

## NEWSLETTER OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOCA RATON



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### DINOSAUR AIR AND UU VOICES

Mary Howard Cadwell

I am a fan of UU Meditation Manuals: slim little books with thoughtful, eclectic selections of short prose and poetry. I often find words there to speak to my current mood. This summer, when I needed an antidote to the cacophony of fearful and angry voices that seems to surround us, I found the following:

*In The Beginning* by Nancy Shaffer.  
Kate is teaching the kids about dinosaur air.

“That air you breathe--that air  
you have inside you every time  
you take a breath--that’s dinosaur air,”  
she says. “Dinosaurs breathed it.”

The kids eyes are very wide.  
They take deep gulps of air, just  
to have more dinosaur air inside them.

“The air we have is all the air  
we ever will have,” Kate says,  
“so we have to take good care of it.”  
The kids gulp less. Consider  
the air already inside.

Kate tells more,  
“Actually,” she says, “we’re all cousins.”  
The kids look at each other,  
disbelieving, believing: “You?”

“We--all of us--“ Kate says,  
“way, way back, began as cousins.  
Way back in the beginning.”

The kids whoop, clap each other  
on the back. For the rest of the day,  
they savor air and call each other “Cousin.”

So, I think to myself perhaps this summer we can all breathe a little more deeply and call each other “cousin!”

**A WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

# UUFBR Game Night

**Saturday, July 31, 6:30 — 9:30 pm**



Join the UUFBR Board of Trustees and the Membership Committee for a casual evening of fun!

**Games, pizza, snacks, and desserts.**

Bring your game of choice, enjoy one of ours, or just plain hang out and schmooze.

**\$15 per adult, \$7 for kids 10 and under**

**Tickets available on Sunday mornings from Ralph Savini**

## It's Coming!



**THE UUFBR CELEBRITY AND ESTATE AUCTION** will be held **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011**. So if you are away for the summer or and there's some jewelry or art at your summer residence that you'd like to donate to our auction to benefit the Fellowship and help that hole in the Operating Budget, please bring it back with you.

Or if you know a celebrity who might donate an item we could auction off, we'd appreciate that, too. Don't forget to tell them about all the wonderful things UUFBR does to help the local community, including hosting Family Promise families for a week each quarter to help the homeless, working with other churches involved in PEACE (People Engaged in Active Community Efforts) on housing, health insurance, education and juvenile justice issues, and helping provide food for Boca Helping Hands. In addition, we give half of our Collection Plate each week to a host of community social service organizations. **For more auction information, please call Edith Sheppard at 561-395-3152 or email Ileen Carter at ileenpaula2002@yahoo.com**



## SUMMER RE CLASSES

Join us on summer Sunday mornings for our RE program “This We Believe”, reflecting our seven principles. Plus, programs on puppets, drumming, and music. Nursery care will be available for infants to 3 year olds from 10 am — noon.

### Save the Dates:

**The Religious Education Council Retreat and Youth Group Retreat** are at 12:00 pm on **August 29** in Rockberger and the Teen Room

**“Parent’s Night Out”** on **September 11**—Look for details in the fall.

## SUMMER SUNDAY COFFEE

Coffee Hour is ongoing throughout the year.

The schedule for bringing cookies/snacks for coffee hour is as follows for the summer:

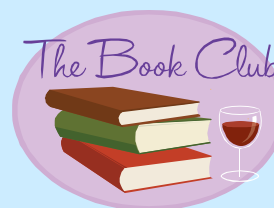
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Names beginning with:</b>
July 25	U—Z
August 1	A—C
August 8	D—J
August 15	K—O
August 22	P—Z
August 29	A—C
September 5	D—J



## EBAY FUNDRAISING

If you have an item you would like to donate to the fellowship (nothing large, like furniture, framed pictures, etc) please contact Ken or John Giordano-Weintraub at [lockhartway@yahoo.com](mailto:lockhartway@yahoo.com). Items must be inspected and photographed to be sold. If unsold, they will be returned to the donors. This Fund-raiser will continue throughout the year! No expenses to those who donate!

## For Book Lovers



At the next meeting of the Book Club on August 11 at 10:30 a.m. we will be discussing

### *The Great Gatsby*

So, read it (available in paperback) or re-read it and come join us—put your two cents in at our discussion.

We meet in the UUFBR Living Room. Call Lee Bruntl for additional information.



*Volunteers aren't paid not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless*

A big “THANK YOU” to the volunteers who staffed the office in July:

- Elisabeth Hoffman
- Mary Cadwell
- Bob Smith
- Marion Luvisch
- Lee Bruntl
- Linda Savini
- Sarah Elsner

## ♥ CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ♥

*In the sharing of our joys and sorrows we lighten the burden in our hearts and make life sweeter. In caring our friendship grows.*

Ross Snyder, a member of long-standing at UUFBR, died on July 14, 2010 after a long illness. He was a World War II veteran, an engineer, teacher, and partner in his wife’s private investigation agency. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Virginia Snyder, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Our sincere condolences to Virginia and his family. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton.

## UPCOMING SUMMER SERVICES AT UUFBR

**July 25th: *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*** Bob Smith, with Dave Van Camp and Bill Bode  
*This is a review of Harold Kushner's book. He uses illustrations from the Book of Ecclesiastes to explain our frustrations, but he gives everyone something to feel good about. He reminds us to be grateful that the world is full of good and beautiful things to enjoy, to protect, and to share with each other.*

**August 1st: *Walk on the Wild Side*** Elisabeth Hoffman  
*This 'seated' walk through several nature preserves evokes the sensations and appreciation for our unique environments, even as many of them are at risk of change through developments, acts of nature and willful ignorance of our interdependence with natural resources.*

**August 8th: *Being in the Moment*** Anna Marie King, Mary Howard Cadwell and Seyril Siegel  
*Are we so busy living that we are not enjoying life? Obtrusive internal messages keep us from experiencing the moment.*

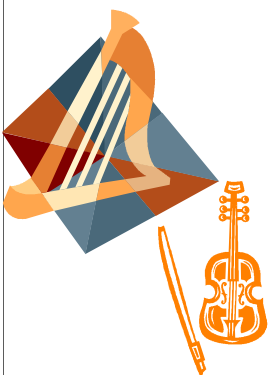
**August 15th: *Teachers: Who Helped You Along the Way to Become the Person You Are Today?*** Joyce French  
*Who in your life taught you to begin your spiritual path? To break out of stereotypes? To believe in your potential? To use your 'power' to reach others? To question the effect of your words on others?*

**August 22nd: *The Haiti Earthquake*** Jeff Crews  
*In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Jeff was sent as part of a rescue team in the search for survivors. Join him as he talks about the struggle for life amidst unspeakable tragedy.*

**August 29th: *Geoengineering: Time to Play God?*** John Englander  
*Increasing evidence of long term climate change could mean much higher temperatures: floods and drought; severe storms; and ocean acidification. Some scientists and engineers are now looking at possible ways to change things to compensate. Geoengineering is very controversial due to possible unintended consequences. A brief overview.*

**September 5th: *Passing Through the Dark Night*** Marc Pickering  
*During this service we will explore the dark times in our lives. These are the times that shake our foundations, challenge our beliefs and question the meaning of our lives. If we can navigate these difficult periods, we can experience a time of transformation as we emerge on the other side.*

**September 12th: The Reverend Ms. Harris Riordan returns to the pulpit.** Please bring water from your summer travels with you for Water Communion on this our 1st Sunday of the new church year.



### Save the Date

**Sylvia Parker Memorial Concert**

**Saturday, November 6, 2010**

***Performances of classical and popular music***

***by Stringfest***



	<u>June, 2010</u>	<u>Fiscal Year-to-Date</u>	<b>TREASURER'S CORNER</b>
<b><u>Income:</u></b>			<i>Bob Smith</i>  We'll be reporting monthly in the Unicorn on the fellowship's Income and Expenses for the fiscal year to date. If you have any questions, please give me a call. The books and records of the fellowship are open to all members.
Fundraising	159.99	1,731.52	
Fundraising Pledges	374.00	1,849.00	
Other Income	2,437.45	4,877.48	
Sharex	4,515.30	14,797.90	
Pledges	<u>11,152.01</u>	<u>64,736.03</u>	
Total Income	\$18,638.75	\$87,981.93	
<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>			
Administrative/Office	1,043.78	3,208.56	
Facilities	4,170.14	11,687.53	
Compensation & Benefits	11,619.24	42,007.14	
Loan Interest Payments	2,508.12	2,508.12	
Other Expenses	<u>74.62</u>	<u>90.61</u>	
Total Expenses	\$19,415.90	\$59,501.96	
Net Income	(\$ 777.15)	\$28,479.97	



*"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."*

- Agathe Jean-Baptiste, Aboriginal Activists Group, Queensland, Australia, 1970s

### **UU SERVICE COMMITTEE PROVIDES SOLIDARITY, NOT CHARITY**

Solidarity is what the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is all about. In May, two on-the-ground, grass roots UUSC representatives visited the UUSC headquarters: Agathe Jean-Baptiste, is the UUSC representative in Haiti, and Iman Mohamed Magid, who has trained imams in Sudan on women's rights. They are key to the thread of solidarity that ties us and our UU principles together to play out in the real, on-the-ground work that UUSC engages in and supports.

**The earthquake:** In Haiti, it means that the UUSC works with several groups that put a premium on listening to what marginalized survivors of the devastating earthquake need, whether it's body-based trauma treatment or support for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the countryside. As Jean-Baptiste emphasized in her visit, "UUSC is working with local grass-roots organizations that hear what people need and don't go with their own agenda."

**Women's Rights:** In Sudan, Imam Magid worked with 30 local imams in a groundbreaking training that covers the theological basis for women's rights. Using Islamic texts to empower women and support women's equality, the training taps into the religious community for solutions to violence against women. This strategy offers respect for local religious tradition and holds more weight in Sudan than working with, for example, government agencies. There, imams have prominent influence and intimate connection with the community — they're viewed as more neutral than politicians and government; they spend time in the Darfur IDP camps for births, deaths, marriages; and they have people's trust. As Imam Magid puts it, "Humanity is one family. Protecting human rights is an obligation of every human being. Every woman that we save, every life that we protect, it is worth it."

The UU Service Committee stands with the people of Haiti and with the people of Sudan; with all the people of our human family who are working to challenge oppression and to protect the rights of every individual. The UUSC is now asking "Who will stand with us?" The UUSC is financially independent from the UUA and the federal government. Member contributions make up about 60% of UUSC's annual budget. Membership is only pennies a day. Please go to [www.uuscservice.org](#) for more information and how to join.

Gail Larkin – UUFBR's UUSC Representative

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

**The Forum Discussion Group:** Sundays at 9:00 am, Hartley Room, presentations and discussions on various topics of interest. Louis Willstein, coordinator.

**Connections:** Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. in the Hartley Room. Enlightening group discussion about Unitarian Universalism.

**Odyssey Group:** For 30 somethings (give or take ten years). Meets at the Minister's home on the third Sunday each month at 6:30 pm. Bring something for the grill—salads, beverages and desserts provided. Directions available at the Visitor's Desk. No Odyssey Group in June, July, August.

**Terrific Tuesdays:** Join us for evenings of shared conversation over a simple meal, followed by stimulating classes on a variety of topics. Call the UUFBR office to register—programs resume in October.

**Tony's Team:** Every Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, everywhere, inside and out. Come and help with routine maintenance of our buildings and grounds.

**Finance Committee Meeting:** Wednesdays, second week each month 7:00 pm at UUFBR. All members welcome.

**Movie Group:** The Movie Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 10:30 am at the fellowship. View and discuss movies of interest.

**Book Club:** The second Wednesday each month. Read and talk about books of interest to the group. Fun and enlightening book discussions. Please feel free to bring any friends. Membership to UUFBR is not required.

**Choir:** Thursday rehearsals at 7:30 pm. New choir members welcome—please contact our Music Director, Stephanie Nixdorf, if you are interested in joining. Choir on summer hiatus beginning June 7.

**Reel Art:** 2nd Saturday of every month in Rockberger Hall at 7:00 pm. Join us for interesting movies from around the world and stimulating discussion afterwards. On summer hiatus from May through August.

**Reel Politique:** The fourth Saturday each month at 7 pm in Rockberger. A new film series that addresses the need to understand our political world. On summer hiatus from May through August.

**Gardener's Work Party:** 3rd Saturday of every month, 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Join a lively group as we trim, weed, and clean up UUFBR's "manicured wilderness". We welcome all and promise to keep a

tight time schedule.

**Meet the Rev:** In the Living Room at UUFBR on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:15 pm. A time to sit with one of our ministers and ask questions, large and small, about Unitarian Universalism. Does not meet during the summer.

**Community Food Pantry collections:** Please bring in non-perishable food items (no glass jars) for Boca Helping Hands and Similac Formula, Ready to Feed with Iron, for Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

**P.E.A.C.E.** People Engaged in Active Community Efforts. A congregation-based community organization charged with the mission of effectively fighting injustices in the communities of PB County. Current work includes affordable housing, health care, homelessness, and alternative schools.

**Family Promise:** The faith community's unique response to homeless families. Family Promise is a network of area congregations who open their doors to families in need. Families receive hospitality at each congregation for a week at a time, with each family sleeping in its own private area at the congregation facilities. Every Sunday volunteers help to move the families to the next congregation in rotation. The program is to bring immediate but temporary shelter, meals, and support services to homeless families. The goal is to restore the families to long term self-sufficiency.

### GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES FORUM

**Saturday, August 7, 8—10 pm at**

Church of All Nations

1300 NW 4th Avenue

Boca Raton, FL

Confirmed Speakers: Rick Scott, Lawton  
"Bud" Chiles, Bill McCollum, Alex Sink

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration online at [www.bocachurch.com](http://www.bocachurch.com)

Presented by the Christian Family Coalition  
and The Democratic League

# AUGUST 2010 FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: R E Classes</li> </ul> <i>Friendship Day</i>	2 Office Closed on Mondays during July and August	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> </ul>	5	6	7
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: R E Classes</li> </ul>	9	10  <i>1st day of Ramadan</i>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> <li>• 10:30 am: Book Club</li> <li>• 7:00 pm: Finance Committee</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 am Movie Group</li> </ul>	13	14
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: Summer RE Classes</li> </ul>	16	17	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> <li>• 10:30 am: Book Club</li> </ul>	19	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30 am: Gardening Group</li> </ul> 
22 BHH Food Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am: RE</li> <li>• 11:45 am: R E Council</li> <li>• 12:15 pm Endowment Committee</li> <li>• 2:00 pm NOW Equality Day</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7:00 pm UUFBR Board of Trustees meeting. All members welcome.</li> </ul>	24 Palm Beach County Primary elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am: Unicorn Deadline</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Tony's Team</li> </ul> <i>Women's Equality Day</i>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30 am Movie Group</li> </ul>	27	28
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am: Forum</li> <li>• 10:30 am: Service</li> <li>• 10:45 am RE</li> <li>• 12:15 pm R E Council Retreat</li> <li>• 12:15 pm Youth Group Meeting</li> </ul>	30	31				<b>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>TUESDAY—FRIDAY</b> <b>9 AM—2 PM</b>

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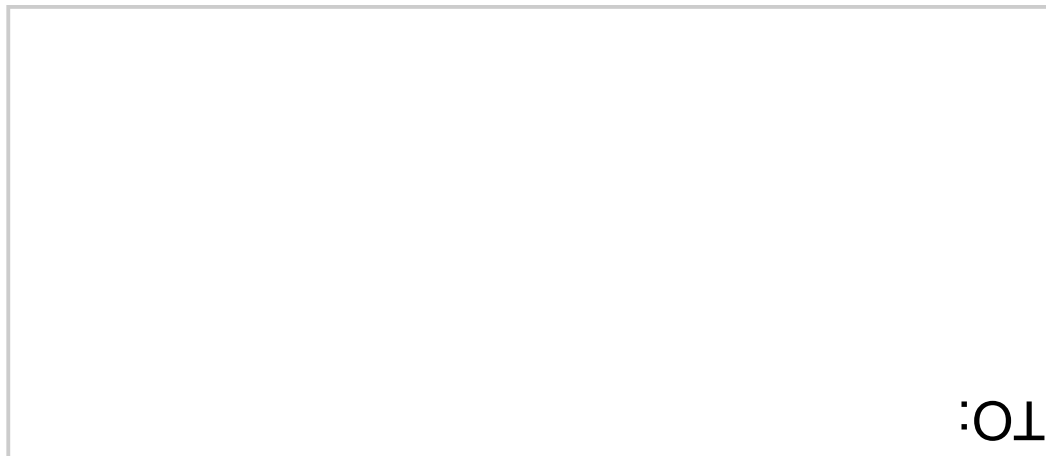
**WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE**

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
- Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part



**Upcoming newsletter deadlines**

**Please mark your calendars and get information in to the office on time!  
August 23, Sept. 7 & 20**



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