



UU Update

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa

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Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

July 3

"Dementia and Dignity"

Service Leaders: Nancy Powers-Stone and Frances Corman
Worship Associate: Susan Bartholome

How can we affirm the dignity of every person—including those with dementia? This is a struggle that many of us are facing today and many more will face in the future. Can we embrace the responsibility of being the caregiver for someone we love without losing the love in the process?

Nancy Powers-Stone, the Director of Redwood Caregiver Resource Center, will guide us.

July 10

"Anam Cara"

Service Leaders: Erin Howseman and Claire Beery

Many of us are drawn to Unitarian Universalism to explore our spirituality in our own ways. This is often a very private dialog we have with ourselves. Today, we will explore another approach. From the early spiritual leaders of Ireland of 1,500 years ago, the practice of having an anam cara emerged as an aid to spiritual enrichment. Anam cara means soul-friend in Gaelic. This was a person with whom you could share your inner life, especially questions of the spirit. In this service, we will consider what it might be like to create a deep connection with another that is based on affection, honesty, and encouragement to discover what is sacred to us, and what are the greatest truths in our lives.

Celtic music by Claire Beery and the Howseman Clan.

July 17

"Hallelujah!"

Service Leader: Christy Baker
Worship Associate: David Hope

"Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen has been covered by numerous musicians in TV, movies and elsewhere. There is wisdom in this complex song. Rather than simple dualities (love and anger, sacred and secular, sexual union and betrayal), there are intersections to explore. As Cohen said, "The song explains that many kinds of Hallelujahs do exist. All the perfect and broken Hallelujahs have an equal value. It's, as I say, a desire to affirm my faith in life." Let us gather to honor many layers of the transcendent and human in our lives.

Christy Baker is a Candidate for UU Ministry and recent graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry.

July 24

Service leader: Rev. Don Baldwin
Worship Associate: Rita Butterfield

After photographing the coast for over 40 years, Don has gathered the most stunning and dramatic images together for this celebration of the shoreline. Utilizing a bank of projectors, a 24-foot wide panoramic screen, thoughtful narration and inspirational stereo music, the beauty and mystery of the ocean are movingly presented through this inspirational audio-visual meditation. Many of us will remember Don for his portrayal of John Muir several years ago in our Sunday service.

July 31

Serve It Forth: The Dinner Table as a Vision of Paradise

Service Leader: Scott Miller

Worship Associates: Erin Howseman, Andy Levine

We in Sonoma County were lucky enough to have the great food writer MFK Fisher living among us for the last twenty years of her life. Like many great food writers, Fisher wove tales that blurred the boundaries between physical and spiritual hungers and attainments. Through celebrating the work of such writers, this service will offer a meditation on appetite as gift and food as grace, helping us learn the lessons that our inescapable tie to the Earth's bounty has to teach us.

Feels Like The First Time



When Rita and I first moved to Boulder in 1993 (which now seems two full lifetimes ago) one of the first things that we did was seek out a local UU congregation. There were two from which to choose. The first, the UU Church, was in the midst of a difficult transition, as we quickly learned. At the end of the service we attended, the group held hands in a circle and stared meaningfully at each other while the service leader said something like, "Although we feel very divided right now, we are going to make it through this."

"Well, I don't feel divided," I thought, but I certainly did feel confused. What the heck was all that about? We later learned that the congregation was sharply split over how to handle a situation of ministerial misconduct. As committed as Rita and I were to Unitarian Universalism by that point, it was obvious that these folks had some hard inward work to do. We decided to continue our search.

I don't mean to suggest that the congregation did anything wrong that day. They really did have an issue that they had to deal with, and it really was going to take the efforts of its leaders and established, committed members to handle it. They really did need to hold hands and remember what mattered to them.

That morning in Boulder illuminates one of the perennial tensions in congregational life. How do we attend to our ongoing programs, to strengthening established relationships, and to addressing internal concerns and aspirations, while still making sure that we remain open to every new person, and remain eager to be personally changed by an ever-changing group?

The answer, I believe, is to be clear about our vision, mission and ministry. It is striving to be servants, rather than the served. It is to reject the consumer model that pervades every other aspect of our culture, which only asks "what's in it for me?" and to seek a higher calling of devotion, justice-making, and transformation.

I say that, but, of course, we didn't stick around that day in Boulder, did we?

I think of that moment frequently, to remind myself of the experience of a person who walks in for the very first time. So much hinges on that first experience! One weird worship service, one unfriendly encounter, one too many "in-jokes" and a person can feel that they will not be able to find a home there. Other times, everything goes perfectly right and a person still won't find a home. That's O.K. They are just looking for something else. You can't please everyone, and it's a waste of spirit and intention to even try. After all our Vision and Mission aren't about pleasing even ourselves. They are about living our UU Principles to the best of our ability, nurturing a

liberal religious community, celebrating life, empowering people, caring for one another and building a better world. I know that's easier said than done. Some congregations even give up on trying.

Once I preached at a church in a large, impoverished, formerly industrial New England city with a population in real need. Their sanctuary could seat 400 people, but the church had 35 members. When I asked what their growth plans were, the president told me, "Boy, we really like the people who are already coming. We don't really want any new members." To my mind, such a church doesn't deserve to be called a church.

There's more to the Boulder story, too.

After the first failed experiment we decided to try the other congregation. It was high summer as we poked around the local Masonic Hall, where the UU Fellowship allegedly met. But they were nowhere to be found, because they didn't meet during July and August at all! We ended up attending 45 minutes away at the First Unitarian Church in Denver for two years.

When I was first getting involved in our faith, I was baffled by the practice that our congregations often have of slowing down, or even shutting down, in the summer time. Do people not need religious community when the weather is warm?

Now, as the minister, I see this as a very enlightened perspective. (Selfish? Moi?!) It is not only me that needs time to rest and reflect, we all do. Putting down much of the mundane work for at least a month helps put everything in perspective. The exceptions to the "summer slow-down" are, of course, our Worship Associates, whom we should all thank profusely for their creativity and effort during these months, as well as the many volunteers at the Saturday Breakfast. People do need the sacred, and they do need food, no matter what the season.

Finally, in an unrelated vein, I want to acknowledge the amazing run of lay leaders here at UUCSR since I arrived. Millie Tripp was my first president, followed by Linda Proulx. Now I offer my thanks to outgoing president Andrew Hidas, and a joyous welcome to incoming president Laura Jean Hageman. Frankly, I'm glad I'm not going to have to compete against Andrew's brilliant writing in these pages anymore, but I have deeply appreciated his spiritual perspective. I, and the congregation as a whole, have grown under his influence. I expect more of the same from Laura Jean, as she brings her own unique skills and wisdom to our great adventure together. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make UUCSR a reality.

I hope to see you at the Valley of the Moon in the middle of the month, but if not, please enjoy and unwind, and may the Spirit of Life bless you.

Splinters from the Board

I am very honored to be the President-elect of the Board of Trustees and am looking forward to an exciting and productive year with an outstanding Board.

Four new members of the Board were unanimously approved at the Congregational Meeting on June 12. They are:

Jeanie Bates
Joe Como
Alan Proulx
Peter Wilson

The Board members who are continuing have staggered terms. Two have finished their first term and have agreed to serve another two-year term:

Mary Louise Jaffray
Lois Nagle

Two are beginning the second year of their second two-year term:

Ann Chambers
Craig Work

And four are beginning the second year of their first two-year term:

John Farison
Laura Jean Hageman
Cathie Wiese

We appreciate the many contributions of retiring Board members, Phyllis Heagney, Bonnie Daines and Bob Barrows. And we owe a huge thank-you to Andrew Hidas who led us so effectively and with such grace as President of the Board for three years!

Laura Jean Hageman

Thanks for the Cocks on May 22

Thanks to you'll who brought the 23 crock-pots crammed with delicious food, and thanks to the 77 who consumed the CROCK contents.

CROCK-POT COOK-OFF FIRST PRIZE

A tie between Susan Bartholome (barbecued chicken)
and Orlando Raola(Cuban black beans)

CROCK HONORABLE MENTION

Kristin Elizondo (pulled pork). yummmm!!

UUCSR benefited \$540.

The CROCK-POT COOK-OFF was proposed by Nancy Hayashibara and organized by Stacy Sincheff, Lynn Riepenhoff, and Rose Saint John.

It was a CROCK !!!!

August 7, 2011

"Practicing Love"

Service Leader: Jan Ogren

Worship Associate: Frances Corman

Treasurer's Report

For those of you who were not able to attend the UUCSR June Congregational Meeting, the following is a brief summary of this year's budgeting process and the budget itself that was voted on at that meeting.

The Board scheduled two meetings in May to develop a budget for the coming fiscal year. During that month individual Board members consulted with committee and council chairs leaders to better understand their budget needs and priorities.

Based on those consultations, the Board developed and unanimously approved a balanced budget for FY 2011/2012. At the Congregational Meeting on June 12, the Congregation voted to accept the Board-passed budget, a summary of which was sent to all members prior to the Congregational Meeting and was included in the 2010-2011 Annual Report to the Congregation.

This FY 2011/2012 budget establishes a firm foundation upon which to base future expenditures and projects. Its projections for non-pledge income (donations, fundraising, and Glaser net income) are based on actual revenue in those areas in recent years.

This budget also begins funding much needed reserves for replacing parts of our infrastructure as our facilities age. And, it includes a 5% equity adjust-

ment to our minister's salary, bringing him more in alignment with the UUA Guidelines. This was made possible by the generosity and commitment of the UUCSR members whose pledges totaled nearly \$17,000 more than last year.

Despite this, needs and requests in several areas had to be postponed or reduced in order to balance the budget. However, the Board made these budget cuts with the expectation that there will be an estimated \$4,000 to \$10,000 surplus at the end of the current fiscal year which can be used to increase expenditures in those areas that were not fully funded.

The actual size of the surplus, however, will not be known until August when the year-end reconciliation of our FY 2010/2011 financials is complete. Once the surplus is known, the new Board of Trustees most likely will present an amended budget for the congregation's approval at the Congregational Meeting in October. This is a meeting you will not want to miss!

Laura Jean Hageman
UUCSR Co-Treasurer

Are You Interested?

Hi! Interested in making connections with other UU women? Interested in being able to share personal things in a loving and safe environment? A women's group is the place for you. (sorry, guys) If you want to be part of ongoing women's groups, or start a new one, please contact Mary Wolfe,

mwolfe@sonic.net or 544-3134.

Gentleman, if you are interested in finding a men's support group, contact Bruce Hope: 658-1563.

Mary Wolfe, Women's support groups facilitator

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE UUCSR SERVICE AUCTION

IS ON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

SAVE THE DATE!!

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Summertime and the livin' is easy....so the song goes. This is the time for kids to take a break from study, families to spend more time together, and our congregational life to pause and rest. We rest not from the engagement with one another in worship and fellowship but from the work of committees. I think Chris' request that July be a committee-free zone will free all of us to rejuvenate our spirit and renew our energy.

Though most of us do not work on the academic calendar, with the weather turning warmer nature calls to us to slow down even as we continue to work. This is precious time for families. Even if a family vacation is not in the plan, I hope that this will be a summer of enjoying quality down time with children. Remember, children can go on vacation in their own backyard (how much fun it was to sleep out under the open sky in the backyard as a kid!!) Summer is the best time to find simple ways to be with your children in nature, a simple walk around the lake, planting flowers in the garden, or a spontaneous trip to the beach will create a lasting memories.

Taking children into nature can have a profound effect on their spiritual development. It is in nature that children experience the interdependent web of life. When children trust that all life is connected they will appreciate and respect the connections they have with people in their lives. When they see cause and effect played out in the natural world they have a better understanding of the impact they have in the world around them. Compassion, kindness, and love all grow

from appreciation and respect.

Experiences in nature without media equipment can provide a much needed respite for our tweens and teens. Though admittedly the tweens and teens may not acknowledge this need, it is known that the near constant barrage of internet/facebook/popular culture/IM/advertizing is stressing our adolescents out. When our young people go to our Pacific Central District camps and retreats they are not allowed to use their electronics because it detracts from their connection to the community. I would encourage parents to ask their kids to stash the Ipod, Iphone, Itouch or any other Idevice and step into nature with them to really look around. They will undoubtedly see something very cool.

This month I will be spending time in nature at the first ever PCD Middle School Camp in the Mendocino Woodlands. I believe 4 of our MUUGs will be attending. I am looking forward to a week of being in nature with this lively group. The weekend of July 15 is our All Congregation Retreat at Valley of the Moon, a terrific opportunity for us to be together in nature. These activities help our children and youth experience their connection to nature and to the love that surrounds them in the Unitarian Universalist community. And that my friends, is a very good thing!

In faith,
Deborah



Here's what is in store on Sunday mornings for the month of July:

	Theme	Teachers:	
07/03/11	Communication - Speaking Peace	Deborah	
07/10/11	Things Everyone Needs - Food for the hungry	Kitty Wells	John Farison
07/17/11	All Congregation Retreat - Child Care	TBA	TBA
07/24/11	Things Everyone Needs - Shelter for All	Deborah	
07/31/11	Caring for the Environment - Downtown clean-up	Deborah	Kendra Light

Advocates for Social Justice

Share the Basket

On Sunday, July 10th, one half the collection will go to the **Senior Advocacy Services**. This agency helps seniors and their families with choices about long-term care, insurance problems, and general navigation of the complex array of services available to seniors in our community. SAS Ombudsmen visit, inspect, and report violations of federal and state law at Residential Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities. This is a major protection for seniors. Changes in insurance coverage are in the wind and an already complicated system will become even

harder to access. Please be as generous as you can when the basket comes your way.

On Sunday, July 24th, once again half the collection will go to sustain our **Saturday Breakfast** program. The need is great, the Food Bank is running low so we have to purchase more of our food. Your generosity is known and appreciated by over 150 individuals and families every week!

Thank you ~ Advocates for Social Justice

Hot Topics

"Love is a Many Gendered Thing"

Today from 11:30 to 1:00 in the RE Common Room, Colin Close will share his experience deciding to become and being a transgendered person. Some of you may remember his moving and powerful talk a few years back.

This is the last in our four-part series based on UUA's program, 'Standing on the Side of Love.' Hot Topics will resume in September. Please put any suggestions for a future topic in the box on the Advocates' table!

Get Some New Happy Memories!

Plan now to attend the All-Congregation Camp week-end! It's the one retreat of the year that's for all UUCSR members and friends: women, men and children of all ages. **From Friday through Sunday afternoon, July 15, 16, and 17**, there will be a menu of options to suit every age and inclination: games, crafts, hiking, swimming, workshops, meditation, campfire-and-singing, a talent show, and auction (a chance to get rid of stuff and get new stuff!), and a Sunday Service -- all amid a forest of redwoods! In that setting, relationships deepen, you get to know people you didn't really know before. And the food is great! *All this happens at Valley of the Moon, just east over the hill from Santa Rosa.* It's an easy drive, and the camp is spacious but easy to walk around in.

Registration has already begun and will continue through July 3, at a sign-up table after Sunday Services. Or look in this newsletter for a registration form. There are two kinds: one is for the full week-end, and the other is for day use (Saturday from 9 AM through 11:30 PM, including lunch and dinner, and participation in any and all activities). Fill out the appropriate form and submit it at the registration table or send it to Barrie Noe, 8555 Lawrence Lane, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

Questions? Stop by the registration table, or call Barrie Noe, at (707) 322-4507.

Women Together

Women Together - Save the Date

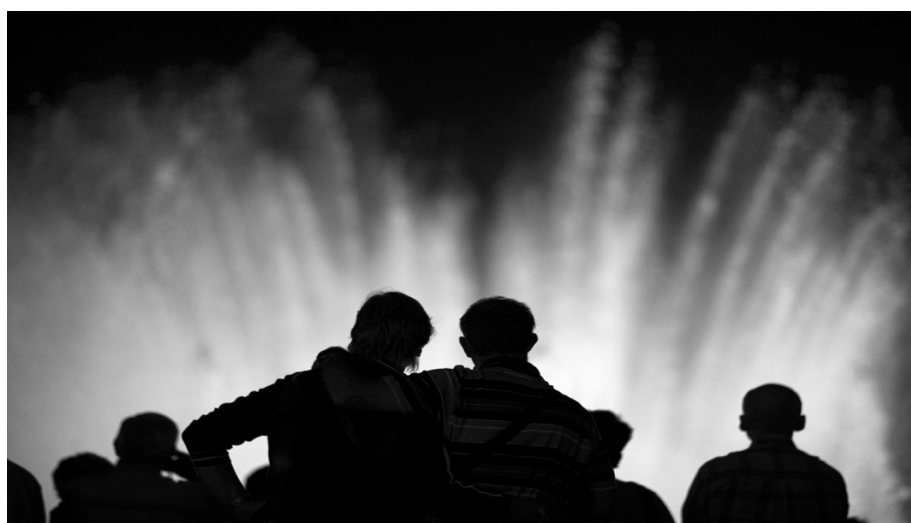
On **Saturday, August 27th** from noon to 3:00 all UUCSR women, their children and friends, are invited to Cathy Weise's Summer Garden

and Swim (optional) party. This is a pot-luck lunch at Cathie's lovely home and is always a happy gathering. More details in the August Newsletter.

3rd ANNUAL UUCSR MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND

AUGUST 26, 27, 28 2011

**SAINT DOROTHY'S REST
CAMP MEEKER**



**COME JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF “FELLOW”-SHIP,
LAUGHTER AND CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

(See registration form next page)

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011

Newsletter@uusantarosa.org

E-mail Submissions

Greatly Appreciated!

Newsletter Assembly

10 a.m.—July 27, 2011

3rd Annual UUCSR MEN'S RETREAT

August 26, 27, 28, 2011

Please complete the registration sheet. Your check reserves your space. Make your check payable to UUCSR (memo Men's Retreat) and return with this form to the UUCSR office by July 24 2011. For further information contact Andy Levine at 887-9810 or bartlev@sonic.net.

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Would you be willing to carpool? YES___ NO___

(You will receive a list of attendees & information packet shortly before the retreat to assist you in arranging car pools. Carpooling is essential.)

OTHER COMMENTS/QUESTIONS? _____

COST: \$185.00; includes Friday evening dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. Would you be willing to contribute to a scholarship fund to help our brothers who cannot afford the full amount? \$15, \$20, \$25 or any amount will be appreciated. Partial scholarships available, call for information.

PHOTO RELEASE & CONSENT: I consent to photography of myself and every person listed on this form, documenting my/our participation in retreat life; I authorize uncompensated use and reproduction of these photos and I release all rights & privileges, including financial and editorial, to said photos. If any photos are used, I understand that no names will be included.

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UUCSR Writers

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Santa Rosa, Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., 707-568-5381. Information:

Georgette G. deBlois, GGdeB@aol.com

<http://uucsrwriters.blogspot.com>

<http://vimeo.com/user4205894/videos>

Next Regular Monthly Meeting - Presentations and Feedback:

Monday, August 1 from 4 - 6 pm. Participants give presentations and receive feedback on a "Work in Progress". The July regular monthly meeting is canceled due to the July 4 Holiday. Please read on and mark your calendars to attend our UUCSR Writers Forum (presented every 3 years) on Saturday, July 16.

UUCSR Writers Presents: Saturday, July 16, from 10-4 pm UUCSR Writers Forum

Writers, Poets, Panels and Special Workshops are being confirmed. Details to be announced. Save the date.

Confirmed Forum Presenters include:

David Templeton - "Film Noir and the Screen Writer"

"UUCSR Writers Literary Laureate 2010-2012"

Presentation and discussion about the Balance between the Work of the Screen Writer and the Need of the Craftsperson to find his/her audience.

Bill Brewster - A Special Workshop, "Words are your craft, words can be your inspiration".

Discussion and writing participation using the dictionary, art forms, graphic art, music, and poetry applied to music lyrics.

Ransom Stephens, writer, physicist & speaker. Author of *"The God Patent"* sex, drugs, and physics collide with artificial intelligence, faith, and free will in this perspective-altering story.

Steve Boga, well known for his Memoir classes as well as adjunct faculty at the SRJC. He and his writing partner,

Blake Webster, are about to release their latest publication: *"Make-Money-Online Series: How to Make Money Writing for the Internet"*.

Vilma Ginsberg, Healdsburg Literary Laureate

2008/2009

Hosts Healdsburg Literary Guild's monthly Third Sunday Salon.

Among her several published books of poetry, she has also found time to work on two volumes of memoir, *"When the Iris Blooms, and Mostly Roses"*.

Granny Vee, Poet - Margo van Veen. French Teacher, Translator, Environmentalist, Political Activist, Satirist. First Prize in nationwide Alliance Francaise contest, Winner of and SRJC Literary Award.

Open Mike - Poetry Readings

Tom J. Mariani, UUCSR Writers Poet Laureate 2010-2012, Our Poetry Moderator.

Any questions about the exciting afternoon devoted to poetry are to be directed to Tom at marianis@sonic.net.

Bookstore - Speakers' and Panelists' Books will be for sale. Meet the authors, get your book signed.

Thursday's at the "Haven Coffee House"

Every Thursday morning, 10 am - 12 noon

Located in one of the few remaining authentic video stores in Sonoma County, the Video Droid on 1901 Mendocino Avenue in the Santa Rosa JC area. It's in the same parking lot as CVS Pharmacy. Parking is free.

Buy yourself a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a morning pastry of your choice. Enjoy the ambiance at the "Haven" as well as the pleasure of our humor, clever conversations and the periodic, spontaneous outburst of laughter that permeates the atmosphere.

Take Care,

Georgette G. deBlois GGdeB@aol.com

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group is on summer vacation for the months of July and August. We will return in September. We meet the second Thursday of the month in the RE wing from 7 to 9 p.m. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Here are our selections for the coming year.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
September	Song of the Exile	Kiana Davenport
October	Loving Frank	Nancy Horan
November	Unbroker	Laura Hillebrand
December	Poetry Night	Bring a poem to read and discuss
January	Read anything by	MFK Fisher
February	Yankee Lawyer	Arthur Tain
March	You Know When The Men Are Gone	Siobhan Fallon
April	The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox	Maggie O'Farrell
May	Undecided	
June	Select books for next year	

Linda Lampson



Summertime at the Glaser Center

As I write this, it is raining outside, so it is with some sense of irony that I have written that title: "Summertime at the Glaser Center!" One never knows what to expect from the weather, but for the most part, summer IS usually a time when things slow down a bit. This is true of operations at the Glaser. As many UUCSR groups and events (TIE groups, scripture classes, etc.) take a summertime hiatus, several of our regular renters do the same thing. As a result, the energy shifts a bit at 547, with new guests stepping in to replace those we've been seeing all year. I thought I might take this opportunity to tell you about some of the folks who will be sharing space with us over the next couple of months.

Actors' Basement—This ambitious theater company is a non-profit with a special focus on experimental works with a strong social message. This is a different group than Narrow Way Stage Co., who've been with us the last few years. Actor's Basement has been rehearsing here the last few weeks, and their first show opens on July 1, running also on July 2, 8, and 9. The play, 'Haze,' is a clever intermingling of four short stories about the aftermath of trauma, each performed by a different

actor. The stories are lyrically woven together so the stories overlap in surprising ways. I encourage you to support this new artistic effort by coming out for one of the shows. All shows are at 8:00 p.m.

The Rohnert Park-Cotati Children's Chorus—in late July, this award-winning educational program will be staging a week-long workshop for children, culminating in a choral presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*. So if you stop by in late July, there will be lots of kids around, and plenty of singing!

Interfaith Alliance—Once again, on August 6, we will be offering our space for the annual Interfaith Dinner, a gigantic prayer-and-potluck gathering that in the past has brought over a hundred people of different faiths. We are proud to once again be the location of this event.

There are plenty of other teachers, arts organizations, and non-profits who will be with us this summer. Make sure to welcome these guests with a smile when you stop by during the week. We are privileged to be such a vibrant part of the Sonoma County community.

David Templeton—Glaser Center Manager

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Unitarian Universalist Congregation Santa Rosa 19, May 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 p.m. by President Andrew Hidas

Members Present: Bob Barrows, Ann Chambers, Bonnie Daines (Co-Treasurer), John Farison, Laura Jean Hageman (Co-Treasurer and President-Elect), Phyllis Heagney, Andrew Hidas, Mary Louise Jeffrey (Vice President), Lois Nagle, Cathie Wiese (Secretary), Craig Work

Non-members Present: Chris Bell (Minister), Terry Graham (Recording Secretary), Betty Miller, Allan Proulx, Rose Saint John, Ellen Skagerberg, Linda Stabler

Opening Words: Chris - Readings addressing leadership and governance

Open Mic:

- (1) Ellen conveyed Carolyn McLeese's request for support of funding for the small group conference workshop in the 2011-12 budget.
- (2) Chris distributed the quarterly Minister's report to the Board.

Goals Review

- (1) Bylaws: Cathie reported that the bylaws are being actively rewritten and edited. Each section is being focused upon individually with attention to eliminating procedures while retaining policy with an eye toward minimizing the need for frequent changes in the future.
- (2) Youth Group: Mary Louise reported that Deborah Mason had met with youth group representatives at UUA and exchanged ideas regarding congregations which currently have youth representation/liaison with their respective Board of Trustees.
- (3) Web Site: Andrew and Chris reported that a web site enhancement group is to meet next week.
- (4) One-on-One Meetings: Andrew requested that all assigned meetings be completed before the end of the fiscal year (June 30)

Treasurer's Report & 2011-12 Budget Discussion

Laura Jean reported that both the Congregation and Glaser Center operation are expected to finish very close to budget, with a likelihood of some surplus. Rose Saint John addressed the potential "windfall" surplus that may occur for fiscal year

2010-11 in the UUCSR budget. She estimated it to be somewhere in the range of \$4,000 to \$12,000, with the final number not known until the books close on the fiscal year sometime in August.

Laura Jean provided a revision to the revenue and expense estimates that had been previously discussed following from the 5 May 2011 Budget BOT meeting. Every aspect of the revised estimates was subsequently discussed while balancing puts and takes to achieve a balanced budget. Given the uncertainty of the surplus and the many pressing needs that will easily absorb our higher pledge revenue this year, the Board discussed a budget proposal that would be balanced by committing to paying in full the first three quarters of our dues obligations to UUA, PCD, and the North Bay Sponsoring Committee. The hope and expectation is that as final surplus figures are revealed over the summer, the new Board can convene to formulate an amended budget that can consider a commitment to paying 4th quarter dues to the above named organizations, along with various other items not included in the current balanced budget.

Cathie moved that the resultant balanced budget as amended and noted by Laura Jean be adopted. Bob seconded. Motion passed 11-0 by a show of hands.

Congregational Meeting

The Board is intent upon conveying the importance of adopting the balanced budget to be presented at the meeting. The budget is the result of a deliberate process that solicited input from every member of congregational councils, committees and the board, all of whom made very difficult decisions in achieving a fiscally responsible budget.

Meeting assignments were made for the conduct of the 12 June congregational meeting.

Final BOT meeting of the fiscal year is 16 June and will include the four new Board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Graham, Recording Secretary



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Order of Service Announcements:

Send submissions to Orderofservice@uusantarosa.org
Editor: Janis Brewster
Deadline: Wednesday, Noon, prior to Sunday Service

UU Update Newsletter:

Send submissions to Newsletter@uusantarosa.org
Newsletter by E-mail is available. To sign up, send an e-mail to Administrator@uusantarosa.org with your name and e-mail address

Editor: Janis Brewster

Newsletter deadline follows the 3rd Sunday. All electronic deadlines are noon Monday.

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ALL CONGREGATION RETREAT

REGISTRATION FORM

July 15 - 17, 2011

The Retreat is open to UUCSR Members, Pledging Friends, and their Guests

Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Email Address			
Phone # (Day)		(Eve)	
EMERGENCY CONTACT	(Phn #)		
INSURANCE COMPANY			
Ins Policy #	Ins Co Phn #:		

ATTENDEES	
Name	Age (if under 18)

- 1) UUCSR Status (please circle one): Member / Pledging Friend / Guest*
*(*If Guest, please enter members' name: _____)*
- 2) Anticipated arrival time (3pm Friday at the earliest) _____
- 3) Please circle if you would prefer: Vegetarian Vegan Gluten-Free (**# of people** ____)

PHOTO RELEASE & CONSENT: I consent to photography of myself and every person listed on this form, documenting my/our participation in camp life; I authorize uncompensated use and reproduction of these photos and I release all rights & privileges, including financial and editorial, to said photos. If any photos are used, I understand that no names will be included. X _____

If agreed,
please sign
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Category	# of people	Price per person	Total
Adults (18 or older):		\$160	
Teenagers (12 - 17 yrs):		\$125	
Students (6 - 11 yrs):		\$95	
Children (3 - 5 yrs):		\$45	
Toddlers (0 - 2 yrs):		--	--
		Donation to Retreat Fund:	
Grand Total:			

Final payment due by 7/3/11 PAID: CK # _____ \$ _____

**** YOUR CHECK RESERVES YOUR SPACE! ****

REFUND POLICY: If notified by July 3, a full refund will be given
 If notified by July 8, a 50% refund will be given
 NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 8

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF: July 3

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**** SATURDAY JULY 16 - DAY USE ONLY ****

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Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Email Address			
Phone # (Day)		(Eve)	
EMERGENCY CONTACT		(Phn #)	
Health Insurance Co. Name:			
Ins Policy #		Ins Co Phn #:	

A T T E N D E E S

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- 3) **SATURDAY HOURS:** 9:00 am - 11:30 pm (Includes Lunch & Dinner)
(Note: One cost covers any and all participation)

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** DAY USE ONLY **

Category	# of people	Price per person	Total
Adults (18 or older):		\$50	
Teens (12-17):		\$40	
Students (6-11 yrs):		\$30	
Children (3/5 yrs):		\$10	
Toddlers (0-2 yrs):		--	
		<i>Donation to Retreat Fund:</i>	
Grand Total:			

Final payment due by 7/3/11 PAID: CK # _____ \$ _____

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