

UU Galveston Gazette

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

APRIL 2012

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A Month Of Sundays

Our theme this month is transformation. As we continue to welcome Spring; we will explore ways in which we can transform ourselves to be our best. How has your Unitarian Universalist faith transformed you?

Terry Conrad

"Service, a Transformative Spiritual Practice"

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Experiencing our deep connection with others is the greatest benefit we receive when we engage in service; it is both the path and the fruit of spiritual practice. Terry Conrad teaches meditation here in Galveston and across the country. He has developed a curriculum in meditation and ethics for the Texas prison system that is a model for prison systems across the country. Terry owns Island Brain Works and is President of the Board of Artist Boat.

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Music: Bunny Andrews

Greeter: Wendy Baker

BMOD: Billie Rinaldi

Gerry Carr

"Flower Communion"

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On this Easter Sunday, we welcome spring and look with hope to the future. Please bring a flower to share in this annual ritual which celebrates the transforming connections of our community. The flower communion was developed by Unitarian minister, Dr. Norbert Capek (1870-1942) who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. Gerry is chair of the worship/program committee and past president of the board.

Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Music: Margaret Canavan

Greeter: Claudia Maveety

BMOD: Mike Hennen

Tom Parker

"Unitarian Universalism and the Working Class"

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In the Fall 2007 issue of the UU World, Doug Muder's article, "Not My Father's Religion" made the point that Unitarian Universalism has a class problem. Most UUs are white, educated, professionals. You don't find many waitresses, truck drivers or construction workers in our ranks. Today, 4 years later, little has changed. Do we surrender the working class to conservative religion? Should we attempt to broaden our appeal to include more of the working class? Join us April 15th when Tom Parker from Northwest Community Unitarian Church uses this article as a point of departure for his thoughts and feelings on these questions.

Tom Parker has been a member of Northwest Community Uni-



tarian Universalist Church since 1996 and over the years has served on the worship committee, membership and building committees as well as one year as Board secretary. He has spoken before the congregation on several occasions and gave a talk at Thoreau Fellowship in January. He is an actor, a part-time speech instructor, and when he's not acting or teaching he works for the transportation dept. at Cy-Fair ISD.

Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Music: Tony DiNuzzo

Greeter: Judy Glaister

BMOD: Cheryl Henry

Jim Turner

"The Ten Commandments of Yoga"

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Jim will share with us his thoughts on the parallels between the eight limbs of yoga and the ten Commandments. Jim has called Galveston home for over three decades. In 1999 he started practicing yoga with Island Yoga owner Debra Conrad and Kathleen DiNatale, now owner of The Yoga Haven. "I remember being drawn to the beauty of the practice and the feeling of ease that developed within me," Jim says. Looking to deepen his practice, in 2004 Jim began to train with founders of the Living Yoga Program in Austin, TX, Raja yogi Charles MacInerney and Qigong Master Ellen Smith, earning a 200-hour teacher certification in Eclectic Hatha in 2005.

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Get Connected with UUFGC



Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities

Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group meets Sunday & Wednesday at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9am (except potluck days) to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Fellowship. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have book suggestions.

Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm, at the fellowship. All adult hardback books are \$ 1.00, paperbacks \$ 0.50. Children's hardback books are \$ 0.50 and paperbacks are \$ 0.25.

Bowlers will meet at 5 pm each Wednesday to create "Empty Bowls" for the annual Jesse Tree fundraiser. Please check availability before showing up.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for info: (lauramurrell@att.net).

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

"Spirituality of Poker" Group meets the third Sunday of each month in a member's home to play "dealer's choice."

Location is in the monthly calendar and is announced in weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin. Game Night is not currently held for lack of a host (let us know if you'd like to host!).

Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Supper Circles meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.

Meditation: Zen Island Fellowship meets every Monday at 5:30pm, Contact Cara Geary (gcarag@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>.

Have an open group meeting you'd like to list here? Let us know and we'll add it.

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Retiring in 2007, Jim turned his attention to teaching yoga full time, continuing his yoga education at the Kripalu Center for Healing Arts in Stockbridge MA. In 2012, he received a 500 hour teaching certification in Kripalu-style yoga. He is also certified to teach the Liz Franklin "Yoga-N-Chairs" technique. Jim is a registered Yoga Alliance teacher and a member of the Kripalu Yoga Teachers Association (KYTA).

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Music: Bunny Andrews

Greeter: Bev Frannea

BMOD: Holly Fortenberry

The Rev. Tony Lorenzen is a missional Universalist Christian. He currently lives and works in Fort Worth as the Director of the South Central Alliance of Churches. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the UU Christian Fellowship. He has served UU congregations in Massachusetts and Texas.

Facilitator: Gerry Carr

Music: Margaret Canavan

Greeter: Curtis Jones

BMOD: Bets Anderson

Music Is In The Air

Spring Music Festival set for April 14

The 2012 UU Spring Music Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, from 3-9pm at the Unitarian Fellowship of Houston, 1504 Wirt Road 77055. Come prepared to

enjoy music, belly dancers, food, arts and crafts, drumming and much more! More information is available in the foyer.

Rev. Tony Lorenzen

"Heart-Breaking"



Rev. Tony Lorenzen will bring a message of grace steeped in the Universalist tradition, helping individuals and the Fellowship clarify issues at the core of who we are as a missional people.

Provocative Film Series

Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.

502 Church Street, Galveston

Made In Dagenham

In 1968, the Ford auto factory in Dagenham was one of the largest single private employers in the United Kingdom. In addition to the thousands of male employees, there are also 187 underpaid women machinists who primarily assemble the car seat upholstery in poor working conditions. Dissatisfied, the women, represented by the shop steward and Rita O'Grady, work with union rep Albert Passingham for a better deal. However, Rita learns that there is a larger issue in this dispute considering that women are paid an appalling fraction of the men's wages for the same work across the board on the sole basis of their sex. Refusing to tolerate this inequality any longer, O'Grady leads a strike by her fellow machinists for equal pay for equal work. What follows would test the patience of all involved in a grinding labour and political struggle that ultimately would advance the cause of women's rights around the world.

Bring a friend and a snack to share.



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Occupy Galveston to host movie, protest April 21

Occupy Galveston is showing a movie in Galveston on Saturday April 21, from noon to 2pm, in the McCollough Room at the Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy, off of Broadway and 24th.

The movie will be *The Corporation*, which has been called witty, stylish and sweepingly informative. The Corporation explores the nature and spectacular rise of the dominant institution of our time. Part film and part movement, *The Corporation* is transforming audiences and dazzling critics with its insightful and compelling analysis. Taking its status as a legal

"person" to the logical conclusion, the film puts the corporation on the psychiatrist's couch to ask "What kind of person is it?"

The Corporation includes interviews with 40 corporate insiders and critics - including Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein, Milton Friedman, Howard Zinn, Vandana Shiva and Michael Moore - plus true confessions, case studies and strategies for change.

After the movie, there will be a short protest on Broadway and 23rd Street. Bring your signs and noisemakers.



UU News & Events



Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 9 am to 2 pm. Books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.50 for paperbacks. Children's books are \$0.50 for hardbacks, and \$0.25 for paperbacks.

Book Club: Will Meet April 11 at 7 pm in the living room at the fellowship to discuss *The Calligrapher's Daughter* by Eugina Kim.

Bowlers: Have resumed working on bowls for the 2012 Jesse Tree fundraiser and will meet each week at 5 pm at the fellowship. Please check for availability before showing up.

Supper Circle: **THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2012 SUPPER CIRCLES** is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the month that you would like to host a Supper Circle at your house. Recently the Supper Circles have been filling up. The Supper Circle

for April is already filled. We are now posting an additional sheet for a second Supper Circle. Please sign if you are interested in either attending or hosting a second Supper Circle. If this works, we will continue this practice. Let Judy know if you have ideas for a non-traditional supper circle. You can contact Judy at judyglaiser@yahoo.com

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet Sunday, April 15 at Tony DiNuzzo's house. There is a \$20 buy-in, and is Dealer's Choice. Everyone is invited to participate

Ingatherings are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Henry, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a member.

Condolences

Our thoughts and our prayers go out to Susan Baker, her husband John Hunger, and their children for the loss of her mother Jean Baker. Jean was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Galveston County, and a friend to many. Her memory and her spirit will be remembered forever. Rest In Peace: Jean Margaret Attwood Baker, October 22, 1921 to March 21, 2012.

Our condolences also go out to Don Higbee and his wife



Corinne, on the passing of Don's sister Anne on March 19, 2012

Register Now For The SWUUC Spring Conference In Houston

The Southwestern Unitarian Universalist Spring Conference and Annual Meeting will be held at Emerson UU Church in Houston, April 27-29. The keynote speaker for the event is Juana Bordas, who is internationally known for her work promoting cross-cultural leadership, during a time when cross-cultural tension are inflamed.

Ms. Bordas will give a prepared talk (which is open to the public) and then conduct an interactive workshop for conference registrants. As the SWUUC prepares for the General Assembly in Phoenix, the information and counsel she will provide will be invaluable.

The Annual Meeting will complete the weekend, along with two great parties, three interest groups, and the initial gathering of the Texas UU Legislative Ministry.

Register online at <http://swuuc.org/>. Early registration is \$100 but after March 31, it goes up to \$120.



Veteran broadcaster Dan Rather will be the featured speaker at Galveston's annual Arbor Day celebration, Friday, April 27, 2012.

Mr. Rather, longtime anchor of the CBS Evening News and a frequent contributor to 60 Minutes, currently hosts the weekly Dan Rather Reports on HDNet, a program specializing in investigative journalism and international reporting. Rather became nationally known in 1961 for his broadcasts from Galveston on Hurricane Carla, one of the most

powerful storms ever to strike the United States.

This year's Arbor Day will celebrate the community's efforts to replant the trees destroyed by Hurricane Ike's salt water storm surge in 2008, says Jackie Cole, President of the Galveston Island Tree Conservancy, a non-profit established to replant the Island.

In honor of his visit, Mayor Joe Jaworski will issue a proclamation naming April 27, 2012 as Dan Rather Day in Galveston.

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