



# The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

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## Church Service Programs in February

**7** - Because of a last minute cancellation, information about this date will be announced on Sunday, January 31.

**14** - Service topic to be announced later.

**21** - Reserved for Rev. Ralph Young, Bob Young's brother, who hopefully will be in Florida by then. We always enjoy his messages of interesting thoughts.

**28** - "Evil Incarnate". In keeping with a humanist faith we are confronted with the reality of evil. Our Consulting Minister, Roger Seidner, is endeavoring to address this concern. Those of us who lived through the evil of the holocaust and war in the 20th century are faced with the continuing reality of evil in this 21st century. We will try to explore a difficult topic.

As a part of this service the congregation will officially welcome our new members who joined since February 2009

Our monthly pot-luck lunch follows this service. All are welcome.

The **UU Congregation of Lake County** meets Sundays at the American Legion Hall, 101 S. Bay Street, Eustis, FL.

Adult Forum, with Bob Young is at 9:45 a.m.

Church Service begins at 11 a.m.

**Note:** Rev. Seidner is available to respond to calls for pastoral care in crisis situations. If you or someone you know has a need, feel free to call him at 407-905-5767.

## February Adult Forum Programs

We continue viewing two video lecture series. The first, a 24-lecture series, is titled "The Will to Power", a study of the brilliant German psychologist and philosopher, Fredrick Nietzsche. The second, a series of 12 lectures is titled "Consciousness and Its Implications". The lectures are each a half hour in length. The second half hour is devoted to a discussion of the salient points found in the lecture or of related points raised by Discussion Group participants.

Our schedule for January follows:

- 7** – Nietzsche: On Reason, Instinct, and Passion,
- 14** – Peace, presented by John Heuer,
- 21** – Consciousness: Physicalism Refined,
- 28** – Open forum.

Join us Sundays at 9:45.

...**Bob Young**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER...

Speaking for myself and the newly elected officers and trustees, we would like to express our appreciation for the honor and confidence you have placed in us. Our motto is "Effective Communication is the Key to the Success of any Endeavor". We want to build on your desires, suggestions, concerns for growth of our congregation. Your input is very important to us.

Next month and the months following we will be presenting our board and our chairpersons and functions of committees. Perhaps there is a committee you would like to serve on or have suggestions concerning a new committee. Remember our Motto.

...**Barbara Coats**

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### January Birthdays:

Eileen Johns, February 16  
Parks Landis, February 20  
Bill Chadwick, February 25  
Neil Wasserman, February 27

Stanley Patton, Carol Ann Patton's husband,  
died January 3, 2010.

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee."

...John Donne

## Woman's Club Building Status

Being the contact person with the city concerning the Woman's Club building, I am in constant contact with Mr. Paul Berg, City Manager. Here is the latest information from Mr. Berg.

Work has begun! A survey of the building by the city architect found the roof trusses had dropped 5" causing the ceiling to crack. The entire ceiling has been removed and will be replaced. There were no signs of roof leaks, except where it had been repaired over the stairs. The walls will be replaced, possibly with sheet rock. New electrical wiring will be installed throughout the building. A new heating/air unit will replace the ancient system.

The possibility of adding onto the building in the rear for new restrooms and storage is being studied. This takes time for all work must be kept in line with the Historical Architectural format. In any case, the restrooms will be made handicap accessible. If an addition is added it will eliminate some portion of the parking lot. The city owns the NW corner of McDonald and this area could be made into a parking lot.

Once all these repairs have been made, the carpet (which will have taken a beating) will be removed. The condition of the wood flooring will be checked to see if it can be refinished. If not, new flooring will be laid. Money is allocated for all repairs and the work will be done by subcontractors and in-house city personnel.

Once the building itself is completed then the interior appointments will be purchased. There will be new comfortable soft seating, round tables for the main room and the conference tables will remain in the side room. With the new wiring the kitchen will be able to have a micro wave and other improved features fitting in with the historical criteria. The building will be bright, comfortable and free of odors. It will only be used by the City for Culture events and city affairs, by the Woman's Club for meetings and events, and by the UU Congregation.

In the new five-year contract signed 08/10/09 by the UU Congregation and the City of Eustis, our old contract with the Woman's Club was honored. The City waived their rate of \$120 per Sunday for the six hours we have the building. For the years 2009 and 2010, we will continue to pay \$65 per Sunday.

For 2011 and 2012, our rent will increase to \$75 per Sunday, and for 2013, it will be \$85. The contract is binding at these rates but there is no penalty should we elect to cancel it, providing only that we give proper notice.

The Woman's Club has a long history and so the city has an interest in restoring the building. In 1901 the club was formed by a group of Eustis ladies. In 1905 they purchased a lot on the north shore of Lake Eustis for \$1,890. In 1925 that land was traded for the property on Center Street. In 1930 construction was begun and it was completed in 1931 at the cost of \$9,452.44. The mortgage was burned in 1935. The building was accepted into the National Historical Register in 1991. The Woman's Club and their building have seen a great deal of history during the past 109 years. Their contributions to the City of Eustis and to its physical and cultural activities is far too numerous to mention.

The Woman's Club is pleased to forge an alliance with the City to use the building to the fullest advantage for both the Club and for the many cultural activities the City of Eustis has planned.

...**Barbara P. Coats**

### **UUCLC Book Group**

The Book Group will meet at 3 PM, Saturday, February 20, at the Littlefield's home. They are at 2617 E Moonlight Lane, Eustis. We will begin to discuss the book, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

### **UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS**

*Joan Lund*

There is always information to be written about governing as a board using the Carver Policy Governance method. Although both the Florida District Board and the UUA Board of Trustees (BOT) studied and were trained in Carver PG, the UUA BOT has adapted much of what is appropriate in policy governance as we govern on your behalf. The BOT has begun to tackle more deeply the issues on whose behalf we govern and to whom we are accountable.

For the readers of this column it may be good to

understand certain aspects of policy governance which are affecting the deliberations, decisions, and operation of the BOT. It is necessary to clarify who the "owners", also known as one of our Sources, are in our governance structure. Owners are all those UUs who are the people on whose behalf the BOT determines the Ends: the benefits being produced, for whom at what cost. Owners in our Association are the congregations. An owner is sometimes perceived as a "customer" when requesting services from the District and/or UUA Staff. The use of the term "stakeholders", who are not "owners", refers to those who have an interest in our Association and includes employees and other UU organizations. The time frame and expected results for owners are long-term, involves the big picture and future returns. For customers expectations are much more short term. The connections our UUA has with our owners and customers are very different.

The BOT will govern with an emphasis on outward vision, an encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, strategic leadership, a clear distinction between the roles of the BOT and President, collective decisions, the future, pro-activity, and an open, transparent process. Our primary focus will be linkage with our congregations in a process of engaging the relational, cooperative power of covenant. The work of the BOT in connecting with congregations will not be "telling" or "reporting" but rather "listening" to perspectives regarding needs and what benefits our UUA should produce, be accountable, and let you know what is being achieved.

The BOT will be concerned with congregational values and who in the congregation speaks for these values. This will help determine the values of future generations of UUs. The BOT may involve itself in the history and theology of UUism to be sure the values inherent in our UU traditions and heritage are understood. We will be involved with much questioning and researching.

Hopefully in March I will be able to write about the method of selection that will identify a random sample from a variety of representative groups, perhaps determined by congregation size and location. Our linkage focus will be "right relationship" between the BOT and its member congregations in their role as Sources. Stay tuned...and let me hear from you: [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727.