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## WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER HAPPY FALL!!



We have an exciting month planned for all of us and we hope you can join us as your participation is always welcome! Our services are held at 1 p.m. at the Sedona Elks Lodge, 110 Airport Road in West Sedona, usually on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays of the month. Some months deviate from this schedule, so be sure to check our website for current information regarding our activities and service schedule.

Once a month, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, we meet at the Red Rock Café at 9:30 a.m. in the IGA Weber's Plaza (Village of Oak Creek) for good food and casual conversation.

All are heartily welcome for any of our activities! 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. *We look forward to being together.*

### OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**October 4** – Service and music with Margaret Anderson, Artist Speaking on ***“The Inspiration of Van Cliburn”***

*Coffee Hour Hosts: Mike Catterton and Helen Black*



**October 11** – Service with Dan Spencer, Pastor of Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott Continuing his series on ***“Science and Religion”***; Music with Patricia LaLiberte

*Coffee Hour Host: Van Cassatt*

**October 18** – Service with Dan Spencer, Pastor of Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott Continuing his series on ***“Science and Religion”***; Music with Patricia LaLiberte

*Coffee Hour Host: Marion Maby*

**NOTE:** A presentation by the attendees of the PSWD Conference will occur after coffee hour. This will be an informal discussion. Please plan to attend!

**October 25** -- Breakfast Gathering – 9:30 a.m. at the Red Rock Café in the Weber's IGA Plaza in the Village of Oak Creek. *Come for good and reasonably priced food and good conversation in a casual atmosphere.*

MEETING OF THE SUUF BOARD: 10:30 a.m. Red Rock Café.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, THE CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR APPEARS ON THE LAST PAGE

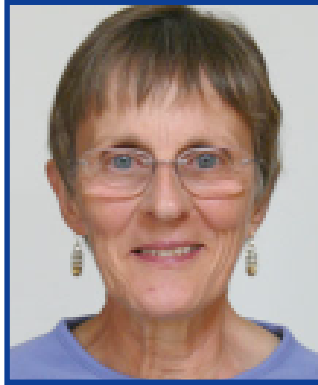
## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Barbara and her husband, Ron Krumm, moved to Cottonwood in 2003, one year after they retired. She is still learning about Arizona landscaping and how to grow things in the desert after years of Minnesota rain and black dirt. Much of her time is spent outdoors cooperating with the desert to add plants to enhance the desert landscape around their home. In addition to this interest, she is an avid reader, especially of philosophy, lifelong learning and development, and cultural studies.

She and Ron were married after college graduation in the little town in Iowa where she grew up on Main Street living above her parents' bakery and café. Having worked there as a child and through high school, she knew she did not want this to be her living and life. She graduated in a class of 19 and went on to college at Iowa State University and graduated from what was then Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa) with a degree in English and secondary education. A favorite professor at ISTC sparked her lifelong interest in philosophy and humanities.

Barbara and Ron are parents of one son and two daughters, all in their mid-forties. They live scattered across the country – Baltimore, Kansas City and St. Paul, MN. Their son is in his own business in exhibit design and fabrication, focusing on science and children's museums. One daughter is an artist who teaches at the Kansas City Art Institute. The youngest daughter is a registered nurse at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. All three grandchildren

### BARBARA WARREN



are boys, the youngest now in fourth grade in St. Paul. The oldest is a senior at Stanford and one is a senior in high school.

Along with raising a family and working at the University of Minnesota for over thirty years, she finished a master's degree in philosophy of education and a doctorate in education from the UofMN, focusing on adult learning and development along with philosophy of adult education. Her years of work at the UofMN included six years as a residence hall director during the 1970's – what a time to be there! She also worked for University

Personnel in staff and organization development and then twenty-plus years for the UofMN Extension Service in staff development and program development.

Growing up as a "rural Iowa Methodist" meant youth group activities and "Kumbaya" with new challenges to her thinking once in college. Her religious/spiritual life has continued to grow and develop to meet those challenges, now finding a comfortable home with the SUUF. She did experience some time with a UU church in St. Paul, MN, in the 1970's before becoming an active Episcopalian for 30 years. At times, when starting to visit SUUF, she thought about being a "Unipalian" or an "Episcotarian," but decided that UU was a better fit for her because of its emphasis on free inquiry, reason and the principles rather than a creed or theology.

Now a new member of the board, she is happy to be a part of the SUUF community.

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS NEWS AND NOTES

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*A big welcome to our newest members:*

**Dreama and Fletcher Aldredge**, of Cornville.

Their contact information is: 2600 Painted Sky Trail Cornville, AZ 86325; phone:(913) 837-0773; emails: dreama@vrefpub.com; fletcher@vrefpub.com

### Marion Maby and Patricia LaLiberte to Play on October 4!

Marion Maby and Patricia LaLiberte will be playing in a trio on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Cottonwood Seventh Day Adventist Church at the corner of Mingus and Willard in Cottonwood.

### SIMPLE SUPPER – OCTOBER 4!

**TIME?:** Gather at Barbara Warren and Ron Krumm's home after 4:00pm (after the concert) in Cottonwood.

**WHAT?:** Simple food and time for conversation

Please bring something to share: appetizer, finger food, fresh fruit or vegetables, deli selection, bread, dessert. We'll eat around 4:30-4:45 and you can stay as long as you wish. Hosts will provide beverages and main entre choices, including vegetarian. You do not need to prepare anything ahead – keep it simple. If it is not easy for you to bring something, please come and enjoy the food and good conversation anyway – there will be plenty of both.

**WHERE?:** 1155 East High Desert Lane, Cottonwood

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**HOW TO GET THERE?:** You need to get to Camino Real as the main street to our area. From the intersection of 89a and Hwy. 260 – go east on 260. Turn right on Fir, toward the mountains. At the corner of Mingus Union High School, turn left (away from downtown) onto Camino Real. Or, you can follow 260 to Rio Mesa, on the edge of Wal-Mart, and turn right onto Rio Mesa and left onto Camino Real at the stop sign at top of a hill.

Once onto Camino Real, follow it to Arrowhead – a white water tank on this corner. Turn right onto Arrowhead; follow to Arroyo Vista, a “T” intersection. Turn left onto Arroyo Vista. Follow it down and up a hill to a forced right onto Meadowlark. Follow Meadowlark about 3 short blocks to bottom of a short hill and turn left onto Get Up. It

turns immediately into Vista Ventana, up a steep “S” curve. Follow this hard-surfaced road a short way to the end where it turns left onto gravel (East High Desert Lane). There is a 2-story pink house at this turn. Follow the gravel past 2 empty lots on your right to the end cul-de-sac and angle right into our driveway. There are 2 pillars at our driveway – 1155. There is parking to the right of the driveway by the main entrance and more parking along the driveway and back by the garage.

If you have questions or you need more info, call us at 646-7364 or email [bwhighdesert@gmail.com](mailto:bwhighdesert@gmail.com). We look forward to hosting the fellowship.

**Barbara Warren and Ron Krumm**



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### WOMEN TOGETHER RETREAT

Friday-Sunday/October 23-25/Camp de Benneville Pines. UU Women Together Retreat. For more information, contact [eballerina@cox.net](mailto:eballerina@cox.net) or [sbsdnutrition.aol.com](http://sbsdnutrition.aol.com).

### HOW TO SUPPORT A STRONG CLIMATE AND ENERGY BILL

*Dear Friends of Justice,*

*We are very excited to introduce Rowan Van Ness, our Program Associate for Environmental Justice, a position created through a partnership between the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth and the UUA. And she's jumping into action, with climate change/clean energy legislation at stake in the Senate (see below). To learn more about Rowan, see her introductory blog post.*

*In faith and for justice, Rowan, Kat, Orelia, Audra, Susan, Rob, and Meg*

#### **Support A Strong Climate and Energy Bill**

Now is the time to stand behind a strong clean energy jobs bill that reduces our dependence on fossil fuels, creates jobs and job training in local communities, and provides a much-needed transition to a clean, green economy.

Inclusion of two key provisions from the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES) would provide employment and training opportunities in green construction

in communities who have traditionally been left behind and would allocate 0.75% of allowance value, about \$860 million, to the Green Jobs Act. Workers affected the worst by the recession and by environmental degradation would get the training and support they need for green-collar jobs.

The Senate is grappling with the most important environmental legislation in a generation right now. Please take this opportunity this week to tell your senators to support this important legislation.

For those of you who might not have seen it, Van Jones spoke for the first time since resigning from his White House position. As you might expect, he urged us to work to pass a strong climate change/clean energy bill with good, green jobs. Contact your senators.

### EMPLOYMENT NON DISCRIMINATION ACT

*Act Now to Pass the Employment Non Discrimination Act!*

Contact Congress today to tell your Representatives that you support the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 2009, which guarantees basic employment protections for bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender workers.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, the House Committee on Education and Labor held hearings on ENDA (H.R. 3017/S. 1584). Coming out as people of faith who support ENDA is crucial - it shows our elected officials that as Unitarian Universalists, we stand on the side of

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love for equality AND religious freedom. In over half of U.S. states, it is still legal to fire or refuse to hire or promote someone simply because of who they are or who they love. This is outrageous and unacceptable, especially during the current economic and employment crisis. ENDA's opponents say that it interferes with their religious freedom, but we know that this is not true. ENDA respects

the protections for religious institutions afforded by the First Amendment and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act while ensuring that bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people are protected from baseless discrimination in the workplace. Tell your members of Congress that protecting all workers equally is a matter of justice. Ask them to co-sponsor and support the Employment Non Discrimination Act of 2009.

## SUUF INFO

### SUUF SCREENS

Thank you to those who have been contributing to the white screens. The screens you see next to the snack table are your place to express yourself. Please bring in art, poetry, writings, photos or anything that is meaningful to you. Remember to take a photo with your yellow traveling UU hat for the screen! If you don't have a hat, please see Liz Danbury.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### DINNER AND DESSERT GROUPS:

We have 19 people signed up for groups for dinner or dessert, with several indicating they can host. Barbara Warren will use the signup list to place people into groups of 6-8 people based on their preference (dinner or dessert) and get the group names to everyone who signed the list. Group information will be sent by email early in the week of September 27. If you do not have email, we'll use regular mail and also call you. Hosts will be asked to contact their group members to schedule a time and place for the first event, with other hosts listed to schedule additional get-togethers. Groups will remain the same through December so they can be together more than one time. A new sign-up will be done in late December for the winter months. Call or email Barbara Warren: 928-646-7364 or bwhighdesert@gmail.com

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Ralph Blankenship and Liz Danbury seek members for the Community Outreach Committee. We will be assisting St. Andrews Episcopal Church with community suppers (free to those in need) on Monday nights. It will not be necessary to work every Monday. The Committee can decide how much time they can donate. Please contact Liz Danbury at 282-5061 or ldanbury@esedona.net if you are interested in participating.

As Unitarian Universalists, we believe in the ethical application of religion. Good works are the natural product of a good faith, the evidence of an inner grace that finds comple-

tion in social and community involvement. Doing work in the community not only gives a sense of satisfaction that we are making a difference in our community, but also helps to get our name out there! Please join us!

**WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCHES:** Women's lunch bunches are a lovely way for women in the Fellowship to connect for stimulating conversation and good food. If you would like to hostess a Lunch Bunch, please let Liz Danbury know at ldanbury@esedona.net. You get to pick the date, time and restaurant that peaks your fancy!!

#### **CALLING ALL HELPERS!!**

The Board seeks volunteers among our Members and Friends to chair and assist with the Community Outreach, Membership and Social Activities 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, (creative license is always encouraged):

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greets visitors after services. Follows up with visitors with a phone call and post card and answers any questions they may have. Plans ways to encourage growth of the Fellowship. Facilitates use of several copies of a videotape, "Voices", to educate potential members about what UUism is.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITY:** Want the Fellowship to be more social? Plan an activity! Many of you have expressed enthusiasm about 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 covenant groups, movie nights, potlucks, a book group and group trips to cultural events. Whatever you would enjoy, others would be grateful for your planning! Please contact Liz Danbury at 282-5061 or ldanbury@esedona.net to assist with any of these committees or to offer other ideas. *The growth of our Fellowship depends on us! Besides, working on a committee provides an opportunity to get to know your fellow UUs in a more casual setting – plus it's lots of fun! There's also a genuine sense of accomplishment that you have helped SUUF grow and prosper!*

Liz Danbury called the August Board Meeting to order at her home at 5:20 p.m. on August 20. Those present were Liz Danbury, President; Eleanor Cohen, Vice President; Clay Moore, Treasurer, Ed Jaskulski, Diane Nadeau, Barbara Warren, and Amelia Jaskulski (SUUF Member and welcome guest). The Board approved the Annual Meeting Minutes, as well as the August Treasurer's Report.

- Liz reported that we now have SUUF telephone listings in the DEX and the Community Directory.
- Officers were elected for the 2009-2010 year. Officers will remain the same as last year: Liz Danbury, President; Eleanor Cohen, Vice President; Clay Moore, Treasurer; Mariana Warner, Secretary.
- Eleanor Cohen made a couple of suggestions for time and venue for Board Meetings. She suggested either meeting after breakfast meetings or after Sunday services. The Board opted for meeting after breakfast meetings at 10:30 a.m.
- Diane Nadeau offered to hostess the breakfast meetings. She will make the reservation, arrive early to make sure everything is okay, and greet Members and guests

as they arrive.

- Ed Jaskulski suggested we ask Craig Hartley to repeat "A Child's Christmas in Wales" for the Christmas program this year.
- Barbara Warren offered to organize friendly feasts.
- Barbara Warren recommended a book for a possible book group that she really enjoyed and to which Dan Spencer has referred many times: "The Little Book of Atheist Spirituality" by Andre Compte-Sponville.
- Diane Nadeau is performing in a barbershop quartet that is looking for venues for performances. We will pursue having them perform for the Fellowship.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

*The next Board meeting will be Sunday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Red Rock Café.*

*Respectfully submitted, Liz Danbury, President*

The next Board Meeting will be October 25 at the Red Rock Café at 10:30 a.m. immediately following the breakfast meeting. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Liz Danbury at 282-5061.

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TO SPEAK THE TRUTH BUT NOT TO KNOW IT

Dr. George Rudebusch, Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at NAU, spoke on September 6 on "Socrates on the Guilt of Non-Philosophers". He began his homily by stating that he considered becoming a preacher but wanted to be able to pass judgment on people, therefore he became a philosopher. He believes Socrates had the same judgmental nature. When Socrates was on trial for his life at the age of 70, he defended his behavior by stating God commanded him. Socrates spent his life seeking, unsuccessfully, to find someone who knew how to produce human well-being. He insulted many people with his questions, which left them at a loss for answers and showed their ignorance. Eventually these insulted people brought Socrates to court for the capital offense of religious heresy. He defended himself at trial by claiming that he had a religious duty to philosophize, and that a non-philosophical life is not even worth living. Rudebusch contends that Socrates accuses fellow citizens of third degree guilt of negligence. Just as third degree homicide is to kill someone through reckless negligence,

humans are negligent if they are not seeking truth. A further analogy is that non-philosophers are like people shooting in the dark: although they might mean well, they are guilty of reckless negligence.

In an analogy to a horror film, Rudebusch describes a scenario in which the hero wakes up in the hospital bitten by a radioactive spider. Suddenly there is explosive gunfire and bodies fall down dead. At unpredictable times the hero tries to act and the gunfire begins again. His actions are causing carnage in a way he doesn't understand. Rudebusch poses the question "what action should he take"? In this version of the story the hero finds a wise guru at the top of a mountain who gives him the answer: the only way to avoid negligent guilt is to take action. Socrates stated our choices have unforeseen consequences and some ruin lives.

A similar analogy is demonstrated by the "independent film" version of the story. The hero goes to the same mountaintop but finds no guru. At the end of the movie he determines there is no guru or teacher. Socrates would tell him he must keep searching even if he can't find anything. He is not negligent because he did the best he could.

# SERVICE SCHEDULE 2009-2010

**All of our services are held at 1 p.m. at the Elks Club, 110 Airport Road in West Sedona. Breakfast Gatherings are held at 9:30 a.m. at the Red Rock Café, off of Rte. 179 and Verde Valley School Road, next to the IGA in the Village of Oak Creek.**

**We heartily welcome your presence at our services and gatherings!**

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

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<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p>11/1 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            11/8 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            11/15 Barbara Warren and Ron Krumm,  <i>"How Do I Know?"</i>            Music: Patty Swanson            11/22 BREAKFAST at RED ROCK CAFÉ            11/29 Marge Fallon, <i>"Myths and Story Telling"</i>            Music: Patty Swanson</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p>12/6 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            12/13 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            12/20 <b>Holiday Gathering</b>            Music: Patty Swanson            12/27 <b>NO SERVICE. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!</b></p> <p><b>JANUARY - 2010</b></p> <p>1/3 TBD / Music Patty Swanson            1/10 Mariana Hartsong, <i>"Sacred Sufi Celebrations"</i>            Music: Patty Swanson            1/17 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            1/24 BREAKFAST at RED ROCK CAFÉ            1/31 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte</p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>2/7 Beth Kingsley Hawkins: <i>"Valuing the Quest: A UU Core Value"</i> / Music: Patty Swanson            2/14 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            2/21 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            2/28 BREAKFAST at RED ROCK CAFÉ</p> <p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>3/7 Craig Hartley: <i>"The Magic of Thoreau"</i>            Music: Patty Swanson            3/14 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            3/21 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            3/28 BREAKFAST at RED ROCK CAFÉ</p> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>4/4 TBD / Music: Patty Swanson            4/11 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            4/18 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            4/25 BREAKFAST at RED ROCK CAFÉ</p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p>5/2 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            5/9 TBD / Music: Patty Swanson            5/16 Dan Spencer/ Music: Patricia LaLiberte            5/23 <b>ANNUAL MEETING AND END OF YEAR PARTY</b>            5/30 BEGIN WEEKLY BREAKFAST GATHERINGS FOR THE SUMMER AT RED ROCK CAFÉ</p>



**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 23**

Please make this newsletter a vibrant communications tool for all of us by submitting emails or hard copy of your articles, artwork, poetry, photos or any suggestions or comments to Liz Danbury at [ldanbury@esedona.net](mailto:ldanbury@esedona.net).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Submissions of prose, poetry, photographs and original art are enthusiastically encouraged and welcome for publication in our SUUF Newsletter.

Please send to Liz Danbury: [ldanbury@esedona.net](mailto:ldanbury@esedona.net)