

The PSWD NetwUUrk

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District Assembly 2007 Riverside, CA, Convention Center

April 27-29, 2007

Come one! Come all! This is your personal invitation to attend the 2007 District Assembly in Riverside the last weekend in April. DA is a special time for Unitarian Universalists from throughout the District to gather for fun, fellowship, exciting learning opportunities and meaningful worship services. This year's DA also has the added excitement of joining our host congregation, the Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside, in celebrating their 125th anniversary.

The weekend should be of special value to the families of our District as we have the opportunity to meet with and learn from **Dr. William Doherty**, the inspiration for a new grass roots parent movement called "Putting Family First." You will want to hear Dr. Doherty's ideas on how to create a caring atmosphere for our families in the 21st century." With programming planned for children ages 5 - teens as well as child care for infants - 4 years, this is a perfect family event.

Registration materials for District Assembly will be online by the first of March. The full adult registration fee will be \$126 for all registrations received prior to April 1. All other fees can be found in the online

brochure. This year one dollar has been added to all registration fees for the purpose of carbon off-setting.

A block of rooms has been set aside for DA attendees at the Marriott Riverside, 3400 Market Street, directly across the plaza from the Convention Center. All reservations must be made individually by calling 951-784-8000 no later than April 5 and asking for the PSWD rate of \$98 plus tax. Reservations requested after this date will be accepted based on availability only.

There is an outstanding selection of workshops this year, well balanced between 4 distinct tracks--Personal/Spiritual Development, Social Action, Church Organization and the Unitarian Universalist Association. A person can choose to attend workshops from only one track or from three different tracks.

Get ready to party at the Saturday night banquet! After a delicious dinner and presentation of awards, the band, "Grunion Run," will play for dancing until midnight. You'll also find plenty of entertainment in downtown Riverside with its great pedestrian mall, free wi-fi, a variety of restaurants and interesting shops and the great Mission Inn. The local planning committee is setting up tours of the Inn on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, as well as tours of their historic church building.

Make plans now to join the crowd in Riverside for this year's District Assembly!

- Carolyn Saunders



We hope
to
see
you
there!



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**From Tom Stapleford,
PSWD Board President**

Trouble in UU City!

The PSWD Board has spent the last two years in conversations with the leaders of the 50 congregations that comprise the District, and have developed a program designed to provide the services that congregations say they need most. (Details are on the District website.) That is the primary job of the District Board. There will be a workshop at DA to discuss the developed Ends policies.

There is, however, a small group at UUA headquarters in Boston that for the past six months or so has been secretly lobbying the UUA Board of Trustees, the Annual Program Fund committee, the District Presidents Association and paid District Staff to remove the responsibility and accountability for services provided to congregations and assign them to a regional bureaucracy headquartered in Boston. The activities of this group, known as the CCF task force, have been so clandestine that each of the groups listed above had to agree not to reveal the CCF plan to anyone outside the briefing room.

I was one of those briefed, and have renounced my secrecy pledge because it is in such blatant violation of the fifth principle we have covenanted to affirm and promote: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process ..."

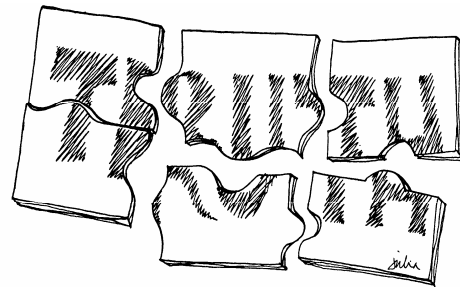
The broad outline of the plan has now been placed on the web at http://uua.org/administration/committees/ccf/pdf/061218_initiative.pdf. My issues with this proposal are that it appears not to have arisen from a congregational request and that there will not have been any local congregation input or discussion about any aspect of the plan before it "arises" from the CCF team and is presented officially to the UUA Board of Trustees. It is essentially the same tired old regional service plan promoted by UUA staff (not congregations) multiple times since 1961, and rejected by the congregations each time. It calls for services to be delivered as a distant headquarters decides rather than considering locally (District) perceived specific needs.

I am reminded of Professor Harold Hill in "The Music Man," only the words to his signature "Trouble" song would be: "We've got Trouble right here in UU city, Trouble - that starts with T and that rhymes with D and that stands for Districts!"

I encourage you to check the website and start a discussion of the merits of this plan in your own congregation. If your congregation does have concerns, please pass them on to **Tom Loughery**, our UUA Trustee, or to me.

Thanks for participating in our democratic process, and I look forward to seeing you at District Assembly in Riverside, CA, April 27-29.

In Service,
Tom Stapleford



Julia Nordquist

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UUA Trustee Report by Tom Loughrey

January 2007 UUA Board of Trustees Meeting

I am beginning to get used to the busy pace and long schedule of the Board meetings, and I think I have a way to go yet. There is so much to study in advance of the meeting to be adequately prepared and much to work on, once in Boston.

I was told that we were very lucky with high temps in the 30's and lows in the high teens. Actually, it was sunny and quite pleasant most of the time. I'm told we will not always be so fortunate in January.

Much of the work takes place on Friday, during which the Working Groups meet to discuss items in greater depth and detail with a small sub-group of the Board. These groups then report back to the whole Board on Saturday and Sunday with any action items and recommendations. A new working group has been added to discuss "governance." The job is to evaluate and recommend a change in the style of governance with which the Board does its business. The focus is on evaluating the Carver model of Policy Governance. The PSWD Board uses this model now along with several other District Boards and a number of Congregation Boards around the country. The timeline is to adopt this policy and the initial ends statements by next fall.

The UUA books have recently been audited and the auditors have issued a "clean" report, meaning no changes are needed and no significant issues are undisclosed. While there is never enough money to meet all the needs, the finances of the UUA are strong and solvent. We will have a \$24.5 million dollar budget for the next year which is an increase of \$1.5 million. The most notable expense increases are for the Health plan (up 47%) and salaries and congregational services up about \$0.5 million. The UUA continues to be an advocate for shareholder resolutions with the stocks we hold in our General Investment Fund. Finance is also developing a much needed long term plan for the maintenance and repair of buildings we own in Boston.

Several notable events will be celebrated at GA in Portland including a major presentation of **Daniel Ellsburg** and The Pentagon Papers, published by our own Beacon Press 40 years ago. Also at GA we will be doing an entirely new process of meeting based on "Open Space Technology," which allows for a very open and free-flowing dialogue on almost any topic a group wants to discuss. No organization has ever tried it with this large a group so it should be quite interesting. I have some personal reservations,
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Ken's Corral

By Ken Brown, District Executive

With the UUA Conference on Contemporary Worship being held in San Diego February 22-24, our recent Young Adult GroundWorks training, with a focus on anti-oppression, and the discussions of the San Diego President's Roundtable about young adult and campus ministry, we have been seriously looking at how to better serve our young adults. I hope that more of our congregations will work with their clusters and the District to address young adult ministry. At the recent UUA Growth Team meeting, we spent a good piece of our agenda discussing the Emerging Church movement and how it might impact UUs. We also got an introduction to the UU Church of Second Life, an Internet community. With the number of colleges across the District as well as industries that attract young adults in our communities, we in the PSWD are in a great place to reach out to young adults looking for a religious community.

I got a different perspective on our congregations' needs as I was browsing the magazines at a local bookstore recently. I ran across an article about the top 100 cities for retired folks. It seems that the number one most popular place to retire is Phoenix, number three is Las Vegas and number nine is Tucson. There are six more cities in the PSWD included in the top 51 most popular places to retire. We know that the majority of our congregations in the PSWD have numbers of people who have dual memberships in congregations in our District and someplace further north. We also have half a dozen congregations with membership that is primarily retired. We are not unique, as a number of other Districts have similar congregations. Yet, as an increasing number of cities in the District attract retired folks, we in the PSWD are in a great place to reach out to mature adults looking for a religious community.

We have a great opportunity in this District to lead the way in ministry to adults of all ages. It will be challenging, since the experiences of these diverse generations varies greatly. Our congregations include people to whom radio was a new technology and to those who have come of age expecting to be able to communicate with a range of tools from cell phones to the internet and listen to music not on radios but on iPods. To the challenges of diversity in our ethnic and racial makeup and our varied theological perspectives, we must add the challenge of a diversity in how we approach building religious communities. We live in interesting times. I hope you will join together with congregations in your cluster as well as the District to address how we move into our pluralistic future world.

- Ken

Trustee, continued...

yet I want to approach this positively and with an open mind to a new process for us.

Speaking of Beacon Press, it has had a very good year with significant sales of books of poetry by Mary Oliver leading the way. It is running in the black and expects another good year this year.

The "Now is the Time" capital campaign is under way and has \$10.7 million in pledges and another \$10 million in negotiation. The final goal will be \$30 million and it is well on the way.

President Bill Sinkford and Moderator **Gini Courter** reported on work being done with ministers of color and how the UUA can support them. A report will be forthcoming on efforts to support these ministries. Finally, in Gini's report she told us about her experiences working in the Gulf Coast areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and how UUs are making a real impact on hard-hit communities in the area.

Watch for a more detailed report with links to various sites and reports coming out on the PSWD list and available on our website, <http://pswduua.org>.

In faith and trust,
Tom Loughrey

Save Some Trees and Read These Publications Online

Like many of the congregations, the District is moving into the digital age with its publications. With the next (Summer) issue of the **NetwUrk**, we will move to distributing it via a **.pdf** file to whoever wants to get it, in addition to each congregation's leadership.

If you want to keep getting a hard copy through the mail, please let Mary (in the office) know at 805-485-1780, pswd@aol.com or drop a note to her at the new PSWD: Office 2052 Norma St., Oxnard, CA 93036-2711.

This fall we also move to distributing the District Directory via a **.pdf** file. We will not put anyone's information on our website, other than the contact information that is already there in our links to the congregational sites. If you will want a hard copy of the Directory please contact Mary as noted above.

All it takes to read a **.pdf** file is a free download of Acrobat Reader from www.adobe.com. The **NetwUrk** will look like the printed version, with many of the pictures in color. Just open the attachment to the e-mail announcing the new issue.

The PSWD Office has moved to Oxnard

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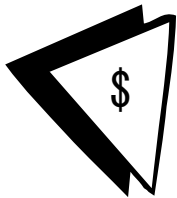
Our new phone number is 805-485-1780; fax number is 805-485-1746.

In future, mail that is specifically for our District Executive, **Rev. Ken Brown**, should be sent to 4969 Tanager Court, Prescott, AZ 86301-5869.

Mail that is specifically for our Director of Lifespan Programs, **Tera Little**, should be sent to 1145A½ Diamond Ave, South Pasadena 91030-3113

General mail, all registrations, and payments of any kind should continue to be sent to the office--now at 2052 Norma St., Oxnard, CA 93036-2711

- Mary Nelson, Office Manager



COMPENSATION CONSULTANT'S CORNER

Help is available to congregations to meet Fair Compensation Guidelines

Fair Compensation for congregation employees is a social justice issue. Here in the Pacific Southwest District nine congregations reported that they are practicing Fair Compensation for all employees according to the UUA guidelines and nineteen congregations are committed to meeting those guidelines in the next five years.

It is now time for congregations to reassess their compensation levels and to this end they will be contacted before District Assembly to ascertain their status for recognition at that meeting and at General Assembly. There are two challenges to meet in regards to being a Fair Compensation Congregation: budget planning and raising the money to fund compensation.

Resources to meet these challenges are available from your Compensation Consultant at the contact information listed below. An Excel spreadsheet program designed by **Frankie Price-Stern** is available to plot the dollar amounts necessary to becoming a Fair Compensation Congregation in future years. This can be sent as an email attachment to anyone who has the Microsoft Excel program on their computer.

Ralph Mero, director of the Office of Church Staff Finances, has developed a document, "Encouraging Generosity: A compendium of tips for leaders of UU congregations." **Frankie Price-Stern**, who is a UUA Fundraising Consultant as well as a Compensation Consultant, shares her wisdom in a document, "Community Giving." Both documents can be sent as email attachments upon request.

Presidents of congregations can schedule a visit by the District Compensation Consultant to learn more about compensation issues. This visit is funded by the UUA through contributions made to the Annual Program Fund and other sources so there is no cost to the congregation.

People interested in Fair Compensation issues who are attending District Assembly can plan to stop at the Fair Compensation table to get more information and speak with your District Compensation Consultant.

YoUUs in the faith,
JoAnne Smith,
Compensation Consultant for PSWD,
uujsmith@aol.com 480 838-5724

Unitarian Universalist Pacific Southwest District **Green Sanctuary Workshop**

The U.U. Congregation of Northwest Tucson is hosting an all day workshop on the U.U. Ministry for Earth's Green Sanctuary Certification Program on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2007. The workshop will be open to all UUs in the Pacific Southwest District. **Rev. Katherine Jesch**, the U.U. Ministry for Earth's Director of the Green Sanctuary Program will lead the workshop.

The UUMFE is an affiliate organization of the UUA whose mission is to affirm and promote the Seventh Principle of the UUA, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Since the 2006 UUA Statement of Conscience on Global Warming, more congregations around the country are getting involved to learn what they can do to help carry out the SOC's call "to join with others to halt practices that fuel global warming/climate change, to instigate sustainable alternatives, and to mitigate the impending effects of global warming/climate change with just and ethical responses." <http://www.uua.org/actions/ecology/06global-warming.html> Please come help us make St. Patrick's Day Doubly Green!

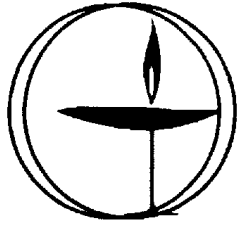
Registration for the workshop is \$30 by March 3, \$35 by March 17 and includes a delicious catered vegan lunch. Please let us know if you are registering late, so we can get a count for lunch.

See <http://uuministryforearth.org> to join UUMFE, for more information, and to purchase the Green Sanctuary Program Manual and other literature.

For registration and more information, please contact **Vincent Pawlowski**, U.U. Ministry for Earth Southwest Regional Coordinator at:

U.U. Congregation of Northwest Tucson
3601 W. Cromwell Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85741
520-887-4101
uuvince@ultrasw.com





Creating a Jubilee World (Jubilee 1) Workshop Friday, March 23 – Sunday, March 25, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach
5450 E. Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Continuing the Conversation at PSWD Leadership School

Continuing the conversation begun with the Embracing Our Theological Diversity workshops, our next Leadership School will focus on **Articulating Our Faith**. This Leadership School will be March 9 to 11, 2007, at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. It will be an opportunity to come together with Unitarian Universalists from around the District to learn about Unitarian Universalism, what it means to be a leader and develop skills on how to talk about Unitarian Universalism. Flyers will be sent congregations. Registration brochures are available from the District office by e-mailing **Mary Nelson** at pswd@aol.com or by going to our website at pswduua.org.

Developed by the Jubilee Working Group for Anti-Racism, Jubilee 1 is designed to help Unitarian Universalist congregations dismantle racism by allowing participants to examine both personal and institutional racism, and by empowering them to develop a realistic plan that can move their congregations forward in working toward racial justice.

Led by experienced anti-racism trainers, **Rev. Chester McCall** and **Rev. Kurt Kuhwald**, the workshop will be centered on spiritual and deeply relational work. The workshop will be valuable for those who are already involved and those who hope to become involved in this essential work.

Workshop Objectives:

- Increase awareness of racism within the church and the larger community.
- Recognize the power/privilege of racism from personal and institutional perspectives.
- Identify activities and responses that promote the elimination of racism.
- Identify the challenges and barriers to working toward eliminating racism.
- Examine our denominational values, principles, and purposes in relation to the vision of a Jubilee World.

There are a limited number of spots for the workshop and registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

E-mail the completed form at left to jubilee@uucbl.org or mail the form with payment to:

Phyllis Daniel
UU Church of Long Beach
5450 E Atherton Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Jubilee World Workshop

Name _____

Congregation/Organization _____

Address _____

City _____

State ___ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

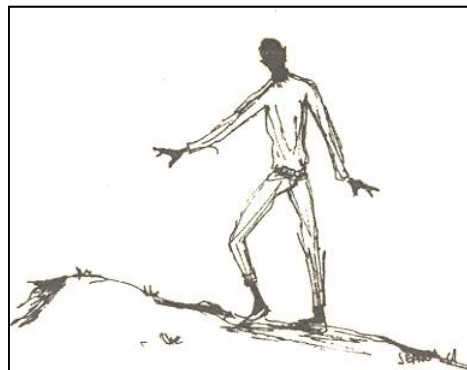
Cost;

\$25 for youth (ages 14-20)

\$35 for adults

Please make checks payable to UUCLB with Jubilee in the memo.

The registration fee covers the cost of the program and food: breakfast and lunch on Saturday and snacks.



Jean Schooler

6th Annual PSWD Choral Festival

UU Choirs of All Sizes Invited

Saturday, May 19, 2007

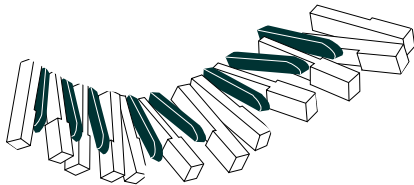
3:00 p.m.

**Hosted by Pacific Unitarian Church
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA**

Share your favorite pieces, get ideas,
hear new songs!
Be Part of a Massed Choir Finale

To reserve a place and get more info,
call or email Festival Coordinator soon: as
Julie Crooks (805) 499-9302
or email: hnjcrooks@earthlink.net

Reservation
Deadline April 30, 2007



Bios of Nominees

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Jaynn Truran (Nominee for Trustee): is a member of the UU Congregation of Phoenix and has been a Unitarian Universalist since being dedicated at the UU Church of Detroit as a child. She currently serves as VP of her congregation and is an advisor for Phoenix's YRUU group. She has taught extensively in RE and is a trained OWL facilitator for junior and senior high. As a 1998 "graduate" of Leadership School, she served on PSWD's Leadership Development Committee from 1998-2000, and is a past chair of her local Leadership Training Committee. Jaynn coordinates the annual Bridging Ceremony at the PSWD Assembly, and continues to be an ally for our young people. Jaynn is a legal administrator at Dillingham & Reynolds LLP in Phoenix.

Dick Schaffer (Nominee for Trusted): PSWD Board member since 2003; Current member - UU Congregation of Southeast Arizona, Sierra Vista; Past member - UU Congregation of Northwest Tucson; Board member - UUCNWT 2000 - 2003 Owl Facilitator - Since 2000.

Carol Agate (Nominee for Bylaws Committee): Current chair of the Bylaws Committee. Past President PSWD. Member, UUA openness implementation committee.

Benita Berkson (Nominee for George W. Memorial Fund Committee): Benita Berkson served two terms as a trustee for the Pacific Southwest District of the UUA. She is a past president and Vice-President of our own Camp de Benneville Pines. Benita has been a member of First Church since 1991 and served on our Board of Trustees. Currently she is on the Nominating committee for Camp de Benneville Pines and is the local UUSC Chair. She has taught R.E. and served on more committees than she can remember. Her proudest accomplishment was to co-chair a revival celebration in Balboa Park's Organ Pavilion. The event was part of the 125th Anniversary of First Church of San Diego. It brought out over 1,700 UU's and their guests.

JoAnne Smith (Nominee for Nominating Committee): She has been an active UU since 1970 when she joined the Valley UU Church, then in Tempe, now in Chandler, AZ. She has held just about every position in the church except directing the choir and serving as treasurer. Currently she serves as the Volunteer Coordinator and the Association District Representative for her congregation.

Besides working in her congregation, JoAnne has served 11 years on the PSWD Board of Trustees and was President of the Board from 2000 to 2004. She was also on the PSWD Nominating Committee from 1992 to 1995. Currently she serves as the Compensation Consultant for PSWD/UUA; assisting congregations to understand and plan to follow the UUA Guidelines for Fair Compensation for all their employees.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, she hopes to work with the other committee members to cast a broad net and find a diverse, qualified group of people to serve on the PSWD Board and elected district committees.

- Colleen Wells, Chair,
PSWD Nominating Committee



It has finally warmed up a bit at camp. We're expecting some winter weather in the next couple of weeks—hopefully plenty of snow for the PSWD Elementary Winter Camp on President's Day Weekend—but we're thawing out from the subzero temperatures of mid January. Dealing with the many frozen and broken water pipes was a reminder that when our camp was built by the Boy Scouts in the 1920s, it wasn't envisioned to be a year-round facility.

Luckily, one of the goals of the **Raise the Roof Capital Campaign** is to obtain funds to replace and upgrade the ancient plumbing system. The campaign is in its second of three years. We will need several more major donors (\$10,000+) to meet the \$350,000 goal, and are appreciative of contributions in any amount. Please contact the camp office if you would like to make a donation.

In the midst of all the cold weather, we're thinking about summer. The UU Family Camp planning committee is putting together their event under the guidance of **Lisa Ward** and Amy **Brunell**. Lisa and Amy are former youth campers from the 1970s and are inviting all their friends from the past to come back to camp. **Mark Lewis**, the fabulous Emmy award winning storyteller, will be their Theme Speaker and **Rev. Betty Stapleford** will be the Chaplain. Their theme is **Community & Connections: The Magical Gift of Peace We Experience When Sharing Our Stories in Truth.**

It's also time for the congregations to plan their **Super Camp Sunday!** events. April is the month when we hope that each congregation will spend part of their Sunday talking about being at camp and how the PSWD Youth Camps benefit our children. In a few weeks, we'll be mailing out a packet of information, including a PowerPoint presentation. We hope that each congregation will use the packet to put together their event and sign up lots of youth for summer camp.

Registration information and forms for all de Benneville sponsored events are up on the camp web site. Fall event information should be on the web site soon. We're currently updating the entire site, working to create online registration and including copies of our

semi-annual newspaper, *Connection*. The latest issue of Connection is in the mail. When the online version is available, we can offer the option of a paperless subscription. Contact the camp office if you'd like to change your subscription to an e-mail linked version or if you'd like to subscribe.

We have a few weekends available this spring and fall. Information on open dates is listed in the calendar on the camp web site. If your congregation or group would like to have a weekend at camp, please contact **Janet James** in the office to schedule. We're excited to welcome the Anaheim Congregation. They will be sharing a UU Retreat weekend with Monte Vista in May. A family weekend is a wonderful addition to congregational life. Call Janet to set up your retreat!

The camp's web site is at www.uucamp.org. The phone number is (909) 794-2928. We look forward to seeing you, at camp.

Caroline Quintanilla
Administrative Assistant
Camp de Benneville Pines

PSWD Summer Youth Camps

Elementary - July 8-14, 2007
For Youth completing grades 2-6
Many Paths, One Faith
Dean: Kevin Drewery

Middle School - July 15-21, 2007
For youth completing grades 6-9
The Music in Our Lives
Dean: Brigit Paparells
Program Coordinator: Robin Darling

Senior High - July 22-28, 2007
For youth completing grades 10-12
Camp of Rock n' Roll: RevoluUtion
Youth Deans: Andrea Friedman/David Pickus
Adult Dean: Kim St. Clair

Cost: \$355 per person, sibling discount \$15
More information at (909) 794-2928 or
caroline@uucamp.org.

For information, calendar, costs, and registration forms for any camp, visit the Camp de Benneville Pines website at www.uucamp.org or call (909) 794-2928

REjoice

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS for PSWD
from Tera Little

I hope you have your calendars marked for District Assembly, April 27-29, 2007 in Riverside, CA. Every year District Assembly is special, but it will be even more so this April. In addition to thoughtful worships, great music and singing, an inspiring keynote speaker, 24 workshops on topics ranging from anti-oppression work to church governance and growth to social justice to personal care, we are hosting the PSWD District Gathering on Youth Ministry.

Our District Gathering on Youth Ministry is all about US. During three workshop slots, we will analyze the data from the youth surveys returned last year, and these tell us much about the spiritual needs, racial and orientation diversity, and leadership needs of our jr. high and high school youth. There will be time to reflect on how those findings impact our faith and our churches. We will end with looking forward into the future—how will all of what we learned affect our future youth ministry programs and services? What does YOUR church need from PSWD in order to best support and nurture your youth ministry program? An implementation team of 4-6 people will be created to work with Ken, me, and appropriate district leadership to shape a district youth ministry program that will best fit the needs of PSWD congregations.

All the great work we do during these gatherings will feed right into the continental Youth Ministry Summit, which takes place July 16-20 in Boston.

The only way this process will be a success is if YOU participate. We want youth, parents, ministers, religious educators, youth advisors, board members, choir members, social justice advocates, administrators, and just people who are invested in seeing a robust youth ministry program to attend these workshops at District Assembly.

If you have youth in your congregation who do not currently attend District or UUA events, we want them, too. The goal of this entire process is to be able to create programs and services that will reach every youth, and we realize one strategy for youth ministry will not reach everyone, and it will need to be multi-faceted.

If you have questions about the District Gathering (or anything else within reason!), please don't hesitate to drop me a note.

In peace,
Tera Little

Counselor-in-Training Program

Do you like working with kids?
Do you have leadership skills? Do
you want to be like your favorite
counselor? CIT is for you!

Sunday, July 8 to Saturday, July 14,
2007 at Camp de Benneville Pines

Co-facilitators: Kim St. Clair and Robin Darling

CIT is accepting registrations from
prospective counselors ages 15-18.
The program offers training in leader-
ship skills with hands-on experience
during Elementary Camp.

Cost: \$195/person includes food,
lodging, and all program materials.
Submit registration by May 25 with
\$50/person non-refundable deposit.

Applicants are sent a form to be
returned by June 1 with two refer-
ences. Ten spaces are available. Ac-
cepted applicants will know by June
15,

For more information, contact
Kim St. Clair (602) 741-2539
redirector@phoenixuu.org

Report of the Nominating Committee

To: Congregations of the Pacific Southwest District

The Nominating Committee is please to report its slate of candidates for the fiscal year of July 2007 through June 2008. The elections will be held during District Assembly in Riverside, CA, Friday evening April 27 through Sunday morning, April 30, 2007. Names of Nominee are in bold type.

Vice President: **Nancy Edmundson**, Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara CA

Treasurer: **Andi Stout**, Chalice UU Congregation, Escondido CA (2nd Term)

Trustee: **Dick Shaffer**, UU Congregation of Northwest Tucson AZ (2nd Term)

Trustee: **Jaynn Truran**, UU Congregation of Phoenix AZ (2nd Term)

By Laws Committee: **Carol Agate**, UU Community Church of Santa Monica CA

George White Fund: **Benita Berkson**, First UU Church, San Diego CA

Nominating Comm.: **JoAnne Smith**, Valley UU Church, Chandler AZ

Continuing Officers:

President: **Tom Stapleford**, Conejo Valley UU Fellowship, Thousand Oaks CA

Secretary: **Janet Wieder**, UU Church, Surprise AZ

Continuing Board of Trustees Member:

Anne Anderson, Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, CA

Continuing Committee Members are:

Bylaws Review Committee:

Gina Whitaker, UU Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County, CA

Lyman Grover, UU Church of Tucson

George White Memorial Fund:

Rev. Jay Atkinson, UU Church of Studio City

Tim Mielcarek, UU Church of Desert, Rancho Mirage. AZ

Nominating Committee:

Colleen Wells, Chalice UU Congregation, Escondido, CA

Rev. Ellen Livingston, Monte Vista UU Congregation

The District Bylaws provide: "Additional nominations may be submitted to the nominating committee by March 1 over the signatures of a minimum of 10 members from at least two member societies, with no more than five from one society. The nominating committee shall submit to all member societies by April 1 the candidates so nominated.

"Nominations from the floor shall be permitted when an election for officers or Trustees is otherwise uncontested. Valid nomination petitions must be signed by a minimum of 10 delegates from at least two societies with no more than five delegates coming from the same society."

Additional nominations in accordance with the above Bylaws shall be submitted to:

Colleen Wells, 16455 Caminito Vecinos #92, San Diego CA 92128

Submitted by the Nominating Committee,

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

Nancy Edmundson (Nominee for Vice President): As a member of the Unitarian Society, I have participated as a lay leader in all capacities of Children's and Youth Religious Education, including Youth OWL facilitation; and a host of congregation organizing and leadership including finance, stewardship, fundraising, room use, membership, ministerial search and board of trustees. I am currently the Administrator of the Unitarian Society, and am actively involved in long range and strategic planning processes, and am a member of the Association of UU Administrators.

This past summer and fall I had the joy and privilege to campaign for the PSWD UUA Trustee Position. While unsuccessful in the election, this experience was a success for me on many other levels. I enjoyed meeting more of you, learning more about your visions for our PSW District and assessing my potential contributions to our faith community. My vision of my role as PSWD Vice-President is one of collaboration, leadership and communication. I encourage you to contact me directly with any of your questions about my candidacy, or for more in-depth information.

Andi Stout (Nominee for Treasurer): I am a life-long Unitarian and joined First Church, San Diego, in 1972, two days after arriving in San

Diego. In 1984, I was a founding member of the UU Inland North County Fellowship in Rancho Bernardo, where I served as President, RE Chairperson, Membership Chair, and Treasurer.

I am also a founding member of Chalice UU Congregation, where I am currently serving as Treasurer. I am a member of Chalice's Personnel Committee and am in the choir. I served on the Pacific Southwest District's Extension Committee for six years, chairing it for two years, and completed five years on the PSWD Board of Trustees in June 2003, the first two as a trustee and the last three as vice-president. I rejoined the Board in 2004, serving as Secretary. I became Treasurer in September 2005.

(See more bios on page 7)



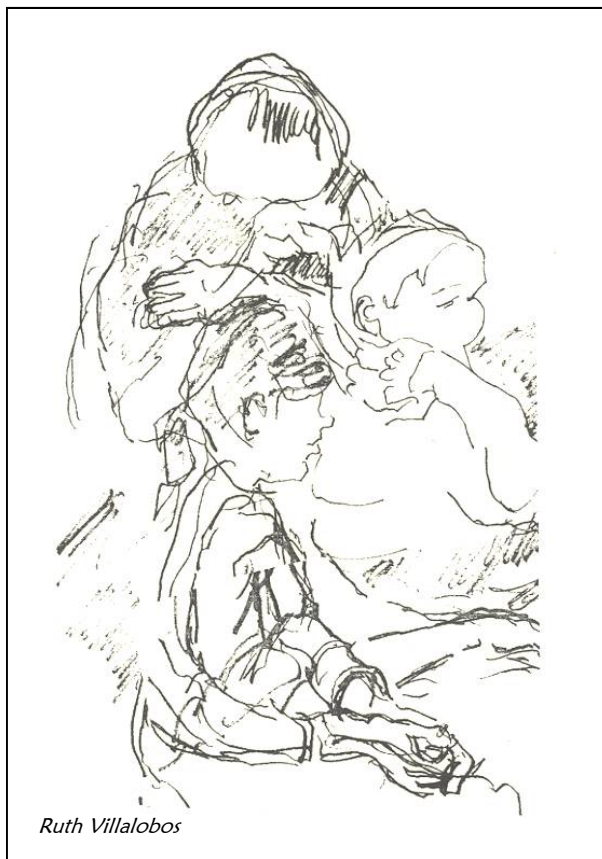
PSWIRL

The UU-oriented nonprofit **Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals** welcomes you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities—its up to you. The 2007 PSWIRL Week is from Sunday, August 19 through Friday, August 24.

The theme speaker, **Rev. John Morehouse**, will give a series of talks about "Making Peace from the Inside Out" John is Minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes. He is an expert on Eastern Religion, which he has studied both here and abroad, especially in India. His talks will give us insights to bring peace within, with our neighbors, and peace between cities and nations.

Camp de Benneville Pines is owned and operated by the Unitarian Universalist Pacific Southwest District. It is at 6800 feet altitude in the San Bernardino National Forest among towering pines, oaks, and cedars, with a creek nearby, and Jenks Lake within walking distance. It has an Olympic-size swimming pool and a large hot tub. A field trip to Big Bear Lake Solar Observatory is offered.

In 2007, per person costs range from \$325 to \$440 depending on the type of accommodation you



Ruth Villalobos

select, and include all meals and workshops for the week. Please ask about scholarships.

The rich program (including a list of workshops and their facilitators) as well as photos from past years is available at <http://pswirl.org> with an associated registration form. Information about Camp de Benneville Pines is available at <http://www.uucamp.org>.

Or, for registration information, contact Registrar **Marcia Taylor** at taylor@mngusa.net or 909-597-1037.

For program information contact **Richard Booth** at madlibrarian9@hotmail.com or 323-851-3348, or write to Come2PSWIRL@yahoo.com.

Join us in our beautiful mountain camp as we welcome newcomers and greet old friends. Experience for yourself the varied offerings of PSWIRL week.

CALL FOR FICTION AND POETRY



Desiree Kannel, member of Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach, seeks submissions for a new literary journal entitled, ***Under the Structure***. The journal will consist of short stories and poetry submitted by members and friends of UU congregations in the PSWD.

We will include the finest work we receive, regardless of previous writing or publishing experience. All subjects, styles and themes considered. E-mail submissions preferred, but will accept snail mail. Send your previously unpublished stories, no more than 4,000 words, or poems, no more than five, to dkannel@verizon.net. Please write "journal" in the subject line.

If you prefer regular mail, write for directions. Or send snail mail in care of the UU Church of Long Beach, 5450 Atherton St., Long Beach, CA 90815.

Terms: No pay, author retains all rights after first publication; simultaneous submissions accepted, but please note IF if that is the case.

Submission deadline is May 1, 2007 with an anticipated publication date of Fall, 2007. All contributors will receive two copies of the journal.

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FEBRUARY 2007

- 17-19 Elementary Winter Camp,
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA
- 23-24 UU Contemporary Worship,
First UU Church of San Diego, CA
- 25 Installation of Rev. Matthew Crary at
UU Church of Riverside, CA

MARCH 2007

- 3 Pastoral to Program Size Congregation Work
shop, UU Congregation of Las Vegas, NV
- 9-11 Pastoral Care for Religious Educators, Mary &
Joseph Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 9-11 Leadership School: Articulating the Vision,
Mary and Joseph Retreat Center,
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 18 Installation of Rev. Diane Dowgiert,
UU Church of Tucson, AZ
- 24 Policy Governance Workshop,
Valley UU Church, Chandler, AZ

MARCH (continued)

- 24-25 Jubilee World Training, UU Church of Long
Beach, CA

APRIL 2007

- 13-15 Jr/Sr High Combo OWL Training,
Neighborhood Church, Pasadena, CA
- 27-29 District Assembly, Riverside, CA
- 27-28 District Gathering on Youth Ministry,
Riverside, CA

MAY 2007

- 5 Deadline for Summer Issue of the NetwUUrK

JUNE 2007

- 20-24 General Assembly, Portland, OR

OCTOBER 2007

- 7 Channel Cluster Super Saturday, multiple
congregations in Channel Cluster, CA