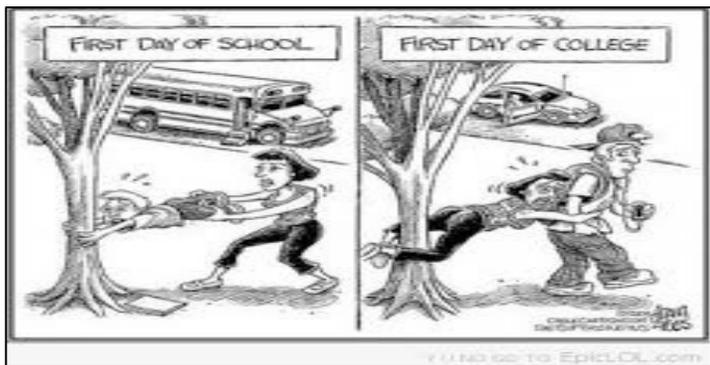
April-May-June 2014



April participants:
Roger & Nancy Harmon,
Mary Cory, John Drummond,
Irv Himelblau and Livia Walsh

May participants:
John Drummond, Livia Walsh
Roger & Nancy Harmon,
Amanda Kolburn, Renae
Grieg & Irv Himelblau

June Participants:
Renae Grieg, Roger and
Nancy Harmon, Abe Alvarez,
Chris Alvarez & Irv
Himelblau



Empty Nest Workshop Saturday, April 19, 2014

The UUFSD Pastoral Care Group presented the first in a series of workshops on important life transitions. The workshop addressed the issue of “Empty Nests.” The workshop was conducted by Katie Barr, LCSW, a Carlsbad based therapist who has worked extensively with families on this and similar issues. Fourteen members of the fellowship attended the workshop.

Flower Communion Sunday, April 20, 2014



Casas de Luz Homebuild

April 19-20, 2014



On the weekend of April 19, the UUFSD Young Adult group did a Casas de Luz home build for the Diarte family. Lending their talents at the build were: Leslie Uke, Arlo Jaakkola, Gwynn Beasley, Candice Nguyen, Sherene Tagharobi, Kevin West, Darren Michael, Sarah Setiawan, Caitlin Jackson, Kaitlyn DiPerna, Daniel Lyons, Eri Lynn & Darren Heinrichsen, Eli Snyder, Liberty Zabala Abigail Hitchen, Robin Sales and Kathy Faller.

Pacific Southwest District Assembly April 25-26, 2014



UUFSD Attendees:

John Atcheson, Livia Walsh, Irv Himelblau, Susan Pernia, Caroline Demar, Katy & Steven Swanson, Betsy Gilpin, Niel Lynch, Susan Maginn, and Rev. David.

Members attended several breakout workshops and were enthusiastic about the information they obtained. A debriefing was being organized for participants to share their experiences and identify actions that could be undertaken to improve programs at the fellowship.

Pleasures of Poetry Reading Sunday, April 27, 2014

Love Poem

I trekked up Kilimanjaro
 said the nurse we met walking in the state park
 it was six and a half days up
 and one and a half days down

it sounded good to us, and we thought about it
 but then we decided it would be more interesting

to sit in our back yard together—
 me with a dark beer and you a chardonnay—
 and look at the eagle that glides over the nature preserve.



Mark Tuller 3/12/2014

Our very own Mark Tuller was one of nine poets at the annual “Pleasures of Poetry” reading.

The Best Time

Was that misty afternoon
 in the restaurant in San Francisco
 when we were going to visit Dan the next day.

Just us, in front of the window
 with the surf and rocks,
 and the waiter took our picture.

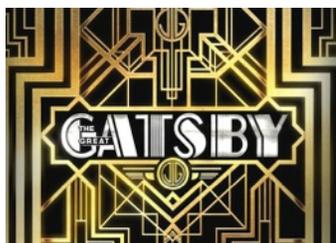
Your hand was on my shoulder, remember?
 And it was so white, the sky, the table cloths,
 the surf and mist, shading together, the beige
 walls.

We had climbed the coastal stairs in the damp.
 Nothing made us sad that day, and
 there are so many ways to be sad.

The best part was we knew it then.
 We hooked the instant, and pasted it
 to our story, so we could return to it often—

that small, small interval, so closely considered,
 with your hand on my shoulder.

Mark Tuller 4/20/2014



"UUFSD's annual auction took place on Saturday, May 17. The theme was “The Great Gatsby,” and many in attendance came dressed to the twenties. Attendees enjoyed live jazz music and delicious food. Auctioneers, Eli Snider and Maria Angelella, topped off the evening with a comedic live auction. In addition to the fun time had by all, the auction was also a financial success, raising approximately \$20,000 to support our beloved Fellowship."



RE Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, June 1, 2014

Thanks to all the many wonderful volunteers. Present at the luncheon were: Susan Miller, Susan Pernia, Michael Scott, Connor Milmo, Katy Kroll Swanson, Shawn Anderson, Catherine Buffington, MB Taylor, Linda Ochi, Ann Linn, Louisa Trandis, Sheryl Goto, Liz Barris, Ellen Whealton, David Swain, Richard Johnson, Karla Milmo, Alison Schlick and Carol Blakistone



Music Sunday, June 1, 2014



The UUFSD family dedicated this Music Sunday to Molly Low and Cris Crisler, the founders of our music program, for many years of leadership and service.



The Jackie Austin Singer Project In Concert, June 7, 2014

Founders Hall was rocking on Saturday with the Jackie Austin-Singer Project in concert. The band included Jackie Austin-Singer (lead vocals), Ray Conseur (percussion) Dan Couslon (bass), Ayanna Hobson (vocals). and Angelo Miranda (piano). Band guests were : Reverend Stickman (guitar) and Crystal Pollard (vocals)

Social Action Forum, June 8, 2014

Katia Hanson, Program Director for the Unitarian Universalist Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education, UURISE, was our speaker at the monthly Social Action Forum. Twenty people attended the forum in which Katia gave an update of all the activities UURISE is currently involved with. She also spoke to the upcoming legal clinics and conferences planned to assist immigrants to be aware of their legal rights. **UURISE is a SAC partner organization, and plans are in the works to have another Forum with immigrant speakers on October 12th and another legal clinic at UUFSD for immigrants on November 9th.**





Bridging Class of 2014

- Katarina Young**
- Laila Al Shamma**
- Jake Lyon**
- Chelsea Kanzler**
- Linsey Mercier**

We honor the gifts you bring to the young adult community and the joy we feel at this welcoming. We are grateful for your individuality and for the hope you bring and the anxieties you share. We bless you now as you grow into who you are, and we pledge to you our support as you reach for your dreams. May you find among us friendship and support, yearning and joy. We honor you at this transformation.



The Buzzing of Happy UU Bees at Trust Farm, Vista

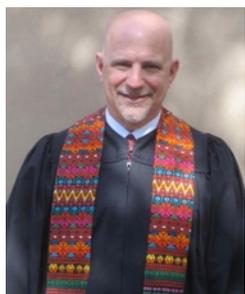
Some Fellowship members are aware that for more than a year we have had a hive of bees living in a hole in the ground just above the parking lot near the greeters' table. As the population of bees grew, RE and Sandy Hill parents' concerns also grew. On June 14 we had Josie Gage, a professional beekeeper, move the bees from the hole in the ground into a standard bee hive and then transport the new hive to her farm in Vista.

The hole in the ground, which we thought was a gopher hole, appears to have been the drain pipe from an old septic tank which led to a leach feed below the parking lot. It had a long run of pipe and a large chamber full of bees. Moving them safely was quite an operation, taking all night on June 14. After moving the bees, Josie filled in the pipe and cemented the entrance closed to prevent it being reoccupied by a new swarm of bees. The bees survived the transfer and appear to be adapting well to their new home in Vista. **Many thanks Josie Gage!**

Our National Crises - Children & Families on the Bus



Standing on the Side of Love: Bearing Witness



Dear UUFSD,

Thanks to all who have answered the call to assist the refugees in need. Whatever the politics of the situation, these are human beings needing love and kindness. According to the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium as of Thursday, July 10, the evacuation flights of Central American refugees from Texas have been suspended. They may resume at some point, and we will keep you posted. We still might need your help. There are 10-15 refugee families a day coming to San Diego directly through our local ports of entry and they are seeking humanitarian relief and will be processed here. They, like those that have come before them, will need the support of the San Diego community while they complete their relief applications. The San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC), and other organizations,

organized a support system to provide care packages and other assistance for families arriving with little more than the clothes on their backs. Below is an update from our Social Action Team.

Thank you again, Rev. David

Social Justice Call to Action - Children and Families on the Bus

The UUFSD's response and support for our Central American refugee siblings has been wonderful. Together UUFSD has raised a couple of pickup trucks full of clothing, toiletries, snacks, diapers and much more. We are partnering with Border Angels, the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice and the San Diego Immigrants Rights Coalition (SDIRC) in this endeavor. The items collected will be delivered to the Border Angels for distribution to refugees in detention centers. At this point, over 35,000 items have been collected throughout San Diego County, and there is no need for further material donations. When, and if, that need should arise, we are sure that as a community of faith we will rise to the occasion again. In the meantime, please hold off bringing items.

Here is some helpful background first:

- The families coming in are seeking asylum.
- The vast majority of the refugees are going to stay with family or sponsors in other parts of the country.
- They are not staying in San Diego, but they do need to have housing in the interim between being processed and finding their way to their destinations. They need to communicate with their families, get bus tickets, and make any other appointments they may have, in addition to being housed.
- Once they reach their families or sponsors, they will then have a period of time by which they must report to immigration authorities.

Here are the needs at this time:

Temporary housing for families for 10 days

Families will be released from processing and need a place to be until they can travel to their final destination. This need is being handled through Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice. If you can provide housing for a family please contact them directly. You may contact: Rabbi Laurie Coskey at rabbilaurie@icwj.org or Elizabeth Maldonado Robinson at Elizabeth@icwj.org. Be prepared to let them know what the living situation would be and how many people in are in your household

Financial Donations

The Social Action Committee is continuing to accept financial donations to provide for housing, travel assistance, prepaid phones, etc. Please visit the SAC table in the core area after services, if you wish to make a financial donation. **Checks should be made out to UUFSD with a memo line: Children on the Bus.**

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE UUFSD'S RESPONSE TO CRISIS



What a wonderful outpouring of love and compassion from UUFSD members responding to the humanitarian refugee crisis. Thousands of items were collected and delivered to Border Angels for the “Children and Families on the Bus” refugees. We also raised over \$1000.00 to assist refugees with relocation and legal fees, phone cards and transportation.



Sixteen members and friends of UUFSD congregated at the Friendship Park Border Fence on Sunday, July 13, 2014. Our UUFSD members on the US side of the border joined 14 UU's from the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry's who were on the Mexican side, to participate in a cross border Sunday Interfaith Communion Ceremony. UUFSD members bearing witness to the plight of refugees and immigrants were: Joey Elwell and Alison Schlick and their children Clara and Aalon, Ted and Katie Wheeler, Patricia Cofre-Stone and her son Derek Stone, Mary Cory, Livia Walsh, Irv Himelblau, Nancy and Roger Harmon, Karen Freeman, Bev Conner and her friend Saleem Nason, Enrique Morones of Border Angels and a family that came to visit with their grandmother, through the border fence.