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### Sunday Program and Service Leader Schedule

#### April 4

9:15—Adult RE: UU Theology, “Religious Naturalism” by Sophia Lyon Fahs

10:40—Program: Norm Horofker presents, “Reflections of a Unitarian Chaplin”

Service Leader: John Nix

Opener: Janet & Norm Horofker

Closer: Nikki & Chris Rohrs

Greeters: Mark Berger & Mona Crawford

#### April 11

9:15—Adult RE: UU Theology, “Pragmatic Theory of Religious Beliefs” by James Luther Adams

10:40—Salman Elawad presents, “My Religious Journey”

Service Leader: Paul Lee

Opener: Nikki & Chris Rohrs

Closer: Katy Clyde

Greeters: Marge Hall & Ann Newland

#### April 18

9:15—Adult RE: UU Theology, “Universalist Theology for the Twenty-First Century” by Forrest Church

10:40—Marcus Weidler, Ph.D presents, “Idolatry Opened Out Anew”

Service Leader: Pat Hart

Opener: Katy Clyde

Closer: Van Ely

Greeters: Barry White & Bill Edwards

#### April 25

9:15—Adult RE: UU Theology, “Unitarian Universalism in a New Key” by William F. Schulz

10:40—Farhad Alifarhani presents, “The Hajj: My Experience”

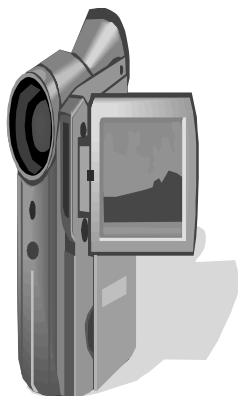
Service Leader: Barry White

Opener: Van Ely

Closer: Michelle Midgette

Greeters: Nancy Awtry & Mary Lynn Lobello-Hall

### Movie Night



Everyone is invited to Movie Night on April 30, 2010. Bring your favorite beverage and snack. The movie begins at 7 PM. The movie being shown is "The Motorcycle Diaries". It “is based on the journals of Che Guevara, leader of the Cuban Revolution. In his memoirs, Guevara recounts adventures he, and best friend Alberto Granado, had while crossing South America by motorcycle in the early 1950s. The Motorcycle Diaries is an adaptation of a journal written by Ernesto "Che" Guevara de la Serna when he was 23 years old. He and his friend, Alberto Granado are typical college students who, seeking fun and adventure before graduation, decide to travel across Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Venezuela in order to do their medical residency at a leper colony. Beginning as a buddy/road movie in which Ernesto and Alberto are looking for chicks, fun and adventure before they must grow up and have a more serious life. As is said in the film itself, it's about "two lives running parallel for a while." The two best friends start off with the same goals and aspirations, but by the time the film is over, it's clear what each man's destiny has become.” (from the Internet Movie Database)

## President's Notes on Board Meeting by John Nix

1. Review of minutes—Board generally agreed that it is not required to provide details in minutes about what was said; what we really need is a record of decisions made by the Board. Of course, it is also necessary to record significant details of any committee reports; if the report has been reduced to writing, it will be sufficient to attach a copy of the report and incorporate it by reference in the minutes. Minutes from last meeting will be revised and resubmitted to Board members for approval.
2. Treasurer's Report—We had income of \$2,839 during February and expenses of \$1,363.23 in our Operations Account. Balance in our several accounts at the end of February were as follows: Generous Fellowship: \$1,768.64; Operating Account: \$9,061.81; Reserve Account: \$12,848.18; and Building Fund: \$9,849.59. The Treasurer will transfer about \$5,000 from the Operating Account to the Reserve Account because the Reserve Account is a money market account and will allow us to collect interest on the money which is not needed immediately for operating expenses. The Board will ask the Finance Committee to consider the issue of when excess funds in the Reserve Account ought to be transferred to the Building Fund.
3. Timer should be set so that lights for the sign and window come on at 7:30 PM and go off at 12:00 AM until further notice.
4. Electrical work has mostly been completed. Electrician still has to install motion light on rear of building. Final bill is expected to be \$880.
5. Extra hours for Brenda—Board approved that beginning next pay period our part-time administrator Brenda Stevens will be given one extra hour per week for four weeks in view of special projects recently assigned.
6. Participation of children in service—Board discussed how this was going. Consensus was that we need at least two children to call them forward for story. Children's portion of service ought to take place prior to "Joys and Concerns".
7. Role of Service leader—Consensus of Board was that service leaders ought to avoid excessive casualness and should conduct themselves with proper sense of decorum.
8. Yard maintenance—Board determined that the rate for paying our member Shaun Woods to look after the yard should be \$7.25 per hour. It is anticipated that he will come once every two weeks to work in the yard. Duties shall include cutting the grass, edging the walk and driveway, raking, and trimming any bushes as required. Grass ought not be cut so short as to look "skinned". We need a member to volunteer to spread weed killer on lawn. Nikki Rohrs has a spreader which she could make available. Board agreed to schedule a Spring Break Cleanup on Saturday, April 10. Paul Lee will coordinate efforts.
9. Tools—We have purchased basic tools to have on hand to do yard maintenance. In addition, Board has authorized Paul Lee to purchase an edger for the Fellowship. John Studstill has donated to the Fellowship a used lawnmower to keep on hand for mowing the lawn.
10. Yard Sale is still scheduled of April 24, with alternate "rain date" of May 1. Some members have begun bringing in items, but Board requests that, if practicable, items not be brought to our building until the week before the scheduled sale. If it is absolutely necessary to bring in items earlier, they will be stored in one of the back "bed rooms" under lock and key. Profits from the yard sale will be dedicated to purchase additional chairs.
10. Chairs—Brenda is still working on this project. Board has authorized spending \$1,000 for chairs. Board recommends that we purchase one chair from the supplier to make certain we are getting what we want. Board agrees that we ought to try to purchase several chairs without arms (but otherwise similar design) to try to accommodate some larger members of our Fellowship.
12. Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 4 for children while regular service is in progress. Jennifer Austin and Van Ely have volunteered to help with this.
13. List of Committees—The Board reviewed the list of committees set out on our web site. There was general agreement that "Service Leaders" should fall under the "Programs" Chair Person, although Paul Lee is willing to continue to coordinate the scheduling of service leaders. Some members thought that the "Building Committee" and "Long Range Planning" should be combined; we will seek Norm Horofker's input on whether these committees ought to be combined since he is the chairman of both listed committees.
14. Board approved spending up to \$350 to support the attendance of a member at the "Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience", scheduled for August 8-13, 2010, at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center near Highlands, NC. (The member who attends will need to spend about \$350 from his/her own funds to attend; total cost of course is \$695). Name of nominee needs to be submitted by May 15.

An official copy of the minutes can be obtained by requesting a copy from our Administrator, Brenda Stevens.

## **"Life is a beautiful ballet of cause and effect interspersed with brilliant moments of chaos".**

By Kayla Spradlin

My father has said this to me many times in my life: "Life is a beautiful ballet of cause and effect interspersed with brilliant moments of chaos." I have always loved how beautifully it states one of the truest laws of life I have ever known: there are moments in life where the cause to an effect is clear, and then there are times where tragedy strikes and leaves me in a shattered world. It becomes impossible to see through the broken glass that used to be my window to the world. And the cause, however important

to the sanity of this new world I was forced into, is nowhere to be found.

I always knew this to be true. There is, however, a level of understanding that can only be achieved through experience. On March 13, 2009 I realized what chaos really is. It has a different meaning for every life. For mine, it's being so upset that I can't eat; so hurt every time I look at the saddened face of a relative who I've never seen in any kind of pain; so devastated that I have to throw myself into a fantasy world that can only be found in books because it's too difficult to throw myself into work.

My chaos came when my grandfather died. He was the first person close to me to die. I didn't know how to handle it. I wanted to help everyone around me, as far as I could see it was my only way out. I wanted to help them with anything they would let me do. I wished I could make them all feel better. The only problem with this is I had no idea what everyone needed. I had no idea that in order to help others, I needed to realize and accept that I needed help too.

Not long ago, I found myself beginning to drown in sorrow. My life—work, school, chorus, and growing up—began to pile up in front of me and I could not move forward because I began, once again, to mourn all that he will never see. He will never see me through the mile-stone of getting a job; he will never see another concert of mine; he will never know me past 16-years-old, and he hardly knew that. Then one night, I was reminded of my father's advice. It helped me to remember that this tragic event is what will make my ballet beautiful. What is life without love; love without loss? Love and loss are two of life's things whose full understanding can only be achieved through experience. How can I ever know how much I love another; how far I am willing to go for another, if I never have to live without the person? The same is true for life. How can I appreciate life without mortality?

No matter how much I know in my mind that he had to go, I will never understand it in my heart. I will always hate that I didn't have the option to say goodbye. I will always feel some amount of sadness during the holiday season, as this was the last time I saw him alive. If others cry at my graduation, it will be because I'm growing up; if I cry, it will be because he isn't there. As difficult as dealing with death can be, it's this dance of events and emotions that makes life so beautiful, no matter how chaotic.

## Birthday Celebrations



John Studstill	4 March
Alia Spradlin	6 March
Harry Clyde, Jr.	6 March
Lois Atkins	16 March
Norm Horofker	25 March
Carolyn Searcy	30 March
Jamie Williams	9 April
Nancy Awtry	16 April
Barry White	18 April

**The Fellowship wishes  
You all  
Happy Birthday and hopes  
That you have a  
Fun-filled  
Celebration!**

## Joys and Concerns

One person's trash is another's treasure. Now is the time to do some spring cleaning in preparation for a Fellowship yard sale. The sale is to take place on Saturday, 24 April, 2010. We are requesting, that if at all possible, members bring in their items the week prior to the sale. The reason for this is the limited storage space in the Fellowship Hall. We are also in need of people to help organize the sale items and determine the price for each item. Volunteers are also needed the day of the sale to help with tasks typically associated with a yard sale. As we get closer to the date of the sale a sign up sheet will be circulated so members can designate how they would be able to help in this endeavor. The proceeds of the sale are to go toward the purchase of some additional chairs. You can contact Paul Lee if you have any questions.

It is a joy to report that Bhawna and Sanjay Lal have welcomed a new arrival to their family. Shrey Lal was born on March 16, 2010. The baby weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 oz. Best wishes to Bhawna and Sanjay.