



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

Tuesday: UU on TV, 1pm
(*New Time for "UU View"*)

Tues. & Weds: Holistic
Health Center

3/10 Board Meeting
3/14 Eclectic Café
3/20 Games Night
3/28 Film

Submit articles for the next newsletter by the 20th of this month to carrl@hotmail.com

THANK YOU for turning off cell phones during Service.

The Bay Watch

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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.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP

March 1 - Laura De Sario - So You Call Yourself a Universalist.

In the Universalist Church of America, many were afraid that a merger with the Unitarians would mean a loss of identity. Now, after almost 50 years, it seems that they may have been right. Do we understand and appreciate our Universalist background? Let's celebrate the spirit of kindness and everlasting love that they gave us with a look at our history.

March 8 - Rev. Paul Ratzlaff - The Comfort of Like-Mindedness; the Challenge of Diversity.

Please welcome guest Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. Paul Ratzlaff as he calls us to deep community in which we welcome differences rather than avoiding differences as a way of protecting our sense of solidarity. Rev. Ratzlaff serves the UU congregation in Huntington as well as being on the UU Long Island Learning Institute (LILI) board.

March 15 - Nancy Arnold - Spiritual Dabbling or Depth?

One of the great advantages of being a UU is that we can choose spiritual practices that are meaningful to us. It's easy for us to try a little of this, and a little of that, and not experience the growth that can happen with a commitment to depth. Is there a benefit from the kind of openness we have to so many different spiritual experiences? How can we build on this as a strength that leads to growth?

**March 22 - Rev. Ian White Maher -
"Good Morning, Non-Believers"**

Please welcome our Guest Unitarian Universalist Minister who serves our neighbors in Queens, NY. Catch a breath of Spring and have a different worship experience with a new guest minister.

March 29: Karyn O'Beirne - "Why does it feel so good to be bad?"

Fat Tuesday and the gentler Holi Hindu festival allow revelers to play naughty while preparing to pay homage to the idea of good conquering evil and resurrection over death. Celebrate and contemplate our complex and conflicting beliefs about life, goodness and human nature.

Please remember to be generous this month to your unseen Guests at your Table. Karyn O'Beirne will be collecting the money (energy) you have collected for four weeks on March 22nd and March 29th. All money collected will go directly to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and then forwarded on to our partners in faith, courage and hope around the world. Remember for every \$100 we donate, \$100 will be matched by UU Shelter Rock, so round up to the nearest \$100 if you can, your good intent and cash will go a very long way!

EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD!!

March 15 is scheduled to kick off an effort to reduce our carbon footprint by carpooling, biking or walking to Sunday service. Check with other members in your neighborhood and try to coordinate a drive together or best yet take a bicycle or have a nice walk. We'll have lists of members available at the next two services so you can see who lives close by and also phone numbers to give them a call. And we'll keep track

of the motor free miles to make a comparison of miles/gas saved. Who knows, this might become a regular thing. And it definitely shows respect for the interdependent web of life.

Film Night

Please join CODEPINK LI in marking Women's History Month with a viewing of *Afghan Women: A History of Struggle*, on Saturday March 28 at 7:30 PM.

Kathleen Foster's latest film is a feature-length documentary that captures the resilience and courage of a group of remarkable women who risk their lives daily to stand up for their rights. Afterwards she will be speaking about her film and answering questions.

CODEPINK is a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement working to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, stop new wars, and redirect our resources into healthcare, education, green jobs and other life-affirming activities. For more info visit: <http://www.codepinkaction.org>

Future Fundraisers

We are planning a white elephant/yard sale in April. Put aside any items you would like to donate and stay tuned for more information.

Also – our next Service Auction is being planned for October 17th. Past offerings have included dinners, pet sitting, jewelry, handyman work, baked goods, etc. Think about what you might be able to contribute. See Doug Beecher or Elaine Lockwood for more information.

Next Children's Acting Workshop

There will be another workshop for children Grades 3 through 5 on Saturday mornings 10-11:15 AM. from March 7 to April 4. The classes will be once again presented in the UUSSS sanctuary and taught by Laura Albert, a New York State Certified Teacher. The cost is \$45 per child for the five week workshop. Deadline for registration is March 2, 2009.

The workshop will include theater games, creative movement, character work, improvisation and vocal training. At the end of the five week session, the children will present a short theatre piece to family and friends.

Please call Laura at (631)747-1976 or email albert42@optonline.net for more information.

Thanks to Laura and Miles Whittaker for their work with the last workshop. It was a rewarding experience for the children.

Social Justice Notes

Topics discussed at the last meeting:

Having an energy audit done for the building with improvements to follow.

A car pooling, walking, bike riding campaign once a month as described above.

Donation of \$200 to LIGALY for repairs, and as an expression of support for their mission.

Amnesty International writing campaign in April.

Heifer International fund-raising program by RE kids involving reading for pledges to end on April 30th when they will pick which animals they will donate with the

proceeds.

Car wash on June 7 (rain date June 14), free for those who carpool.

After service on Sunday May 3rd we'll have a discussion on White Privilege (a follow up to previous conversations).

The next Social Justice meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th after service and a very short coffee break.

The Eclectic Cafe

Saturday March 14

Johnny Cuomo

and

Julia Joseph



Showtime is 8:30 PM, open mike at 7:30. Admission is \$10 for non-members (\$5 for High School students with ID), and \$8 for members. Membership is \$12 a year. Family memberships are also available. Ask at the ticket table for details. Refreshments are available. We would also appreciate a donation of canned or dry food for local charity. For more information see:

<http://www.eclecticcafe.org/>

Free-thinkers AA Group

The Free-thinkers Alcoholics Anonymous group will meet Thursdays at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. For more information contact x54bassman@optonline.net or fscad@optonline.net.

Caretakers' Corner

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W-4:30-6:30PM

Caretakers Breakfast:

Come and enjoy breakfast with the caretakers and other members of our congregation before services. Reservations are still being accepted for the following dates. There is limited space so please contact Doug if you are interested.

We will be serving breakfast at 9:30 on:
March 8 - Swedish Pancakes
March 22 - Waffles
April 19 - French Toast

Service Auction:

Work has started on the Service Auction tentatively schedule for October 17th 2009. Elaine and Doug are looking for people to fill out their promissory notes and return them to Doug as soon as possible. Once we have the promissory notes back they will be made into a preview booklet that will be available before the event. If you have questions about this event or need more promissory notes please contact Doug.

Games Night:

The next Games Night will be on March 20th at 7:30 PM. Bring a snack or a drink to share with friends. All are welcome!

Passover Seder

Planning has started for a Passover Seder at UUSSS on April 5th. Tamar, Karen and Doug are working on the service. Dinner will be potluck again. We will be setting places for dinner, this means that if you are attending please make a reservation so that the head count is accurate. Please look in the foyer for a flyer about this and other upcoming events.

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