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HAPPY FALL – HAPPY HALLOWEEN . . . WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER . . .

We have an exciting month planned! We have five Sundays in November! Our services are held at the Sedona Elks Lodge, 110 Airport Road, Sedona, usually on the first, second and third Sundays of the month, although there are several exceptions, so keep a close eye on the schedule, or check our website! Once a month we meet at Café Jose at 9:30 a.m. in the Safeway Plaza (West Sedona) for good food and casual conversation. All are welcome for any of our gatherings! If you need help getting to services or breakfast gatherings, please call Liz Danbury at 282-5061 and she will try to arrange for someone to pick you up and bring you safely home.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 2nd* - Service with Michael Stevenson, Dean
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
at Northern Arizona University
Speaking on "*Diversity*"; Music with Nelson Faerber

**Food Bank contributions (food, checks and cash) are collected
by Jean Capalbo on the first Sunday of every month.*

November 9th - Service with the League of Women Voters and Charles Hinkley
Speaking on "*Immigration*"; Music with Nelson Faerber

November 16th - Service with Dan Spencer
Pastor of Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott
Continuing with his series on "*Virtues*"
Music with Patricia LaLiberte

November 23rd - Breakfast Gathering - 9:30 a.m. at Café Jose in the Safeway
Plaza in West Sedona. Come for good and reasonably
priced food, good conversation and laughter in a casual
atmosphere.

November 30th - Service with Dan Spencer
Pastor of Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott
Continuing with his series on "*Virtues*"
Music with Patricia LaLiberte

THE CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR APPEARS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

This feature of our newsletter will contain highlights from every Board Meeting to keep you abreast of what was discussed and voted upon.

The October 17, 2008, meeting of the SUUF Board was called to order at 2:15 p.m. at President Liz Danbury's home, with all seven members present. Minutes of the September 11 meeting were read and approved, as was the Treasurer's Report through October 15, in which Clay Moore, Treasurer, accounted for SUUF income from pledges, expenses, and funds, and showed that we are on track with our budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The contribution basket will be kept next to the sign-in sheet for visitors. Visitors who attend regularly over more than three meetings will be offered permanent name tags. Liz will make the nametags.

OLD BUSINESS: Cornelia Hartley announced that Rae Steinke will host the SUUF Ladies' Lunch Bunch at Red Rock Cafe in VOC on Thursday, November 6. New Business: Ed Jaskulski wondered whether men were welcome to attend the Lunch Bunch. After some discussion, it was agreed that SUUF men are free to form their own group, such as Clay's Augusta, GA, group of ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for breakfast or lunch meetings, or to form co-ed groups, if they wish.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed investigated speakers at NAU, and Amelia contracted for Michael Stevenson, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, to speak to us at an upcoming service. It was noted that most SUUF Members who speak waive the honorarium, excepting those who miss work on Sunday to do so.

- It was agreed to raise Patricia LaLiberte's pay to the going rate for local musicians, beginning in November. Dan Spencer's payment also will be raised as budgeted for 2009, depending on the results of the annual pledge drive, to be conducted by mail in mid-December. George Bein and Joyce Cepek will serve with Clay on the Annual Pledge Committee.

- Surviving families of deceased SUUF members and friends will be offered one or two other venues, other than the Sedona Elks Lodge, with the rates charged for such places as Greer's Mortuary and (weather permitting) an outdoor venue.

- Eleanor Cohen, V.P., volunteered to represent SUUF at monthly Northern AZ Interfaith Council meetings, when she is not substitute teaching. (NAIC meetings are usually at night.) She also volunteered to attend the PSWD District Assembly May 1-3, 2009, in addition to Liz and John Danbury. SUUF will cover their tuition, which includes meals, and possibly (depending on the 2009 budget) reimburse them for transportation and lodging. Chris suggested that a new board member might attend, as well.

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next SUUF Board meeting will be at 2 p.m. November 14, at Chris Bein's home. *All members are invited to attend; please call to let us know if you're coming.*

Respectfully submitted,
Mariana Warner, Secretary

MEMBER & FRIENDS NEWS AND NOTES

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR RAY BRULAND

We celebrated the life of Ray Bruland on Sunday, October 12. For those who missed the service, the family put together a nice memorial statement, which stated:

Raymond V. Bruland, 91, of Sedona, Arizona passed away on October 4th, 2008 at Verde Valley Medical Center in Cottonwood after a brief illness.

Ray was born in Blaine, Washington on February 19, 1917. His interest in radio engineering led him to a career in aero-communication spanning 45 years. He lived in Peru, Spain, Switzerland and England, in addition to different parts of the US. He retired from



Litton Industries, Los Angeles, in 1984 and moved to Sedona where he made many lasting friendships that were of great importance to him. To his many friends he was appreciated as a raconteur, world traveler, linguist and a man of exceptional technical and practical ability. He donated his time generously to assist friends and neighbors with home handyman and electronic tasks.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Mary, and his daughter, Melinda. He is survived by his sons Richard Bruland, of Los Angeles, and Steven Bruland of Adelaide, South Australia; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and his loving companion of the last several years, Phyllis Asmussen.

MEMBER & FRIENDS NEWS AND NOTES

*This poem is reprinted here from
the program for the Celebration of Life
for Ray Bruland*

REQUEST FROM THE HEART

Weep not for me though I am gone
Into the gentle night.
Grieve if you will, but not for long
For I have won the fight.
I sleep in peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years.
There is no pain, I suffer not,
And all the fears are gone,
Put all these things out of your thoughts,
For in your memories I'll live on.
Remember not my fight for breath.
Remember not the strife.
Please do not dwell upon my death,
Just be there to celebrate my life.
Author unknown

In Memoriam

This month marks the anniversaries of the deaths of three of our beloved members: Joe Capalbo, Fred Snyder and Barbara Moore.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Next Newsletter Deadline: November 21st
Please make this newsletter a vibrant communications tool for all of us by submitting emails or hard copy of your articles, artwork, poetry or any suggestions or comments to Liz Danbury ldanbury@esedona.net.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH: Cornelia Hartley hosted the first Lunch Bunch in October at Shugrue's Restaurant. There were 7 attendees. The November Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Rae Steinke on November 6 at 11:45 a.m. at the Red Rock Cafe (next to Webers in VOC). Please R.S.V.P. to Rae if you would like to attend at rr2bus@npgcable.com or 284-0513. If you would like to hostess a Lunch Bunch, please let Cornelia know. You get to pick the date, time and restaurant that peaks your fancy!!

CALLING ALL HELPERS!!!

The Board seeks volunteers to chair and assist with the Membership and Social Activity Committees. Keep in mind that two or three of you can get together to chair one of these committees.

The goals of these committees are as follows, although creative license is always encouraged:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Greets visitors after services (I can't be four places at once!). Follows up with visitors with a phone call and answers any questions they may have. Plans ways to encourage growth of the Fellowship. Facilitates use of several copies of videotape created

by the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston entitled, "Voices", to educate potential members about what UUism is.

- **SOCIAL ACTIVITY:** Want the Fellowship to be more social? Plan an activity! Many of you expressed enthusiasm about social activities in which you would like to see the Fellowship participate. A chair(s) is needed to coordinate these ideas, or an individual could take charge of planning one activity. Fun suggestions include resuming the friendly feasts, movie nights, potlucks, a book group, group trips to cultural events, small group ministry and covenant groups. Whatever you would enjoy, others would be grateful for your planning!

NEED SOME NEW ITEMS FOR THE SUUF SCREENS. . .

The screens you see behind the pulpit are your place to express yourself. Please bring in your art, poetry, writings, photos or anything that is meaningful to you, or may express your core values.

2008-2009 SERVICE SCHEDULE

**NOTE: SERVICE SCHEDULE WILL BE UPDATED AS SPEAKERS FOR OPEN DATES ARE CONFIRMED.
PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR REFERENCE. THANK YOU!**

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NOVEMBER

- 11/2 Dean Michael Stevenson, Dean at
Northern Arizona University: *"Diversity"*
Nelson Faerber
- 11/9 League of Women Voters & Charles Hinkley
"Immigration" / Nelson Faerber
- 11/16 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 11/23 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE
- 11/30 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte

DECEMBER

- 12/7 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE
- 12/14 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 12/21 Liz & John Danbury / Patty Swanson
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING
- 12/28 NO SERVICE
HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

2009

JANUARY

- 1/4 Wilfred H. Stone, Professor Emeritus
Stanford University / Patty Swanson
"The Part and the Whole"
- 1/11 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 1/18 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 1/25 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Beth Kingsley Hawkins / Patty Swanson
*"Monet's Garden-Bringing the Beauty of
the Soul to Life"*
- 2/8 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 2/15 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 2/22 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE

MARCH

- 3/1 Sandy Hawze / Patty Swanson
"Spirituality in the Quaker Education System"
- 3/8 Speaker TBD / Patty Swanson
- 3/15 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 3/22 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE
- 3/29 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte

APRIL

- 4/5 Speaker TBD / Patty Swanson
- 4/12 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 4/19 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 4/26 BREAKFAST CAFÉ JOSE

MAY

- 5/3 Speaker TBD / Patty Swanson
- 5/10 Speaker TBD / Patty Swanson
- 5/17 Dan Spencer / Patricia La Liberte
- 5/24 ANNUAL MEETING
END OF YEAR POTLUCK--
*15th Year Anniversary Celebration hosted by
Liz Danbury and Judy Cooper*