



### **GREETERS AND HOSTS**

If you are volunteering to host please serve light refreshment.

If you arrive early and wish to greet - kindly invite guests to sign the welcome book.

All members are invited to serve by greeting and hosting. If you wish to volunteer, contact the editor or sign the sheet in the foyer.

### **Calendar**

Mon: SIA  
Tuesday: UU on TV, 1pm  
(*New Time for "UU View"*)  
Tues. & Weds: Holistic  
Health Center

7/8 Board Meeting  
7/12 Summer Bash  
7/19 Book Signing  
7/20 Vision Gathering

**Submit articles** for the next newsletter by the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month to [carrl@hotmail.com](mailto:carrl@hotmail.com)

**THANK YOU** for turning off cell phones during Service.

# **The Bay Watch**

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## **July 2008**

### **Statement of Mission**

We, the Unitarian Universalist Society of South Suffolk, are a church fellowship that creates a safe home for all people in their spiritual search. We offer services of worship, religious education, and community outreach in an atmosphere that promotes serenity, compassion, mutual support and fun. We celebrate the inner spiritual spark that connects us all.

**Worship begins at 10:30 A.M.**  
**Religious Education will resume in September**

### **SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

#### **Sunday, July 6:** Laura DeSario - **Taking Our Spiritual Searching in a New Direction: SSSHHH!!!!**

Zen Buddhists practice quiet meditation. Benedictine monks live communally without speaking. Traditional Quaker worship is based on liturgical silence. Unitarian Universalists would prefer talking about silence for an hour or so. So, let's talk!!

#### **Sunday, July 13:** Laura DeSario - **SSSHHH!!!! Following A Spiritual Path (literally)**

With music meditation, and our own labyrinth, we will explore non-verbal ways to a deepening of spiritual connections. Afterwards, we will meet in a prayer circle to discuss, verbally, the non-verbal experience.

#### **Sunday, July 20:** Karen Schulte and Seema Singh, (Vision Gathering to follow at Karyn's house)

#### **Sunday, July 27:** Joe O'Beirne

**Sunday, August 3:** Our Congregation is invited to Bellport UU for services. Quiet meditation is offered at our sanctuary.

**Sunday, August 10:** Jim Giarraputo

**Sunday, August 17:** Elaine Lockwood

**Sunday, August 24:** Mary Ellen Hollis

**Sunday, August 31:** Annual UUSSS  
Labor Day Service and BBQ

### **Summer Worship at UUSSS**

This summer, we will continue to meet in fellowship in the Sufi spirit. Jelaluddin Rumi, the thirteenth-century Sufi poet, wrote: "No more words. In the name of this place we drink in with our breathing, stay quiet like a flower. So the nightbirds will start singing."

Meetings will be casual, in an atmosphere that promotes serenity, compassion, mutual support and fun. As in the past the summer services will be completely lay led by volunteers from our congregation. The overall theme is quiet contemplation and Satsang (mindful conversation geared towards mutual understanding). Meditation is a wonderful tool for quiet contemplation, but certainly not required. Spontaneity is encouraged, so Sunday Service leaders are free to create a service as their spirit leads them. It is always an adventure with UUSSS!

If you are one of our gracious, generous volunteers, please remember to light the chalice to begin the service and extinguish the flame to end the service. A CD player and microphone are available with the sound system. Please let Doug or Tamar know ahead of time so they can connect them if you need them. Chairs will be set up in a circle for each service with a table for the chalice and other items in the middle. If you need any other set up, please let Doug know in advance.

With happy gratitude for our volunteers,

Karyn O'Beirne, Worship Committee Chair

## **Upcoming UUSSS Events!!**

### **UUSSSS Summer Bash**

Saturday July 12, 3PM - ?

Food, music, sing-a-longs and great conversation. Join Jim and Ellie Giarraputo at their home on the bay for a rocking good time! Donations to benefit the UUSSS Building Fund.

### **Book Signing Fundraiser**

Saturday July 19, 7PM  
Sanctuary

*Findings from the Hunting Party's Scout* by Karyn O'Beirne, UUSSS Worship Leader. Join us for food, music and readings with Jim Giarraputo as Master of Ceremonies. \$20 per person for a book, meal and music, \$30 per couple. Proceeds will benefit the UUSSS Building Fund. Please bring a summer dish or beverage for the pot luck dinner. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.

### **UUSSS Vision Gathering**

Sunday, July 20th, 12:00PM

It has been awhile since we have gathered and exchanged ideas about our religious home. What do we want to accomplish within and beyond our religious community. How do we see ourselves growing personally and as group bonded by a common purpose? What makes us unique and why should other people be inspired to join us?

Come explore and answer these questions at a UUSSS vision gathering immediately following the July 20th service. The meeting will be held at Karyn O'Beirne house. A \$10 registration fee is required to hold your space.

Fees will be used to cover the cost of lunch, beverage and materials for the afternoon gathering. Bring your bathing suit for a cool dip in the pool following the visioning. Send a check made out to UUSSS for \$10 to:

Karyn O'Beirne  
38 Union Place  
Islip, NY 11751

## **The Eclectic Cafe**

**The Eclectic Café will return in September, see you then!**

**SIA meeting** (Survivors of Incest Anonymous)

Mondays 7:30-9 PM. We will meet in the front living room area unless there's another activity.

Contact: Christopher at 631-786-5153 or [christopher\\_631@hotmail.com](mailto:christopher_631@hotmail.com)

### **Picnic by the Great South Bay**

Where: UUFB (51 Browns Lane, Bellport)  
When: Friday, July 4th, noon-4 PM

Bring your picnic basket and blanket! We're reviving the tradition of hosting a July 4th gathering of Long Island UUs. RSVPs appreciated, though not required, to Jennifer at [jrg123@optonline.net](mailto:jrg123@optonline.net) by July 1 (so we have a rough idea of how many to expect).

The annual "Artists on the Lane" Fourth of July Outdoor Art Show and Sale will also be taking place on Bellport Lane, 11 AM - 6 PM.

Hope you can join us!

### **UU Mid-Atlantic Conference**

This year's conference will take place July 20 – 26, 2008 at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa. For more information go to [www.uumac.org/](http://www.uumac.org/)

### **Bagel Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday August 10, after Service  
The Richters

Bagels, cheese, cold cuts and coffee will be provided. Side dishes, desserts and beverages are appreciated. \$5 suggested donation to benefit the UUSSS. See Susanne, Alison or Carl or email [bucketoslugs@hotmail.com](mailto:bucketoslugs@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **UUSSS Notes**

This has been an extraordinary year of transition and growth for our congregation. We the facilitators of action, empowerment and social change have strengthened our bonds to one another and our vision for the future. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> we recognized with appreciation:

Karyn O'Beirne and Laura DeSario for their dedication to worship services.

Our caretakers Doug and Tamar Beecher.

New members Laura Albert, Abner Bush, Irene Gomez, Mary Ellen Hollis and Kathy Rial.

The R.E. kids: Adriana Gomez, Miranda Gomez, Emily Napear, Lori Napear, Samantha Parmely, Sitara Perez, Jason Schoenfeld, Mathew Schoenfeld, Kathy Voska, Sally Voska.

And for recognition of service: Erve Beiser, Nancy and Ann Beyrer, Julie Caldwell, Barbara Donovan, Millie Eckhoff, Arthur Edwin, Jim Giarraputo, Elaine Lockwood, Stu

Napear, Ann Parmely, Seema Singh-Perez, Eddie Perez, Susanne Richter, Alison Richter, Carl Richter, Bev Schneider, Milt Schneider, Karen Schulte, Gerry Smith, Brian Whittaker, Pennie Wood, Bill Van Zweinen.

- Ellen Giarraputo

### **Caretakers' Corner**

**Doug and Tamar Beecher**

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**[eagletechie@eye-catcher.com](mailto:eagletechie@eye-catcher.com)**

**Office Hours: M-4:30p-6:30p and  
W-4:30p-6:30p**

Games Night was held on June 19th and it seemed to be well received by those in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the dinner provided by the Richter and Beecher Families. Scrabble, Cranium, Yahtzee were a few of the games enjoyed. Keep your eyes open for future game night dates coming this fall.

Congratulations to the new board, while there are some new and old faces; Tamar and I are looking forward to working with everyone to make another successful year.

Since the Caretaker's Breakfast has been such a success, Tamar and I have decided to host a BBQ this summer. Look for more information in the Sanctuary. We are looking at dates in early August. I hope that everyone will attend.

Thank you to Jim and everyone else who helped make June 29th's Service happen while Tamar and I were away. We enjoyed our camping trip and look forward to seeing everyone at next week's services.

Anyone wishing to help figure out the next fundraising effort please Contact Doug so we can set-up a meeting.

**Connect with Lay Leaders**

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