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Leadership School

Our Leadership School will be held Feb 29 to March 2 at the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Titled “Building Leadership Teams in Our Congregations,” we will focus on the skills needed to be part of the leadership in a 21st Century UU congregation. We will explore the role of different leaders and how to build a team to work together on organization, governance, mission/vision, as well as conflict management. This will be an opportunity for experienced as well as new leaders to share in an experiential setting the needs for 21st century leadership. The registration brochure is on our web site at pswduua.org. For more information contact Ken Brown at uurev@aol.com or 928-776-2929.



This ancient automobile, a 1912 Maxwell, was on display for the Cole House celebration at Neighborhood Church in Pasadena. The November 4, 2007 gala event marked the 100th anniversary of Cole House, also known as Neighborhood House. There's more to this story on pages 7 and 8.

Worship Workshop with John Tolley



On February 2 we will hold a worship workshop that will focus on creative worship and building worship teams in our congregations. Our keynote speaker will be the **Rev. Dr. John Tolley**, professor from Meadville/Lombard Theological School. There will opportunity to dialogue with Dr. Tolley as well as attend a wide range of workshops. The cost will be around \$20 per person and will be held at the Orange Coast UU Church in Costa Mesa, California. Registration material will be made available later in November. Check our web site for more information at pswduua.org.

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**From Tom Stapleford,
PSWD Board President**

Branded!

The Time Magazine ads have excited many UUs, yet making us feel good about ourselves is only a small part of why spending the advertising money is a good idea. What difference do we want to make in this world?

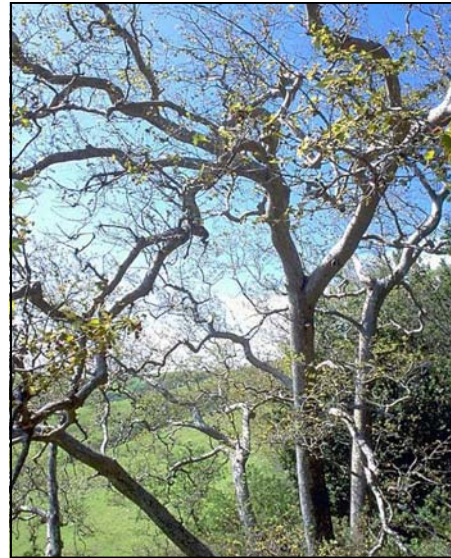
We are better together, but that's not the only reason congregations are working with other congregations in our clusters and our District. One of the lessons we relearn during every regional marketing campaign is that in spite of our individual belief that our congregation is truly welcoming, that's not how many of our visitors see us. Each regional campaign has improved the ability of the involved congregations to become more welcoming. Our District and the clusters are hard at work sharing these lessons learned and working with congregations to help them polish their "Sunday morning manners" to be experienced as more welcoming. But there is still more to do.

Increasing the number of visitors and new members in our congregations will happen as a result of the publicity we are enjoying and is a good thing, but the effect of being "branded" is that there is a developing community expectation about how a UU congregation lives its public life, and we can each participate in fleshing out and fulfilling that expectation.

The real value in "coming out" to our communities is that we—individually and collectively—can make a noticeable impact in healing our fractured society, locally and in our larger community. In our daily lives, when one of us speaks out about the worth and dignity of an immigrant or respecting the interconnected web of our environment or listens respectfully to another's point of view in our public discourse on the important issues facing our society, we demonstrate that living our principles is what we are about, and that it is a better way of being together than the raucous and polarizing dissent that is such a large part of our society today.

I hope each of us finds a way to show how a committed UU interacts with friends, co-workers, public officials, and, yes, even those who disagree with us as we work together to make a difference.

In Service,
Tom Stapleford



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REjoice

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS for PSWD
from Tera Little

In his book *Acts of Faith*, Eboo Patel asks a poignant question in reference to the young men who hijacked the planes on September 11 and to the young men who orchestrated the London bombings in 2005; young men who were groomed on words and messages of religious totalitarianism, intolerance, hatred, and fear. Patel asks, What if we (meaning those committed to religious pluralism) had gotten to them first?

Patel's book is, in part, a passionate, heartfelt call to action for liberal religious communities to start taking their young people seriously so we can affect the world with positive change. Does your congregation take its youth and young adult ministries seriously? If you are shaking your head yes, I want to challenge you - what does taking this ministry seriously mean?

I think we as an Association of congregations have good intentions about youth and young adult ministry. We enjoy seeing young people take part in the service, we rejoice when we see a young adult walk through our church doors, we might give money for special fundraisers for camps or special events. This is not enough for an effective ministry to and with youth and young adults.

The National Study of Youth and Religion conducted in-person survey interviews with 267 youth from diverse racial, socio-economic, geographic and faith backgrounds. This is the largest survey of its kind to date. They uncovered fascinating information about youth's beliefs on religion and spirituality, and if you are interested I highly recommend the book based on their findings, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (yes, there were even Unitarian Universalist youth interviewed).

One finding of particular note to us: those churches with a paid, full-time adult youth ministry coordinator make a big difference in getting youth in the door of churches, and it is those adults who have the most direct line of ministry with youth that provide the crucial tie that creates a meaningful, participatory relationship with the church.

Even paying a youth ministry leader is not enough. We have to shift the culture in our congregations and in our worship services so youth and young adults know this is a place for them to. We need to practice radical hospitality, not just with visitors, but with our own people, our younger people.

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Ken's Corral

By Ken Brown, District Executive

When there is a need, generosity abounds among Unitarian Universalists. We have received tens of thousands of dollars from Unitarian Universalists from across the District and the Continent. For those who have contributed, I thank you very much.

The fires across Southern California impacted eleven of our congregations. Well over three hundred UUs were evacuated and many more have been dealing with problems from smoke damage to property and lungs. At this time we know of only one home lost and one partially destroyed. A number of people had fires burn up to the door of their homes with much damage to property and out-buildings containing valuable resources and material.

The UU Trauma Ministry, a group of volunteers created after 9/11 and trained in dealing with a wide range of trauma, has been working closely with congregational leaders to ensure that people with needs are being contacted and helped. We will continue to work with the Trauma Ministry in building support for those affected by the fires. Further, the UUA and UUSC have had connections from their web sites to direct people how to contribute to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund.

You can still help out by sending a donation to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund. These funds will go (in order) to UU congregations in need, UU families and individuals in need, community groups our congregations are working with who serve those most in need, and other groups working with those most in need. We also realize that the impact of these fires will last for months and years, and we want to be in a place to help both short term and long term.

You can help by sending your check to:
Pacific Southwest District
Fire Relief Fund
2052 Norma Street
Oxnard, CA 93036.

We have also developed a partnership with the UUA, which will accept credit card donations on behalf of the PSWD Fire Fund at

<http://tinyurl.com/ytfz3f>

We will keep you updated on needs and what is happening in our congregations on our web site **www.pswd.uua.org**.

REjoice continued...

Youth and young adults have a fire inside them. Developmentally they are ready for a deep engagement with our faith; they want to make a commitment to something bigger than they are; they want to have a clear identity and make an impact on the world. Do our Unitarian Universalist youth and young adult ministry programs begin to help our young people realize those needs?

Until we step up to the plate and spend real money and give real time toward dynamic ministries for young people, we are going to fail our faith. We are going to fail our youth, our young adults, our global world community. Our religious commitment to pluralism and tolerance and love is TOO important to let that happen!

Lex Crane's New Book

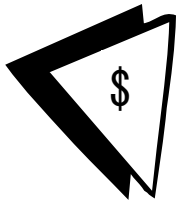
Love, Sex, and the Human Condition: Getting a Life has been described as "a handbook on passionate living for rational folk.... The book is a penetrating account of the current human condition, and what it takes to be fully alive and engaged even in the face of today's heavy problems." Princeton philosopher Harry Frankfurt, author of the recent bestsellers, *On Bullshit* and *On Truth*, said: "This book provides illuminating insights into many of the problems and opportunities that people are bound to face in their lives." Since it's new, it may not have gotten into all bookstore computers yet. It is available for \$16 from Trafford Publishers at 1-888-232-4444; or at Lex's webpage: www.trafford.com/07-0740



Participants and trainers at the Renaissance Module, RE Administration, held at de Benneville Pines camp October 26-28.

Front Row (L to R): Katherine Martin (trainer), Celia Eiben (UU Church of the Verdugo Hills), Jan Ross (Live Oak UU Congregation), Katelynn Hassler (Tapestry: A UU Congregation), Marlene Everingham (Emerson UU Church), Liz Heaton (UU Church in Fullerton).

Top Row (L to R): Michelle Daley (Pacific Unitarian Church), Heidi Cameron (UU Church of Ventura), Erika Stallings (Neighborhood Church), Sara LaWall (Neighborhood Church), Cora Swass (UU Church of the Verdugo Hills), Mary Paliescheskey (Orange Coast UU Church), Patti Withers (trainer), Lynne Webber (UUs of the Santa Clarita Valley)



COMPENSATION CONSULTANT'S CORNER

Fall is not only sweater season, it is the beginning of the budget season in many congregations and nearing the end of the calendar (tax) year. It is the season when boards, and especially treasurers, have some important tasks.

Your Compensation Consultant would like to remind leaders about the following items:

1. (Treasurer): Ask the minister(s) to update their clergy housing allowance needs for the next calendar year and have the governing board approve the allowance before December 31. The allowance can be increased prospectively but not retroactively. In the case of new ministries, it can be set for a six month period and then adjusted if need be.
2. (Treasurer, perhaps with assistance from the HR Committee or the Board): Be sure to have accurate W-4 forms for all employees. Changes in family size should mean changes in income tax withholding. Churches are not required to withhold income or social security taxes for ordained clergy, but many ministers ask to have this done voluntarily. See the article on Compensation Management at the UUA website above.
3. (Treasurer): Prepare the reports of contributions received for each giver. The IRS requires a written record for contributions of \$250 or more, but each person's list of contributions should be totaled and acknowledged. All donors are more inclined to be generous in the future if they have been warmly and personally thanked for past gifts. This is a lesson mastered by college alumni offices but often overlooked by churches and synagogues. Also, the IRS requires that the appropriate fiscal agent of the congregation sign these letters—often this is the treasurer or the president.
4. (Board): Employers that give Christmas gifts or year-end bonuses to staff should remember that these are taxable transactions. Bonuses are not exempt from income or social security taxes. Information about the above items can be found at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/clergyhousing/index.shtml> and then clicking of the appropriate link.
5. (Church staff/Finance/HR Committee): November is Open Enrollment for the UUA Health Plan. All programs have been upgraded for the plan that takes effect January 1, 2008. Information is available at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/healthplan/index.shtml>

If you have additional questions about the compensation for any of your congregational staff:

ordained, credentialed, or otherwise, please feel free to contact your compensation consultant:

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Funding for the District Compensation Consultants is made possible through your congregation's contributions to the District and to our Association's (UUA's) Annual Program Fund (APF).

Greetings from Your Annual Program Fund Representative!

As your newly appointed APF Committee member for our District, I look forward to working with our congregations and their leaders to ensure dynamic stewardship in our larger Association. I currently serve as the Minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church in Rancho Palos Verdes, to which I was called in 2005. While we are a busy and growing congregation I was honored to be asked to serve on the APF Committee. Stewardship is one of my great passions and the lifeblood of our movement. I am available by phone and e-mail to talk with any congregational leader about giving to the Association or Stewardship questions in general.

As a lifelong UU, I came to the ministry as an active lay person. I have served churches in Maryland, Indiana and Virginia and have had the privilege of helping these congregations grow in spirit and size. I am married to the love of my life, Frances, and we have five daughters and three grandchildren.

As each of our congregations plans for their future budget needs I hope we will keep in mind the strength we have together. As **Bill Sinkford** puts it so well, "We are more together than we can ever be alone". Striving to contribute our fair share to our District and Association will change the world.

For those who participated in Association Sunday, thank you. We are well on our way to fulfilling our goals and bringing our hopeful faith to many more.

If you have not already sent in your Association Sunday Contributions please send them to:

Association Sunday
P.O. Box 55023, Boston, MA 02205

I hope to hear from many of you about your stewardship joys, struggles and dreams.

Yours in the Faith,
Rev. John Morehouse
310-378-9449 minister@pacifunitarian.org

Report from your UUA Trustee, Tom Loughrey

First of all, let me tell you that if you want to review my report on the recent UUA Board Meeting in Boston you can now get it on my blog at

<http://tomloughreyuuastrustee.blogspot.com>.

You can leave comments and any suggestions you might have as to how I can improve my communications between the PSWD and the UUA. So if you want just the facts, check them out there. I would like to use this space to tell you about the Sunday worship service we had at the Board meeting.

This is a quiet service with all the trustees, the elected leadership and the senior staff of the UUA. Most of the services are conducted by the Trustees themselves. This time we were led in worship by **Tamara Payne-Alex**, the at-large trustee from San Jose. It was a very moving service and her homily focused on the part of the first Harry Potter book where the new students are being "sorted" to their respective quarters by the sorting hat which, when placed on their heads tells the student which house they will be assigned to. Now I am not an avid reader of Harry Potter, nor have I seen all the movies, but Tamara posed some interesting thoughts about how we all get sorted out. The hat seems to be able to peer into the soul and in some cases immediately sorts the student to the proper house but in other cases has to take some time before the pronouncement.

To some great extent we each have been sorted into various situations and circumstances—our choice of careers, schools, friendships and no less, our religious callings. Somehow we have been sorted to Unitarian Universalism. In some cases the sorting was instantaneous; in others the decision took much longer and in some cases the "sorting hat" did not quite get it right. For myself, I think it got it right but not immediately and not without some significant re-evaluation over time. I do feel called to my work on the Board and occasionally regret that it cannot allow me to be more involved in my own congregation or sometimes in my own work, but I have no lingering regrets at all. Like Harry, I have found new friendships, new challenges, a deeper insight into my religious choices, and a closer feeling why I ever became a UU in the first place. I have found my place and I hope you have found yours as well.

During the Board meeting we spent some time talking about the UU response to Katrina and Gulf Coast relief efforts. Little did I know at the time that a

disaster was looming from winds and fires right in my own backyard. I have heard commentators and others talking about the much better response of FEMA and more important, the populations of San Diego and other parts of California ravaged by the fires. Is it just me, or do I note that there is a subtle implication that we are somehow better people for how we handled disaster compared to those in the Gulf Coast following Katrina? It is not even that subtle if one listens to reports on Fox TV News. The implication seems to be that "they" somehow deserved everything they got, while the truth of it is that the disasters are not even comparable. It reminds me of the work we have to do as an Association in being anti-racist and anti-oppressive and that we have the capacity to bring relief of varying kinds, only some of which is our money (and we are generous). For me, the "sorting hat" got it right and I am pleased and proud to be with so many good friends who support, challenge and inspire each other.

Just a reminder, I am open to invitations to meet with congregations and leadership to hear your stories and share what I can as your trustee to the UUA.

In faith and trust,
Tom Loughrey



Churches Around the District

Santa Monica, CA

Our church has just filed our candidacy papers with UU Ministry for Earth to become a Green Sanctuary church. We also joined Interfaith Power and Light in our effort to educate ourselves and be ecologically-aware at our site.

However, there are many simple things we can all do to positively affect the environment without formal associations. In our buildings, for instance, we can:

- ❖ Change out all the incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs.
- ❖ Switch to purchasing copier paper with 30% or higher recycled content for office use.
- ❖ Buy beverages in large sizes, not individual bottles or cans when we have events in the social hall.

Americans are using the earth's resources at an alarming rate and producing giant amounts of trash to boot. Our everyday actions contribute to this. We, you and I, with our faith communities can act in positive ways to help, not hurt the environment. Let us be part of the solution, not the problem.

Sandra Trutt
UU Community Church Santa Monica

Montclair, CA

The members of Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation are pleased to invite you to a service of installation for the **Rev. Ann Schranz** on Sunday, February 3, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

The Ceremony is to be held at the Monte Vista Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 9185 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair. There will be a Reception immediately following.

Clergy, religious educators, and seminarians are invited to robe and/or process; please assemble at 10:00 a.m.

Please RSVP by January 20, 2008.

Please call 920-626-0520
or email officeadmin@montevistauu.org

Bakersfield, CA

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kern County has installed their new Minister, **the Rev. Byrd Tezlaff**. The picture below shows **Pat Berthold** presenting a gift to Rev. Tezlaff, left.



Pasadena, CA

Neighborhood UU Church's Cole House
Celebrates 100 Years in Style

Bedecked in Stickley furniture and Tiffany lamps, the Cole House celebrated her 100th birthday in style at the Cole House Centennial Celebration on November 4th. Built in 1907, the Cole House, fondly known as Neighborhood House, was designed by famed craftsman architects **Henry** and **Charles Greene** for **John A. and Mary E. Cole**.

The celebration was an elaborate and classy event, befitting the Cole House's historic roots and significance in the architectural world and Pasadena community. About 250 guests joined in the celebration, which included music by the ragtime jazz band "The Night Blooming Jazzmen" and dancers in period costume. To stimulate the palate, servers weaved in and out with platters of delicious hors d'oeuvre donated by local caterers Green Street Restaurant, The Kitchen for Exploring Food, and The Perfect Bite Co. For the thirsty, besides punch and wine, there was bubbly champagne and freshly tapped beer donated by Craftsman Brewing Company.

Among the special guests were **Virginia Dart Greene Hales**, grand daughter of Henry Greene; **Rick Cole**, great grandson of John and Mary Cole and former Pasadena Mayor; **Don Fedde** of Fedde's Furniture, whose family owned and lived in the house in the

1950s; **Senator Jack Scott**, who presented a certificate from the state; and **Ted Bosley**, Executive Director of the Gamble House, who spoke about the historical importance of the Cole House. Our minister emeritus, **Rev. Dr. Brandy Lovely**, recalled a time when the church purchased the property and decided to save the Cole House that had been slated for demolition.

As a special treat, the downstairs interior of the Cole House was transformed back to 1907 just for the occasion by church member and professional interior designer, **Cesareo Perez**. No detail was overlooked; the living room and dining room were repainted, dazzling lighting fixtures were installed, the old furniture was removed and antique and reproduction Mission-style furniture was installed, gorgeous rugs were laid, beautiful textiles were added, the dining table was set with stunning china, the library was stocked with antique books, and the writing desk sported an antique letter opener.

Outside, guests lounged on wicker furniture on the front porch and admired the beautifully restored 1912 Maxwell parked under the *porte cochere*.

To help inform guests, programs and poster exhibits told of the history of the Greene brothers, the Cole family, the Cole House, Neighborhood Church, and current events from 1907. One poster, illustrating badly damaged roof rafter tails, explained the church's upcoming plans to preserve the Cole House exterior. Inside the chapel, there was an historical slide presentation, **Ted Bosley** answered questions, and numerous books were on display.

It was a truly fabulous celebration suitable for the significance of the Cole House to the Pasadena community and as "Neighborhood House" to our community.

The Cole House, fondly known as Neighborhood House, serves as the church office, with staff offices upstairs. The downstairs large living and dining rooms serve as a sort of social hall with activities such as knitting groups, Sunday nursery space, young adult meetings, newcomer meetings, wedding and memorial receptions, fundraising events, and more.

A few of the beautiful photos of the event taken by member **Sam Palahnuk** are shown here. Others may be seen at: www.mrpicturefixer.smugmug.com. Password: life.

Alyssa Bellew
Director of Administration
Neighborhood UU Church



The Rev. Dr. Brandy Lovely, Minister Emeritus of Neighborhood Church, spoke of the history of Neighborhood House



Happy revelers at the gala occasion. Some were in costumes of 1907.



Rooms were restored to their original grandeur for the occasion.



As the final oak leaves fall, the camp goes into a quieter time. After our Thanksgiving Celebration weekend, we'll have fewer camps during the winter holidays. Our staff gets some much-needed time off and we'll regroup before the winter snow camps that begin in January.

Many of you called during the recent fires to ask how we were doing. We really appreciate your concern and appreciate the calls. Although the flames didn't impact us directly, many of our campers were affected. Our hearts go out to them and we miss seeing them at camp.

We had a wonderful work weekend, with over 60 volunteers cleaning, painting, raking, chipping, splitting wood and tucking the camp in for the winter. This is such a tremendous help, allowing us to get things done that staff members just don't have time or the person-power to accomplish. During the weekend, the final touches were completed on the new playground. After a thick layer of wood chips was laid over our rocky soil, it's ready for all the little pirates and monkeys to climb, swing and slide on. The new structure includes two slides, a low climbing wall, a tire swing, monkey bars, a climbing net, binoculars, a ship's wheel and spyglass. It's been hard for the kids to wait for it to be done. It looks inviting as you drive in to camp.

If the weather remains dry, we'll continue our fall maintenance and repair projects. Right now, we're getting snow plows ready for what we hope is a snowy wet winter.

Late fall is also the time for our Share the Vision fundraising campaign. Each year we ask camp supporters to donate what they can, so that we can make upgrades and improvements to the facility and put a bit aside for emergencies. This year, we're hoping to raise enough to complete our sewer line replacement project, remodel the second floor of the staff house and give it a new roof, put new doors on the lodge and replace the sheds behind the kitchen. If you'd like to make a donation, please send a check to the camp marked "Share the Vision," or call the office to make your donation with a credit card.

We'll host the PSWD Coming of Age/Jr High Camp at the beginning of December and the Sr High/YRUU Winter Camp between Christmas and New Year's. We're still taking registrations for both camps. Hopefully your congregation held a Winter Super Camp

Sunday on October 21 and everyone was able to see the wonderful iMovie that **Kristie Lanktree** from PUC created. It showed what a great time our kids have at camp. If you missed seeing it, contact de Benneville's office and we'll make sure to get a copy to you.

We've already started getting ready for next year. We're taking pre-registrations for the UU Women's Retreat in May and the UU Family Camp next summer. If you would like to ensure your space for these events, you can register now, pay a deposit and receive a discounted rate. Additional information is in the Fall/Winter Connection on our web site.

The next issue of the *Connection* will be going to press in January. If you have pictures or stories that you'd like included in the paper, please send them to us. In the next Connection, we'll be printing information about all the activities and events for next spring and summer: the men's and women's retreats, congregational weekends, the Girl Scout Song Swap weekend, the PSWD Summer YoUUth Camps, Family Camp, and PSWIRL. To subscribe, either to the paper or e-mail versions, contact the camp office or click the link on our web site.

The camp staff wishes you and your family a happy holiday season and a renewing new year. See you at camp soon.

Caroline Quintanilla
Administrative Assistant
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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 or call **(909) 794-2928**



**Lunitarians
meet to enjoy
nature
when the moon
is full.**



Lunitarian Conference

Good news! The Lunitarian Conference is back! We had a wonderful Conference at Puerto Penasco, Rocky Point, Sonora, recently with very favorable prospects for 2008. We met at The Reef R. V. Park with about fifty men, women and children from churches in Sierra Vista, Tucson, Chandler, Flagstaff and Paradise Valley (Phoenix). The weather was perfect. Sandy Beach was beautiful. And everyone had a wonderful time. The name Lunitarian comes from the moon, Luna, and Unitarian. We try to meet about the time of the Full Moon when the tides are greater and expose the beautiful, rich tide pools. It was certainly a relief to feel that our wonderful project was safe for at least a few more years. Our long-time beachfront site at Playa Elegante has been sold and a hotel is going up. A few of us met last year looking for a new place. Now we have it.

Our first Lunitarian Conference was in 1973, and we have met every year. This year was our 34th. Next year we celebrate our 35th. I thought this a good time to review and explain our history. Ours is a Nature-oriented religion. We feel that being close to Nature has a powerful, religious motivation. When I was District Executive in Southern California, I was called upon to find a place for our Summer Conferences to meet. I found, and we bought, the Boy Scout Camp Arataba, and re-named it de Benneville Pines Conference Center. That was 1961, forty-six years ago. It is a great place where our young people find a religious grounding in Nature. In 1978, our Phoenix Congregation voted to find a conference site closer than de Benneville, and we found and purchased what we call SAWUURA, the Sierra Ancha Wilderness Unitarian Universalist Religious Association, where we can spend time relating to Nature. Though our Phoenix church started both the Lunitarian Conference and SAWUURA, the other Unitarian Universalist Congregations in Arizona have, from the start, joined equally with us in planning and enjoying them. We are fortunate to have places in the mountains and a place at the beach where we can commune with Nature.

Rev. Ray Manker, Minister Emeritus
UU Congregation of Phoenix, AZ

International Conference of Unitarian Universalists

Oberwesel, Germany was the site of the sixth biennial conference of the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU). From November 1 to 6, 2007, delegates of UU organizations around the world, including representatives from numerous UU organizations within the U.S., met to discuss ways to foster the growth of UUism worldwide.

Six people from PSWD attended the conference including **Doris Dressler-Clark** and **Randi Hetrick**, UU Church of Fullerton.

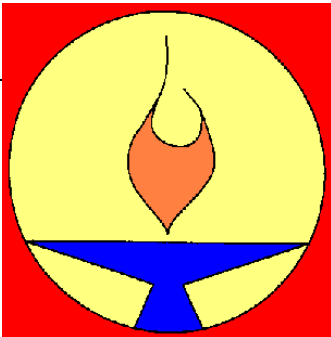
Randi Hetrick is a member of the volunteer board of Friends of the ICUU which was established to provide logistical and financial support for ICUU and to allow individuals to become involved. For more information, contact her at livelthood@msn.com.

Lorella Thomas Hess, Conejo Valley Fellowship of Thousand Oaks, was also present. She has been involved in ICUU since its inception and is editor of the ICUU newsletter, the Global Chalice. She welcomes inquiries from ministers, lay leaders, and other interested parties who would like to receive monthly chalice lightings, offered in multiple languages, or an electronic newsletter she generates three times a year. Contact her at www.icuu.net.

Jay Kay and **Linda Banez-Kay** of the UU Church, Long Beach, were also present, as well as **Janice Brunson** of the UU Congregation of Phoenix. Brunson is working with emerging UU congregations in Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Congo and Nigeria and leads tours to Kenya especially designed for UUs. She may be reached at janicebrunson@yahoo.com.

With a growing emphasis in the UUA and PSWD to engage people beyond our own congregations, the ICUU is setting precedents in its worldwide interactions with UU groups, both established and emerging, that have a shared interest in spreading Unitarian Universalism.

- Linda Banez-Kay



If you aren't acquainted with the work of the International Council of Unitarian Universalists, do check out their website, www.icuu.net. Twenty-three countries, including the USA, are included, and the work is impressive.



ICUU Executive Committee, 2007-2009. L to R: Jill McAllister, David Shaw, Brian Kiely, Jaume deMarcos, Gordon Oliver, Pearl Greene Marbaniang. (Pauline Rooney not shown)

An ICUU Chalice Lighting

The chalice is lit within our souls each time that we:

*pray for vision
long for healing
forgive our enemy
comfort our neighbor
and prepare for justice's day.*

*In its light, our hope and compassion are renewed
and the conventional ties that bind each to all
become clear.*

*Now, by its sacred flame, the path before us is
brightened. . .*

*Love prepares our way,
Harmony is in view,
there is no East or West,
no South or North.*

*Only a world to greet, and bless with more Light
still. Amen.*

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PSWD DISTRICT CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER 2007

- 16 Leadership Resources Council Meeting,
Neighborhood Church, Pasadena, CA
- 30-Dec 2 Coming of Age Retreat,
Camp de Benneville Pines, Angelus Oaks, CA
- 30-Dec 2 PSWD Middle School Winter Camp,
Camp de Benneville Pines

DECEMBER 2007

- 27-Jan 1 PSWD YRUU Sr. High Winter Camp,
Camp de Benneville Pines

JANUARY 2008

- 20 Installation of the Rev. Kathleen Green, Summit
UU Fellowship, Santee, CA
- 28-31 UUMA/LREDA retreat, Mary & Joseph Retreat
Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

FEBRUARY 2008

- 2 PSWD Worship Conference, Orange Coast UU
Church, Costa Mesa, CA
- 3 Installation of the Rev. Ann Schranz, Monte
Vista UU Congregation, Montclair, CA

- 5 Deadline for Spring Issue of the NetwUUrK
- 15-17 OWL Training, Levels Young Adult & Adult,
First UU Church of San Diego, CA
- 16-18 PSWD Elementary Winter Camp,
Camp de Benneville Pines

MARCH 2008

- Feb 29 –
- Mar 2 “Leadership Skills for the 21st Century” --
PSWD Leadership School, Mary & Joseph
Retreat Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- Feb 29- Involve Training: “Welcoming Children with
Mar 2 Special Needs,” Mary & Joseph Retreat
Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
- 15 Adult Faith Development Training,
UU Church of Long Beach, CA
- 16 Adult Faith Development Training,
Summit UU Fellowship, Santee, CA

APRIL 2008

- 25-27 PSWD District Assembly, Del Mar, CA

MAY 2008

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

JUNE 2008

- 25-29 UUA General Assembly, Ft. Lauderdale, FL