



MARCH 2010 GREEN BAY AREA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Linda Peacock-Landrum

As March begins, our 2010 Canvass Giving Voice to Your Vision comes to an end. However it is just the beginning for understanding how our voices will impact the future of our Fellowship. The time has arrived to come together again as members and friends to listen to our collective voices. A special meeting will be held immediately following services on Sunday, March 14th. Tentative results from our canvass will be shared along with what we have learned and understood from the on-line questionnaire and the in-person survey. We started 2010 with a Dialogue that generated energy, enthusiasm and ideas. But it did not end there. Energy and excitement continue each and every Sunday during services and coffee hour. I hope you have felt it just as I have. Special things are happening. Special people are coming together, sharing, contributing and growing. Our "special" fellowship will find its niche in Green Bay. I am certain of it.

Part of finding our niche is deciding if we will designate our Fellowship as a Welcoming Congregation and whether we will continue our affiliation with JOSHUA. These two important issues will be voted on during this March meeting. Active voting members recently received information about how to designate a proxy in their absence. If you have a question about this process, please feel free to discuss it with a member of our Board.

In coming together, it is also a time to celebrate the gifts we bring to our Fellowship as individuals with unique talents, skills and perspectives. For over a year now we have recognized internally those around us that are UnsUng Heroes. We will continue this internal recognition, but the time has now come to recognize efforts of individuals to the greater community beyond the walls of our Fellowship. This month we join UU Congregations across the Central Midwest District in recognizing members as Female Agents of Change

who are innovative and inspired leaders. We have chosen someone who has demonstrated out of the box thinking and action; someone who has inspired others to volunteer and lead; someone who has spearheaded numerous projects, found solutions to problems, championed causes and has helped start new programs. Our Female Agent of Change is Vicki Fresen. Please take time to thank Vicki for all she has done to help make our Fellowship what it is today.

In closing my comments for this issue of the newsletter, I wanted to note that I may not be able to attend and help guide this month's membership meeting. My possible absence is due to an important family trip to Georgia. However I have full confidence in my fellow board members to engage you in conversation and discussion, something I will truly miss. In my absence I will be designating a proxy as I want my voice to be counted on the important votes I noted earlier that will occur. Join us later this month or designate a proxy..... either way continue to share your voice as it relates to our vision for our future.



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FROM THE TREASURER...

By this time, you should have received your 2009 contribution donation statements. Ask your tax professional how your contribution can be deducted from your taxes. If you have any questions or comments about your statement or other Fellowship financial related questions please contact one of the Co-Treasurers. You can simply send an email to treasurer@greenbayuu.org or talk to either of us when you see us.

Growth continues to be strong. Thank you, from the entire Fellowship, for keeping up with your much needed contributions. As you are aware funding is absolutely essential to fund our speakers, maintain our wonderful facility, "keep the lights on" and well, you get the idea.

Equally important to our Fellowship's health and well being is to volunteer your time. Volunteering your time is not only necessary for the continuation and existence of our Fellowship, but it feels good to say you made it happen. View the volunteer opportunities at the back of the Fellowship, ask any one of our many volunteers, committees, or talk to the board about how you can volunteer at the Fellowship. You can also email any one of the contacts on our website contacts page or simply email info@greenbayuu.org. You'll be glad you did. Although you may be one person, everyone helping makes it all happen.

-- Your co-treasurers, Doug Gjerde and Al Huebscher



BRAT BARN FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars now, to help the fellowship meet its financial goals. We have again been lucky enough to have two days in a row for this year's Brat Barn. Friday August 13th and Saturday August 14th are our dates to host the Brat Barn at the East Side Festival Foods Store! Last year in the two days we made quite a chunk of change. If you doubt that, ask Jake Landrum to show you his picture!

Anyway, please plan, as you can to help out on one or both of those days. It is a lot of fun and great for us financially and we get our name out to possible 'converts' that come by and might want to learn more about us and what we stand for!

-- Your Brat Barn Chair, Rick Adams

STAYING UPDATED WITH THE WEBSITE AND WEBCALENDAR

Have you checked out our website www.greenbayuu.org lately? It has been completely redone to provide you with updated information.

Did you know that if you click on the calendar tab, you can see a weekly, monthly, or agenda (list) view of the events UU members are involved in? If you click on a calendar item (e.g. Sunday Service or Book Club) you will see details about the topic and speaker, or the book we are discussing, as well as the location and time. Check it out at <http://www.greenbayuu.org/calendar/calendar.htm>.

You can always get more detailed information by accessing the current and past copies of our newsletter on the website. If you need items added or updated in the calendar, please let me know!

-- Geeta Bhojwani (406-9135)
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UNSUNG HEROES FOR MARCH 2009

• Mary Wallschlaeger for sharing her royal carriage with special passenger Bette McAnulty on Sunday mornings.

UnsUng Hero Nominating

Nominations are being accepted for April.

1. Complete an UnsUng Hero Nomination Card.
2. Place in the Nomination Box.
3. The GBAUUF Board will review nominations monthly.
4. One or more of our members will be recognized for his/her efforts.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

In March, there will be a congregational vote on two Social Justice Initiatives: remaining a member of JOSHUA and moving forward with an affirmation to become a UUA Welcoming Congregation. Information on both JOSHUA and the Welcoming Congregation process can be found on the Social Justice table in the sanctuary and posted on the Social Justice bulletin board in the coffee room. If you have any questions regarding JOSHUA or the Welcoming Congregation process please feel free to contact Michael Paprocki or Laurie Falk.

The Guest at Your Table 2009-2010 Campaign was wrapped up on February 14th. Donations may still be dropped off in the basket in the sanctuary. Please fill out the donation information on the box. Thank you for supporting the UUSC and projects all around the world.

The March meeting of the Social Justice Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 9th at 5:30pm. We will be discussing the Welcoming Congregation process –addressing necessary action steps and the upcoming vote. Our JOSHUA representative, Michael will be giving an update on JOSHUA happenings. Everyone is welcome to attend our committee meetings. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for Social Justice action items.

-- Laurie Falk (llfalk@yahoo.com)



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER MEAL

The next NEW Community Shelter meal will be Monday, March 29th. We'll need cooks at 1:00pm and servers at 4:45 pm. Also needed are treat/dessert bakers. Please sign up on the green table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Julie Lennon at 983-7828 or rjlennon@new.rr.com.

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Don't forget about our splendid social experience called "Coffee Hour!" Everyone is welcome. Don't forget about our need for coffee hosts either. Sign up at the "Green Table" in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks in advance. Need information? Contact Michael at 435-6720 or msspbs@itol.com

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

CLEANING CREW

Thank you to the Cleaning Crews who keep the building bright and sparkling clean.

- Belated thanks to January's Crew: Mike, Jean and Escher Wentz, Mary Wallschlaeger, and Jane Shatswell.

- Thanks to February's Crew: Julie Riebe, Vicki Fresen, and Steve and Margaret Krings.

Everyone is welcome to become part of the clean team. Involvement means going to the Fellowship at a time that is convenient to you and your team and cleaning it in the manner as if company was coming to your own home. Sign up on the back table in the Sanctuary or tell Jane Shatswell you can't wait to be part of a team!

SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION

Are you ready to let go of this seemingly endless winter? Had enough of walking on frozen sky? Are you ready for a little more warmth and light in your life? If you're more than ready to welcome spring this year, why not come and celebrate the Spring Equinox on Sunday, March 21, at 6:30PM? Carolyn Hawk and Steve Krings would like to invite you to do just that as they gather at 340 Graass Street in Green Bay.

Attendees will gather outside around a fire for about an hour and then move indoors. We'll be starting at 6:30 sharp so we can take advantage of the remaining daylight. If you want to come just for the inside part, please arrive at 7:30. Participants are encouraged to bring a drum or other rhythm instruments, poem, reading, song or CD to help celebrate the long awaited arrival of Spring, and to reconnect to the Earth and to our ancestors. Refreshments will be served so please bring something if you're so inclined. Call Steve at 432-5756 or Carolyn at 469-0673 if you have any questions.

TABLE CLOTHS

(To be sung to the tune of "Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone")

Where oh where have the table cloths gone?

Where oh where can they be?

Did someone take them home to be washed and cleaned?

Did they forget to bring them back?

Some are cream and some are green (or blue)

Some are round and some are square

So if you know where table cloths are

Please make sure they find their way home (to UU)



- **Travel and stay in homes of people who share your ideals**
- **Host travelers in your home to meet new friends and earn extra money**

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) offers a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and are happy to open their home to like-minded people. Travel to different cities and stay in reasonably priced accommodations or become a host and enjoy meeting new friends.

For more information, visit
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BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY

Unitarian Universalists support a responsible search for truth. Explore what it is you believe in by Building your Own Theology through discussion, reading and journaling. Share this deeply personal journey with others who are also seekers.

This is a classic core UU adult RE class. If you are looking for an RE experience to get your feet wet, this is it! There is no fee. This class is being facilitated by Steve Krings and Matt Johnson. We will be meeting for 4 sessions, from 7-9pm on March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

UU BOOK GROUP

The March Selection is “Galway Bay” by Mary Pat Kelly. We will meet on Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30pm at Panera Bread (2627 S. Oneida Street, Green Bay). Please RSVP to Amy Masias at 429-1290.

The April selection is “The Namesake” by Jhumpa Lahiri. We will meet on April 15 at Chris Ferron’s home. Please RSVP to Chris Ferron at 434-6297.

THE LAST LECTURE

This offering will view and discuss the video by the same title and discuss what is valuable in life and how to live it to the fullest. Carnegie Mellon Professor, Randy Pausch, who had a terminal illness, gave his last lecture at the university, Sept. 18, 2007. In his moving talk, “Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams,” Randy spoke about his lessons learned and gave advice on how to achieve your own personal goals.

View together "The Last Lecture" followed by time for reflection and discussion. Offered Sunday evening, Feb. 28, 6:30 - 8:30pm. The class is being facilitated by Vicki Fresen. There is no fee.

UU MEN’S GROUP

The March meetings of the UU Men’s Group will be on the Thursday nights of the 11th and the 25th. The meetings last from 7-8:30pm at the fellowship. Please contact Doug Gjerde at 490-9484 or Steve Krings at 432-5756 if you have any questions. New men are always welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY DISCUSSION

Join us Friday, March 5th, for a discussion of the history of “The Religious Left,” an article in the Winter 2009 edition of *UUWORLD*. On pages 27 through 32, it mentions people as diverse as Jesus, Leo Tolstoy, and Barack Obama. The group meets from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Fellowship. Ponder where we came from as liberals. A snack or small dish to pass is appreciated but optional. For more information, contact Michael at 435-6720 or msppbs@itol.com.



SERVICE TOPIC PREVIEW



March 7 – “With the Light of Science as Our Beacon” by Scott Prinster. Among our religious forebears we can count a number of scientists and, moreover, the views and values of science have informed Unitarian Universalist thought for ages. Why is it that scientific thought has found such a cordial welcome in Unitarian Universalism, and what compromises have we made to enjoy this harmony of science and spirituality?

March 14 -- “Responding to the Crisis of Catastrophic Climate Change” by Eric Hansen. Humans, both as individuals and societies, have confronted towering crises before. What lessons and hope can we draw from those experiences? How do humans perceive that a crisis is at hand – and an immediate change in course is wise? Author/activist Eric Hansen is an award-winning conservation essayist, lifelong Unitarian, and frequent pulpit guest.

March 21 -- “Healing” by Michelle Smith. When we think of being sick, we think of “getting better” which means to most of us, no longer feeling sick. We often take over the counter medicines and prescription drugs to feel better. But are there better more holistic alternatives? Join us for a discussion of healing from the Native American perspective.

March 28 -- “Will Science Still Have a Place among Unitarian Universalists?” by Rev. Scott Gerard Prinster. Looking forward, what is the future of scientific thought within Unitarian Universalism? Tensions have developed in our movement around the place of science as a privileged form of knowledge, and our congregations are no longer as strongly shaped by the humanisms so prominent decades ago. What will be asked of us in the future, and how may science help us respond?

April 4 -- Denise Jacobs, Margaret Krings, Geeta Bhojwani, Bruce Rose, Rick Adams, and Mike Wentz will share their experiences and learning as youth mentors in the 2009 Coming of Age program.

April 11-- “The Power of Words” by Lisa Vihos. Words are abstract constructs, black squiggles on a page, but they can pack a lot of punch. They can comfort, and they can hurt. Words are one thing on paper, and another thing when spoken. Words tell us the stories of our lives, they tell us who we are. Words can tell us about God; not definitively, but by pointing us toward God. Poet and teacher Lisa Vihos will share her personal journey with poetry and how words have the power to transform us.

SOUP SUNDAY MARCH 21

Soup Sunday is the third Sunday of every month and is a time when we all can come together and share great food and conversation after the service. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of the sanctuary for those attending to volunteer to bring soups, stews, breads, rolls and desserts. Come join us on Soup Sunday!

CALENDAR

- Feb 28 8:30am** **New Member Breakfast**
- 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "Who Hugs the Hugger?" by Sister Caroline Sullivan**
- 6:30-8:30 "The Last Lecture" at the fellowship (details on page 5)
- Mar 2 7-9pm "Building Your Own Theology" class at the fellowship (details on page 5)
- Mar 4 7-9pm Voluntary Simplicity- Adult Enrichment Class, at the fellowship
- Mar 5 6-8pm First Friday Discussion Group at the fellowship(details on page 5)
- Mar 7 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "With the Light of Science as Our Beacon" by Scott Prinster**
- Mar 9 5:30pm Social Justice Meeting at the fellowship
- 7:00pm Board Meeting at the fellowship-All are welcome to attend.
- 7-9pm "Building Your Own Theology" class at the fellowship (details on page 5)
- Mar 11 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship
- Mar 14 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "Responding to the Crisis of Catastrophic Climate Change" by Eric Hansen.**
- Special Membership Meeting following the service
- Mar 16 7-9pm "Building Your Own Theology" class at the fellowship (details on page 5)
- Mar 17 6:30pm UU Book Group at Panera Bread
- Mar 18 5:30pm Membership Committee Meeting at the fellowship
- Mar 20 11:59pm Newsletter deadline for the April newsletter
- Mar 21 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "Healing" by Michelle Smith**
- 11:00am Soup Sunday, at the fellowship after the service
- 6:30pm Spring Equinox Celebration at Steve Krings' home (see page 4 for details)
- Mar 23 7-9pm "Building Your Own Theology" class at the fellowship (details on page 5)
- Mar 25 7-8:30pm UU Men's Group at the fellowship
- Mar 28 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "Will Science Still Have a Place among Unitarian Universalists?" by Rev. Scott Gerard Prinster**
- Mar 29 NEW Community Shelter Meal-cooks at 1pm, servers at 4:45pm
- Apr 4 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "Reflections on 2009 Coming of Age Program" by the adult mentors**
- Apr 11 10:00am** **Service Topic -- "The Power of Words" by Lisa Vihos**
- Apr 15 6:30pm UU Book Group at Chris Ferron's home

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APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The April deadline will be Saturday, Mar. 20.

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian
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affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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