



## District Assembly 2008

District Assembly 2008 is now just a memory in the minds of the 388 children, youth and adults who attended, and to quote our District Executive, Ken Brown, "What a fabulous District Assembly we had—from Marilyn Sewell's keynote to the closing worship we rocked!"

The keynote address by **The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell** of First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon, certainly ranked high among the many highlights of the three day event. Rev. Sewell spoke eloquently of the "frayed tapestry of community" in these difficult times, and the important role of Unitarian Universalism to bring a message of hope to the larger world.

Other highlights included the wonderful music provided by Grunion Run at the Soulful Sundown service on Friday night, workshops on Saturday, the Awards Banquet and entertainment by author and humorist **Richard Lederer** on Saturday night, and the worship service on Sunday morning. Saturday workshops covered a wide variety of topics, ranging from weaving to computers to drumming. The Sunday service, led by **Rev. Dr. Tom Owen-Towle**, interim minister of UU Fellowship of San Dieguito, and **Rev. Dr. Beth Johnson** of Palomar UU Fellowship, focused on our weekend's theme of weaving the tapestry of beloved community.

Thanks to the generosity of attendees, we raised \$2,047 for our service project, San Diego's Food not Lawns and \$1,192 for the G. W. White Scholarship Fund.

If you attended District Assembly, you can complete an online evaluation survey that is found at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=peIP71KkK9Yaqqb61YC\\_2fJA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=peIP71KkK9Yaqqb61YC_2fJA_3d_3d). All surveys should be completed by Thursday, May 22, 2008. Your feedback will help us create an even better event next year.

So plan now to attend the 2009 District Assembly at the Mesa, AZ, Hilton Hotel, May 1-3. It will be another rockin' good time!

Carolyn Saunders,  
Chair, District Planning Committee

## Michael Sallwasser to Be New PSWD President

### Elected to the PSWD Board:

- President: **Michael Sallwasser**,  
UU Church of Long Beach
- Secretary: **Janet Wieder**,  
UU Church, Surprise AZ (2nd Term)
- Trustee: **Rev. Carolyn Owen-Towle**,  
First UU Church of San Diego, CA
- Trustee: **Rev. Helen Carroll**,  
UU Fellowship of San Luis Obispo County, CA

### Elected to PSWD Committees:

- George White Fund: **Bob Couch**,  
UU Congregation, Las Vegas NV
- Nominating Committee: **Gloria Burr**,  
Sepulveda UU Society, North Hills CA

### Elected to Camp de Benneville Pines Board:

- Diane Lowrie**,  
First UU Church of San Diego, CA
- Glenn Noreen**,  
Monte Vista UU Congregation, Montclair, CA
- Joan Stredler**,  
UU Fellowship of Hemet and San Jacinto, CA



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**From Tom Stapleford,  
PSWD Board President**

## **It Was A Very Good Year**

The PSWD Constitution was adopted in 1960, before the Unitarians and Universalists agreed to merge, and has been amended 19 times since then. That makes our District 48 years old this year. "When I was 48, it was a very good year..." If the PSWD could sing, that would be an appropriate lyric (apologies to Ol' Blue Eyes).

I don't have the 1960 statistics in front of me, but I'm reasonably sure there are more congregations serving more members now than there were then. This compares favorably with almost every other mainline faith tradition in this country. The amazing thing in our congregational polity faith tradition is that this happened only because our congregations decided to make it happen, with some support from the UUA and the PSWD. Each UU reading this article needs to pat herself on the back, and mutter "thank you" to the many leaders, professional and volunteer, who have served your congregation over the past 48 years.

I would particularly like to highlight the increasing trend of congregations seeking out and cooperating with other nearby congregations. This has been a banner year for this sort of cooperation all across the District. To mention just a few examples:

- The Channel Cluster sponsored five different committee-organizing workshops, each hosted by a different congregation one Saturday last fall.
- In the Valley Cluster several congregations are doing Jr. High level Our Whole Lives as a joint effort. They also have continued monthly Vesper Services for at least five years.
- The two Pasadena congregations are working together on a water justice class.
- San Diego Cluster has conducted a radio marketing campaign.
- The S. Arizona congregations sponsored a regional finance workshop.
- The Rancho Palos Verdes congregation is leading the way in connecting with other congregations to develop

a District wide Addictions Ministry program.

- The Inland Empire Cluster is being revitalized and the congregations are beginning to work on projects together.

This rising tide of cooperation and collective problem solving will certainly accelerate each participating congregation's ability to serve its members and the community that it serves. If your congregation would like to become a part of this interconnected network, or increase your level of cooperation, please contact Ken or Tera.

As a final note as I complete my last term as your President, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the professional and volunteer staff that has been so effective in supporting the 50 member congregations of the PSWD. Without you, it might have happened, but nowhere near as effectively or efficiently as it did.

In Grateful Service,  
Tom Stapleford



### **THE PSWD NETWUURK**

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## REjoice

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS for PSWD  
from Tera Little

### What I Learned at District Assembly

I can not go as far as saying I learned everything I need to know at PSWD District Assembly 2008, but it was an amazing event filled with spirit and I came away from it with some deeper understandings.

- \* The PSWD Board members respect each other deeply and take their commitment to serve PSWD seriously, reverently, and joyfully.
- \* Marilyn Sewell rocks and she is right—let's stop talking about the color of the curtains when the house is on fire.
- \* The Sunday Morning Worship choir sounded like angels.
- \* Kevin Mann, young adult from First UU San Diego, preaches as if he knows the house is on fire.
- \* Young adults (ages 18-35) are hungry for opportunities to connect with each other across the District.
- \* Creating congregations where multigenerational communities can thrive is an urgent "the house is on fire" kind of need. Families of all shapes, sizes, numbers, and colors need us and our life-affirming, life-saving theology of hope and justice.

We already have exactly what we need to put out the fire and to create meaningful multigenerational communities. Do you think young adults and young families are looking for a comfortable religious home offering rock music, theology 'lite,' and a place to recharge their iPhones? Think again. Young adults and young families are looking for the same things as most of us—a religious home where the minister knows their names, where a close community is formed, where they can find support on their life's journey, and where they can actively engage in their search for truth and meaning while nurturing their souls.

We have the tools in place to do that. Our churches can be welcoming homes for young people who are looking for their 'tribe.' Since many young people do not live in the communities in which they grew up, they create vibrant extended families in their new places of residence.

Over the next several months, my newsletter column will focus on ways congregations can become more multigenerational.

For now, try this tip. The next time there is a young adult spotted in your church, don't jump up and down and holler with excitement—you can do it on the

## Ken's Corral

By Ken Brown, District Executive

It was a great District Assembly for 388 adults, children and youth. Next year we will be at the Hilton in Mesa, Arizona for the weekend of May 1-3. Plan now to attend. It would be great if we could have over 400 in attendance.

I am thankful for the number of people who took up my challenge to contribute \$100 to the Friends of the Pacific Southwest District during DA. The Friends program is a way for individuals to support the growing number of programs and workshops in the PSWD. It's not too late to contribute to the Friends of the PSWD for this fiscal year.

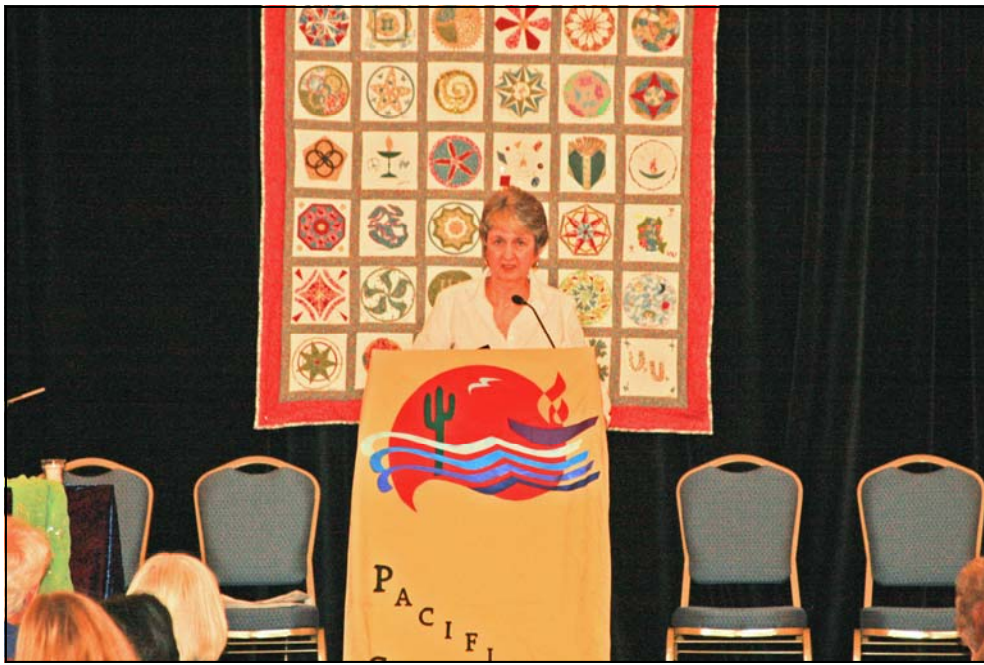
This coming year we are planning for these possible events; as soon as dates are set we will share them so that you can plan to join us.

- A workshop with Erik Walker Wikstrom's adult education program --Spirit in Practice
- California Water Justice Tour for Young Adults Ages 18-25 (co-sponsor with UULM)
- Young Adult Labor Day Camp at De Benneville Pines
- Leadership School in Arizona and California
- Adult Counselor-in-Training
- Youth Ministry Covenant Groups

With those economic incentive checks coming to most of us it might be the right time to consider supporting programs that make a difference in your local congregation or in PSWD. We would welcome your contributions to the Friends of PSWD. Congregational funding is vital to our ability to offer programs and support to congregations. A growing number of individuals is helping to make a difference in our programming, will you join them?

Your checks can be sent to  
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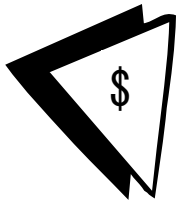
inside. Take a deep breath, walk up, introduce yourself, shake hands, ask the young adult some questions about herself, look her in the eyes, and listen. You will have given her a great gift.



Marilyn Sewell, Keynote Speaker at DA 08



At the DA Business Meeting in April, 2008. How many do you recognize?



## COMPENSATION CONSULTANT'S CORNER

### New Compensation Consultant for PSWD

### Fair Compensation Congregations

At the recent District Assembly, eleven Congregations were recognized as Committed Fair Compensation Congregations who have plans to reach UUA Guidelines for compensating their staffs in the next 5 years or less. The Committed Congregations are:

Chalice Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Escondido, CA  
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Goleta, CA  
Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Montclair, CA  
Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA  
Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church, Costa Mesa, CA  
Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Santee, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica,  
Santa Monica, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kern County, Bakersfield, CA  
Unitarian Universalists of the Santa Clarita Valley, Santa Clarita, CA  
Universalist Unitarian Church of Riverside, Riverside, CA

Seventeen Congregations were listed as Practicing Fair Compensation Congregations. They are:

Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church, Canoga Park, CA  
First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, San Diego, CA  
Pacific Unitarian Church, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Vista, CA  
Tapestry, A Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Mission Viejo, CA  
Throop Memorial Church, Pasadena, CA  
Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Southeastern Arizona, Sierra Vista, AZ  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, Tucson, AZ  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, Ventura, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Phoenix, Paradise Valley, AZ  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Conejo Valley, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Flagstaff, Flagstaff, AZ  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito, Solana Beach, CA  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship San Luis Obispo County,  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Chandler, AZ

This is awesome and an increase of designated congregations over last year. Many committed congregations have moved to the practicing designation. Congratulations to you all.

Members of these congregations will be eligible to wear Fair Compensation Ribbons at General Assembly. If your congregation is not listed and you believe it should be, contact one of your compensation consultants listed at the end of this article and we will assist you.

**Ellen Germann** has been appointed as a co-consultant for Fair Compensation in the Pacific Southwest District. She has been involved with UU congregations for almost 40 years. She was very active in the Manchester UU Church (Manchester, NH) and the NH/VT district where she served as the District Leadership Chair as well as the District Compensation Consultant. Ellen was one of the original members of the UUA Compensation Consultant program and served in NH/VT district as well as Mountain Desert and, briefly, in PSWD in 2000. She left PSWD in 2001 to become the District Executive of the Mountain Desert District where she served 4 years. In addition to serving as a Compensation Consultant, Ellen serves as Small Congregation Consultant and a Planning for Growth Consultant. She currently lives in Tucson, AZ.

It is the goal of your PSWD Compensation Consultants to work with congregations in the District until all congregations can proudly claim to be Fair Compensation Congregations following UUA Guidelines for Compensation and benefits. We are available for a consultation visit by invitation and for consultation via phone or email. This is a free service made possible by your contributions to the Unitarian Universalist Association. Contact us using the information listed below.

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## Report from your UUA Trustee, Tom Loughrey

What a busy and exciting two week period! First the UUA Board meeting in Boston followed by the PSW District Assembly in Del mar last weekend. It is always wonderful to be around so many devoted UUs.

This was the last UUA Board meeting before GA in Ft. Lauderdale and a good deal of time was spent on Friday going over preparations for workshops sponsored by the Board at GA. It appears the registrations for this year are falling short of where they were at this same point last year before GA. Nonetheless, it looks like we can still expect to see a gathering of more than 4,000 UUs at Ft. Lauderdale. GA will kick off with a pre-opening gathering of Districts. This will be an opportunity for us to get together with others from the PSWD to see who is there, meet some of the District leadership and hear from some of the UUA leadership. I hope you will make it a priority to be there then and I look forward to seeing as many PSWD folk that can be there.

The UUA Board is going through a process now that is nearing completion on changing our governance process to a form known as Policy Governance. This type of governance focuses on specific ends for the Association and defines some roles of the staff and the Board in that process. I have approached this work critically and have had to be convinced it is an appropriate way for a religious organization that has always depended on volunteers to conduct its work. As we approach developing these ends I remain critical but also supportive. We are taking our time, adapting the process as we need for a religious body such as ours and being guided by other UUs who have done this work before. We use this type of governance on our own district board and have been working with it effectively.

A major item for the Board at this meeting has been working with youth. Perhaps you have heard that YRUU Steering Committee has disbanded. You can see a letter on this at

<http://uaa.org/aboutus/governance/boardtrustees/letters/96668>.

The Steering Committee has inactivated itself and the Board has decided to work with youth to develop a successor organization that would develop a new youth organization that comes out of the work of the Consultation To and With Youth Ministry. The Board has not removed YRUU as a sponsored organization and it has given the successor organizing committee the same funding as was provided last year. The Board

unanimously voted to place a motion before the GA on the empowerment of Youth and Young Adults. In passing this the following text was included with the recording of the vote:

“VOTED: The administration shall make the transition in youth ministry an institutional priority now. This process must be transparent and those responsible for implementation must be in authentic relationship with the youth community and its elected leadership. During this transition, the administration must provide monthly progress reports to the Board. The administration shall ensure that UUA support for youth ministry programming is maintained throughout the transitional period.”

The Budget for 2009 was approved and calls for a very modest increase in spending of about .4%. The 2010 budget was accepted and calls for a \$2 increase per member in support of the Association from each congregation. This will make a total contribution of \$58 per member by 2010.

I did vote for the budget this year (last year I did not) even though I have some reservations about the \$2 increase. For every year for over twenty years the level of support has been increased by \$2 each year. Obviously the \$2 increase in recent years has much less purchasing power than the same \$2 did nearly twenty years ago. Increases in the congregational support of the UUA have trailed increases in congregational budgets virtually every year. This means the UUA must find alternative ways to fund programs that are much less stable than congregational funding from the Annual program Fund (APF). I believe in paying our bills and being good stewards of programs we want. I think we can do a better job of funding these than we are doing now with less dependence on our endowed funds and fund raising appeals such as Friends of the UUA. I must note I have the same concern for our district and how we fund its work.

One of the most exciting events of the Board meeting came during the report of Beacon Press. First, we were thrilled to hear that Beacon Press is continuing to operate profitably. The only subsidy to the Press is for space at the UUA offices in Boston. But the best news came on several announcements: Mary Oliver's poetry continues to be very popular and a very good seller and should continue to do so. Second, the Press will be publishing the Graphic novel version of Howard Zinn's *People's History of the United States*. It is anticipated to do well. Finally, and most notably, Beacon Press is the only publishing company currently in negotiation with the family of Martin Luther King, Jr. to publish all his writings, letters and sermons. This is not a done deal but we are the only ones they are talking to

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Trustee, continued . . .

right now. This would be momentous on the order of the Beacon Press Publication of The Pentagon Papers. We shall see where it goes but we hope for the best.

The full agenda for the past meeting including all reports is on line at [uua.org](http://uua.org). I encourage you to take a look. If you have any questions about any of the work we are doing (or not doing) please let me know. I would enjoy talking to you about it. You can also see my blog at [tomloughreyuuaatrustee.blogspot.com](http://tomloughreyuuaatrustee.blogspot.com).

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At the 50th Anniversary  
Celebration at the  
UU Church of Orange County  
in Anaheim,  
**Ruth and Ted Shapin** led  
people in a folk song.



## Churches Around the District

### **UU Community Church of Santa Monica, CA** has

recently completed the Business Greening Program. It was sponsored by Sustainable Works, a non-profit organization funded by the City of Santa Monica. Our minister, Judith Meyer, is pleased that UCCSM is the first church in Santa Monica to complete the program.

During the year-long program, an environmental audit was done of the church, the results of which spurred many eco-friendly changes on our campus. We now use recycled paper in the office, switched to non-toxic cleaning products and order only recycled paper products for the kitchen and restrooms.

After an energy audit by Southern Calif. Edison, and with the help of Lightgirl Industries, we changed forty incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs. Consequently our energy use went down and our electric bill showed a decrease of 336 KWH a month.

As part of the remodel of a cottage on our grounds, we installed motion detectors on lights in each room and restroom, and used green materials in construction throughout. Our Sustainable Works advisor, **Matt Henigan**, was helpful in telling us about grants available for installing low flush toilets and low water use landscaping.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Henigan to the Board of Directors for successful completion of the program. We are especially thankful to Administrator **Melinda Ewen**, Finance Assistant **Holly Nguyen**, and **Alison Kendall** of the New Building Committee, for their cooperation in making these changes happen.

Sandra Trutt  
Co-Chair Green Sanctuary Committee



Hello from camp! We're waiting for spring, but it is taking its time showing up this year. At the beginning of May, the oak trees are just beginning to leaf out and only some of the wild flowers are showing themselves. My personal favorites, the wild irises, have not bloomed yet.

We've been so busy that we haven't had a lot of time for walking in the woods. Our UU Women's Retreat had over 100 women attending, many for the first time. It was a wonderful weekend. Groups attended from the Tapestry, Long Beach, Fullerton, Las Vegas, Prescott, Riverside, Throop, Emerson and San Diego Cluster congregations. We also had women from as far away as Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma and Northern California.

We've been receiving your children's and grandchildren's summer YoUUth Camp registrations but there are still spaces available for each of the weeks. We also have spaces left for the Sr. High backpacking trip that **Michael Sallwasser** from the Long Beach Congregation will be offering for the youth.

This summer, the District's Youth Camps Ministry Team will be offering a new counselor training program for adults. Primarily for people curious about and considering working with the Jr. High and Sr. High youth as advisers at camp, the program will be facilitated by **Kim St Clair**. She has been the Adult Dean at Sr. High Camp for the past several years and is DRE of the Phoenix congregation. She has a lot of experience and knowledge that she'd like to pass along. If you have ever thought about working with the youth at camp, please plan on attending this training. You'll be a confident and knowledgeable counselor and adviser after your week at camp.

Another new event this summer is the Young Adult Retreat & Gathering over Labor Day Weekend. For campers 18 - 35, PSWD is inviting young adults from the Pacific Central, Pacific Northwest, and Mountain Desert Districts to attend as well. We're hoping to see many of our former youth campers return for this worshipful and fun weekend.

We have lots of great camps scheduled for this fall, including the Yoga & Wellness Retreat, Camp Get Away Women's Retreat, the 12-Step Fall Mountain Retreat and Folk Music Weekend. The Los Angeles-Valley Cluster will have their weekend and for the first time, the entire Channel Cluster will share a weekend

together. Registration for this year's Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration will open June 1, so please look for the information on our website soon.

De Benneville will be sponsoring a very special weekend in October. "**Awakening the Dreamer—Changing the Dream**" is a response to the call from the Pachamama Alliance to stop, take a look at the planet and set a course for an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just future. Participants will have the opportunity to pursue a "new dream." During the weekend, they will gain knowledge and support for living a sustainable life and learn what they can do to make a difference. To learn more about the Pachamama Alliance, go to <http://www.awakeningthedreamer.org/>. To register for the symposium at de Benneville, please contact the camp office.

We're very excited to be hosting this retreat. We invite you, your friends, family and everyone from your congregation to attend this important symposium. Please look for additional information in the Fall/Winter issue of our Connection, due out at the end of August.

To download registration information for any of the events at camp, go to the calendar page on our web site at <http://www.debenneville.org/calendar.html>. The calendar lists the dates and contact information for each event, as well as links to registration forms, fliers and additional information for many of our camps and retreats.

As always, you may contact the camp office at (909) 794-2928 for additional information or e-mail either Janet ([uucamp@aol.com](mailto:uucamp@aol.com)) or me ([caroline@uucamp.org](mailto:caroline@uucamp.org)).

We hope you will come up to enjoy the clear mountain air at camp soon.

Caroline Quintanilla  
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**For information**, calendar, costs, and registration forms for any camp, visit the Camp de Benneville Pines website at [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org) or call (909) 794-2928



Children's percussion group at the Closing Service of District Assembly 2008



Rev. Arvid Straube presented the Olsen Award to Suzanne and Lawrence Hess.

**A New Skinner House Book**  
featuring a contribution by  
PSWD's James Coomes

***Wrestling with Adulthood: Unitarian Universalist Men Talk About Growing Up***, Ken Beldon, Ed.

Eleven men—Ken Beldon, James Coomes, Erik Kesting, Joseph Santos-Lyons, Anthony David, Kent Matthies, Forrest Gilmore, Greg Pelley, Nathan Ryan, Scott Gerard Prinster and Manish K. Mishra—share their personal stories about growing up, honestly exploring the challenges they faced and the choices they made. Contributor **James Coomes** is a licensed clinical social worker in the field of public mental health in the Los Angeles area and is a member of Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena, California. **Ken Beldon** is lead minister of Well Springs Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania. (Skinner House) \$15.00



Saguaro cacti in Arizona



Approach to San Luis Obispo, CA, while it was still green

*Photo by Bruna Olivera*

# PSWIRL

The UU-oriented nonprofit Pacific SouthWest Institute of Religious Liberals (PSWIRL) welcomes you to their annual adult event at beautiful Camp deBenneville Pines in Angelus Oaks, California. Relax, swim, or take part in a wide variety of workshops and activities—it's up to you. The 2008 PSWIRL Week is from **Sunday, August 17 through Friday, August 22.**

**UU Rev. Jim Grant** is our Theme Speaker. Information about his theme, "The Struggle to Become Human" is available at

<http://pswirl.org/Themes/PSWIRL2008Theme.htm>.

De Benneville 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 2008, per person costs range from \$335 to \$440 depending on the type of accommodation you select, and include all meals and workshops for the week. Please ask about partial 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/Flyers/PSWIRL2008.htm> with an associated registration form. Information about Camp de Benneville Pines is available at <http://www.uucamp.org>. Alternatively, for registration information, contact Registrar **Marcia Taylor** at [marcia@pngusa.net](mailto:marcia@pngusa.net) or 909-597-1037. For program information contact **Manon Washburn** at 310-544-1943, or write to

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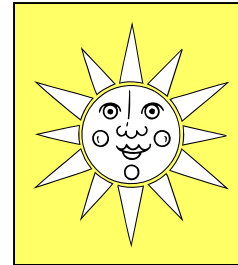
Join us in our beautiful mountain camp as we welcome newcomers and greet old friends. Experience for yourself the varied offerings of PSWIRL week.

Peter Landecker,  
<http://pswirl.org> Webmaster

## UU University at General Assembly 2008

Ministry in the Borderlands addresses the struggles, challenges, rewards and satisfaction of working across religious identities within our congregations and our wider communities. Keynote speaker **The Rev. Nick Carter** is actively engaged in interfaith and inter-religious cooperation for action. His keynote addresses begin with the Unitarian Universalist experience and focus on the ways we can bring Unitarian Universalist gifts to healing religious strife in the world.

If your congregation is working with other religious traditions or considering how to get involved, Nick's stories, ideas and activities will help you develop a good plan of engagement. If you are looking for models to engage the religious and theological diversity within your congregation, the lessons will apply. Registration and more information on the UUA website: [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)



Do you have Lex's excellent book yet?

### PSWD Literary Notes

**"Love, Sex, and the Human Condition: Getting a Life."** Isn't that a provocative title? Better still, it accurately sums up the content of the book. It shows how our drives for power and sex can work for us, as well as those around us, when they are tempered with reason, love, and liberated decision making. One of our longtime PSWDers, **Lex Crane**, had the book published last June by Trafford Press. If you have not gotten a copy yet, you're missing out on a source of insight into oneself and the human condition. The cost is \$16. So if you send a check for \$18 (shipping cost \$2), you will receive a copy in the mail. Send it to: Lex Crane  
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**PSWD DISTRICT CALENDAR**

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**MAY 2008**

10 Installation of the Rev. Gail Collins-Ranadive,  
UU Congregation of Las Vegas, NV

**JUNE 2008**

24-25 UU University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
25-29 UUA General Assembly, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**JULY 2008**

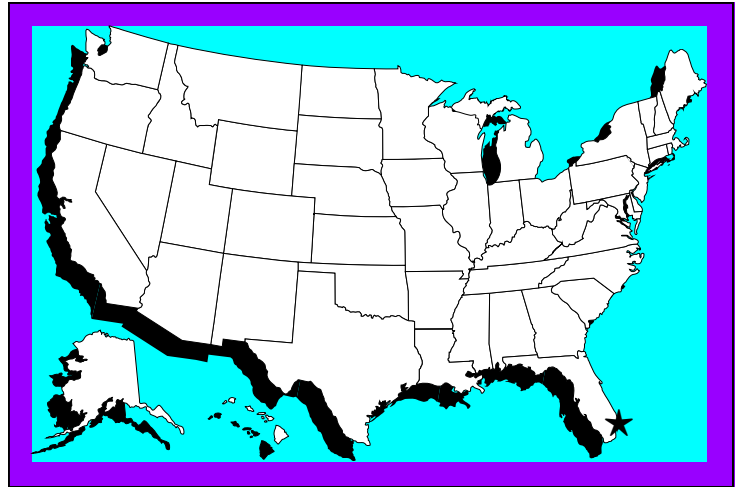
11-13 Our Whole Lives—Young Adult/Adult level,  
First UU Church of San Diego, CA

**AUGUST 2008**

2-10 Young Adult Water Justice Tour—sponsored by  
UULM, PSWD UU Just Works  
29-31 Young Adult Labor Day Weekend Camp,  
de Benneville Pines, CA

**OCTOBER 2008**

10-12 Our Whole Lives—Jr./Sr. High level, Monte Vista  
UU Congregation, Montclair, CA  
31-NOV 2 Teacher Training Renaissance Module,  
Camp de Benneville Pines, CA



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