



UU Update

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Santa Rosa

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Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

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September 2

**DOING TIME IN MISSISSIPPI—
A JEWISH FREEDOM RIDERS' ADVENTURE**

Service Leader: Rabbi Philip M. Posner

Worship Associate: Susan Panttaja

Why choose to risk your life for a just cause? Rabbi Posner will tell us what moved him to join the Freedom Riders as a 21-year old student in 1961. Through recollections, photographs, and song, he will describe his experiences helping to integrate transportation facilities and serving 39 days in a Mississippi penitentiary.

A congregational rabbi for nearly forty years, Rabbi Posner has been active in Social Action and Interfaith activities his entire adult life. He was ordained in 1968 and holds a Doctorate in Hebrew Letters in ethics from The Hebrew Union College - JIR. He is the author of Food for Thought, Character, and Soul—Recipes and Blessings Included. He lives near Guadalajara in Mexico.

September 9

**INTERGENERATIONAL INGATHERING
THE OCEAN REFUSES NO RIVER**

One service at 10:00 am.

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris, Susan Bartholome

Our annual ritual of "reopening for business." (Not that we ever closed!) Please bring a small object that reflects you and/or our community at this point in time. It will be a part of this year's Ingathering Artifact, and ultimately be a part of a time capsule. Today, our children will worship with us as songs and chants of the spirit and the sea call us home!

Back to two services! 9:15 and 11:00

September 16

OUR MISSION: CELEBRATING LIFE

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris, Andrew Hidas

Many people first come to a religious community because they are seeking answers and comfort, and most of us find comfort here in hard times. It is part of our purpose as a congregation to demonstrate our faith that life is the greatest gift of all, even in times of great suffering, and even when Death pays his inevitable visit to your home. What does such faith depend upon? Do you have it? How can you get it?

(Note again: we go back to two services today. Don't be early, or late!)

September 23

OUR MISSION: EMPOWERING PEOPLE

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris, Andy Levine

Another part of our mission is to empower people. Perhaps it would be better to say, "encourage others to discover their own power, and then to share it." An empowered person is free to act to pursue their own goals and to try to influence others. This requires finding one's voice, claiming a seat at the table where decisions are made, being free from fear, and having adequate physical resources. How can our congregation fulfil this complex call? Stories of some who have found their power within our walls and beyond will offer some clues.

September 30

OUR MISSION: CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris, Beverly Helfer-Grand

When disaster strikes, some turn to the way of the wolf. Most of us, though, bind together and help see our neighbors through. With the help of our Caring Connections Team we will explore simple techniques of offering real care and compassion to one another in times of crisis and distress. The important thing is to try!

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

I remember as a child getting frustrated by this proverb, which was first expressed by the French author Alphonse Karr in 1840. I mean, it's plainly nonsense, right? How can things stay the same if they are changing? And how could they get MORE the same? What does that even mean?

You know one side of the answer, of course; change is the only real constant. We read this in many scriptures and philosophies, from the Tao Te Ching and Buddhist sutras, from the Wisdom books of the Bible and the great Stoics, and from modern science. Not that we need to read about change's unchanging "changiness" to know it. Our lives teach us. Each of us progresses from birth to old age and death. Each day's weather, mood, events is different from the previous one. All moments unrepeatable and ungraspable. Each Sunday turns into a Monday, and the year rolls on.

Here are a few of our changes here at UUCSR to which I hope you will be pay particular attention.

For just the second time we will hold the Congregational Meeting at 9:00am on October 7th, with worship for all at 11:00. This experiment, first enacted in June, yielded more attendance than ever before. I'll deliver my "State of the Congregation" address, and we'll vote on our final budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. I expect to see you there!

Just four years ago there was no such thing as a men's retreat here at UUCSR. The men's groups existed in isolation, and new men did not know how to get connected. Andy Levine changed all that, and now, after yet another successful retreat at the end of August, the reins of the steering committee are passing to Ethan Foote. Thanks for stepping up, Ethan, and thanks Andy for your leadership!

For our FIFTH ANNUAL NORTH BAY UU REVIVAL on October 14th, we will move from Santa Rosa to Petaluma to help further the rapid growth of our sister congregation there. Rev. Dr. William Schulz, a former president of both the UUA and Amnesty International, USA, will be our preacher. The theme is "Free Hope!" The service will again bring together five congregations for worship, lunch, and community building, and it will be shorter than last year - I promise! One service only that day, in Petaluma at the Veteran's Hall, at 10:30am. Look for the posters and mark your calendar now.

The Board, the Committee on Shared Ministry and I are working to take advantage of a sudden and unexpected opportunity to have a two-year part-time intern minister here beginning in the fall and running through next year. (Now that I have achieved

"Final Fellowship" as a UU minister, I'm allowed to train up-and-comers, may God have mercy on their souls.) The UUA, the Starr King School for the Ministry, and I have been in conversation about, and with, Bryan Plude, a long-time member of the Davis UU congregation and a former member of my Cleveland-area UU congregation. We'll be doing him, ourselves, and our denomination a big favor if we can make our goal of hosting an intern a reality this year, but we need to follow proper procedure and make certain that we are a good match. The good news for our budget is that this is an unpaid position that could bring about 20 hours of service and leadership to us per week. In return we agree to offer encouragement, education and feedback for an aspiring member of the clergy. Forging a future minister for our movement and our fellow UUs is a sacred duty and a high honor, and I feel proud that UUCSR is clearly a desirable training site. One of the challenges that our potential intern will face is the fact that I am going away on sabbatical for six or seven months beginning in January of 2014, so during the final quarter of his training he will be supervised by another minister, but this problem is solvable. Our next steps involve creating an Internship Committee, whose members the Board, the Committee on Shared Ministry, and I will ask you to affirm and bless at our October meeting. Clearly, there is more to come on this topic, so stay tuned!

Whew. That's a lot of change. Fortunately, Karr's expression with which we began with was clear. Things do stay the same, too. The Sun may be a little different each day, but it's pretty much the same Sun, and it's surprisingly easy to predict what it will do next. Many of our days are a lot like the day before. So, too, our years. The end of August comes and those with youngsters in the house move back into that familiar school routine. The days shorten. Here at UUCSR we hold our Ingathering Service and bring our scattered pieces back into the whole. (Don't forget to bring a small object on September 9th, by the way.) The T.I.E. groups reconstitute, the Board holds its retreat, the Circle Dinners come together again, we go back to two services, and the march of time continues.

It's not pure chaos out there in the wide world. Although we may not control much of the fabric of life, we do control some of it. Part of the role of a religious community is provide continuity and structure for sane and happy lives of service and learning in the midst of change and suffering. With all of our hands and hearts engaged we will continue to do just that. Blessings, and welcome back, and may we continue to change and continue to stay the same!

Greetings from the Board

Summer is nearly over and during the Labor Day weekend the Board will be engaged in developing goals for the coming year at a 2-day retreat facilitated by Rev. Chris. It is very satisfying for the Board to be able to spend this time away from the day to day business and reflect on how best to serve the larger mission and vision of our congregation.

The agenda for our August board meeting was particularly full. On the basis of our year-end financials, the Board approved a final budget for FY 2012/2013 that restored most of the budget cuts that had been made in the preliminary budget presented in June. This final budget and the new goals for the year will be presented to the congregation at the October congregational meeting. In addition the Board began the process of forming an Intern Committee to explore an exciting opportunity for our congregation to have a Ministe-

rial Intern for the next two years. Clearly, there is much for which to be grateful.

October is going to be an unusually eventful month! Be sure to mark your calendars for the following important Sunday events, namely:

- October 7 UUCSR Congregational Meeting
(before the 11am Service)
- October 14 UU Revival featuring Rev. Wm
Schultz, UUSC President
- October 14 Holly Near Concert
- October 28 Ordination of James McReynolds by
UUCSR

And while you have your calendars out, be sure to add the Annual Service Auction on November 3, certainly an event not to be missed!

Laura Jean Hageman
Board President

Jamie McReynolds Ordination

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 28, 4:00 PM, will be a service and reception for the ordination of Jamie McReynolds. Jamie is a past President of the Board of Trustees of the UUCSR who helped lead our congregation in our move from our old location at Todd and Stony Point Road to our current home in the middle of Santa Rosa. Since that time he has

attended and graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry, worked as a hospital chaplain, and begun the path toward full fellowship as a UU minister. Our ordination is one part of that path. Watch for more information in future newsletters, but plan now to attend this uniquely UU ceremony.

Meet the Minister

These are brief, informal meetings held once a month following the 10 a.m. Sunday Service as indicated below. They provide an opportunity for visitors and guests to meet with our minister, Rev. Chris Bell, and one or two lay leaders.

Questions are not only welcomed, but encouraged!

Bring your coffee or tea and join us in the Green Room,
located at the opposite end of the hall from the social area.

September 16

October 28

Treasurer's Report—Bits and Pieces

This month we'll look at "a little of this - a little of that".

First the good news—the budget:

We did finish 2011/2012 in the Black (not by much but it does beat Red Ink). We were able to accomplish a number of things that were not fully funded in our budget (paying UUA/PCD dues, making some upgrade to the Sanctuary sound system, etc.)

Second, more good news—Mortgage Pay down:

Here is a note from Rose St. John concerning our efforts to reduce the costs of our current mortgage.

In October 2004, UUCSR converted a construction loan with Luther Burbank Savings to a mortgage loan on the building at 545/547 Mendocino Ave. The loan amount was \$900,000 to be paid over 25 years. The first 2 years (2004 - 2006) monthly payments of \$5937, along with a building fund, and other money reduced the debt to \$558,000. During 2006 through 2009, monthly payments to Luther Burbank Savings went up and down within a range of \$3737 to \$4150. Fluctuations occur because the interest rate is adjustable and is subject to change every 3 months.

In October 2012 we have completed 8 years of the 25 year mortgage period, and owe only \$477,000; that is, well under a half million. Burbank Savings holds \$290,000 of this outstanding mortgage debt and UUCSR members hold \$187,000. We continue to expect to retire the entire amount before

October 2029. Over the life time of the mortgage, UUCSR will pay substantially less interest due to member ownership of some of the debt.

In conclusion, we are nibbling away our mortgage debt, and will own the building outright in a mere 15 years or so.

Third, the nagging!

While it is nice to see the new "T-Loop" headphones for the Sanctuary, and the efforts being made by Chris and the committee responsible for Jamie McReynolds' Ordination, I once again have to gripe about "off-budget" projects. Our Budget Team, FinStew Team and the Board work very hard at hammering out a balanced budget to present to the Congregation for their approval. This process looks at the overall needs of our community (what's best for all of us) and the off-budget "passing of the hat" does not help.

We are all living with a "view" of how much money we can allocate to the UUCSR through out the year. Pledges, Auction participation, Sunday basket, etc. are all a part of our individual pies. Passing the hat for other than budgeted items comes out of that individual "pie" - the "pie" does not get bigger -- it gets diverted.

So PLEASE, if you see something that simply must be done, resist the temptation to dive right in and talk to the FinStew instead!

Then I don't have to be a nudge all the time.

Art Rosenblum, Co-Treasurer

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012
Newsletter@uusantarosa.org**

**E-mail Submissions
Greatly Appreciated!
Newsletter Assembly
10 a.m.—September 26, 2012**

Religious Education for Children and Youth

A new congregational year is about to begin bringing lots of opportunities for learning and personal growth in our religious education classes.

This year the children will explore peace and social justice. The Kindergarten through second grade and the third through fifth grade classes will use a curriculum called *In Our Hands: A Peace and Social Justice Program*. The programs are designed to help children understand what it means to have peace in their personal lives, at home, and at school. And to look at how people can support social justice and peace in the larger world. For the youngest children peace is defined as fairness, a concept that they understand from the standpoint of experience. For the older elementary students peace is defined in more broadly in terms of the absence of violence among individual people, nations, cultures and religions as well as the presence of justice, fairness, and respect toward others on an interpersonal and global scale. Each session includes engaging activities exploring topics of

peace and justice with a focus on self reflection and integration of ideas.

Our middle school youth will delve into beliefs this year. Using the book *What Do You Stand For - For Teens* and the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism as primary resources, the program will provide youth with real life stories, and moral dilemmas to challenge their ideas in a process of values clarification and faith development.

We will continue our tradition of having Children's Chapel on the first Sunday of each month. Our theme for Children's Chapel this year is Naming and Understanding the Divine. In our worship we will explore an aspect of God (or *The Great Big Thing* - as you may name it) such as love, compassion, forgiveness, and gratitude. This year a member of the Board of Trustees will co-lead Children's Chapel each month. I am looking forward to a great new year!!

In faith,
Deborah

Here's What's Happening in RE Classes

Here's what's happening in RE Classes this month. We begin our age-grouped curricula on September 16. Children begin in the sanctuary for the first part of worship then adjourn to the RE wing for their class.

Date:	<i>Please note that our summer schedule ends 9/9. We begin 11am R.E. On 9/16</i>
9/9/12 10:00am	Inter generational In-Gathering. Summer vacation has ended and it is time for all of us to come together in a spirit of community and love to celebrate our connections and look forward to a new congregational year. Children will join adults in Sunday Worship
9/16/12 11:00am	Grades K-2: In Our Hands session 1. Valuing Both the Group & The Individual Grades 3-5: In Our Hands session 1. Defining Peace Grades 6-8: What Do you Stand For session 1: Positive Attitudes
9/23/12 11:00am	Grades K-2: In Our Hands session 2. From Being Affirmed to Self-Affirmation Grades 3-5: In Our Hands session 2. Defining Justice Grades 6-8: What Do you Stand For: Caring
9/30/12 11:00am	Grades K-2: In Our Hands session 3. Listening, Talking & Sharing Grades 3-5: In Our Hands session 3. Framework for Peace & Justice Grades 6-8: What Do you Stand For: Making Decisions

Child Care is provided in our Preschool Room every Sunday during the 10:00 service for children infancy through age 4.

Sr. High Youth Group meets every Thursday from 4 - 6pm. Youth Group Advisors are Rev. Chris Bell, Deborah Mason and Eric Fischer. Youth are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday worship.

UUCSR Annual Service Auction

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UUCSR SERVICE AUCTION! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 5:30 PM!

Get ready to join the fun and excitement of UUCSR biggest social event of the year! Mark your calendars, set your iPhones or just put a sticky note on your front door...you won't want to miss our Annual Auction Extravaganza!

Our annual dinner and auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for UUCSR's general operating fund. YOU, our creative and generous members and friends, offer wonderful donations for our silent auction...dinners, yard work, theater tickets, theme parties, dog walking, hand crafted jewelry, trash hauling...the list has no boundaries!

Volunteers scour the city and countryside to gather fabulous donations from local business to add to the offerings. So, consider what you might be able to donate this year to the fun! Look for our table display beginning in October in the Social Hall for donation forms and a list of many ideas. Fill out a form for your donation and return it to the Auction Table or to the

UU Office. Ask your favorite places of business if they might want to donate (tax deductible) a gift certificate or two. Watching the bids go up on your donations gets the blood pumping in the ol' veins!

For the evening or our Auction Extravaganza we invite you to arrive in festive finery...this is a first class establishment! Fine dining awaits you with added room to accommodate our ever-growing popularity.

Entertainment will be sure to delight the senses. Childcare and "kid food" will be provided. Silent auction bidding will take place as you enjoy hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

Following the silent auction, during dessert, we cap off the evening with our live auction starring those masters of auction mischief sure to keep you laughing as they do their best to lighten your pocketbook for this worthy cause...UUCSR (US!),

Keep an eye out for our table which will be set up in the Social Hall in October. Look for the Top Hat and Tales guy dancing in a sea of star spangled purple! Any questions? Call Kitty Wells at 953-0620, Nancy Freeman at 537-1897, or Mindy Graham at 850-249-7160.

Together in Exploration (TIE)

New T.I.E. groups (Together In Exploration) will be starting soon! Look for the sign-up tables before and after the services on Sept. 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

T.I.E. groups meet twice a month to discuss a topic

relating to spiritual growth, deepening awareness, and life in general. The groups meet starting in October and run through May. Phone Marge Wright at 887-7752 with any questions.

Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Group is on vacation for July and August. Meetings resume in September, the second Thursday of the month. Meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m. at 547 Mendocino. We welcome new members and visitors.

Our selections for the next year are as follows.

September: The Warmth of Other Suns: the Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson. The Epic Story of America's Great Migration

October: Blood Bones and Butter by Gabrielle Hamilton

November: The Marriage Plot by Jeffrey Eugenides

December: Deaf Sentence by Desmond Bates

January: The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

February: The Barbarian Nurseries by Hector Tobar

March: State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

April: Wild by Cheryl Strayed

May: The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach

June: Select books for next year

Submitted by Linda Lampson

Aging With Grace

"Aging with Grace" returns to discuss our journey. The first gathering will be, Thursday September 27 in the Board Room 1:00 to 3:00pm.

We will be introduced to COPA (Collaborative for Positive Aging). A survey of senior citizens in Sonoma County to define our experiences in aging together.

You will be asked 7 questions about your experience, your interests, and future living as a senior citizen. Sessions will continue throughout the year to offer discussion of our common problems and needs as we age.

Come join us.

Music Notes

Do You Like to Sing?

2012 - 2013 Choir Season Begins this Month!

Singing in a choir is a great place to start for those that want to express themselves through song but have little experience or confidence in doing so. When you sing in a choir, you're not up there alone. You have the supporting voices and spirit of all those in the group, and you have an opportunity to enhance the worship experience both for yourself and for the congregation.

Here are a few excerpts from an article on the UUA Website about the benefits of singing in a choir:

"What would our Sunday mornings be like without our choirs? Fortunately most of us will never have to find out. All across the country there are friends and members of our congregations who are committed to giving us music."

"A choir is a place of deep spiritual practice... It can be transformative and life-changing for choir members."

"In a world in which we live in our heads maybe too much, music is our heart connection."

Is the UUCSR Choir Right for You?

Our choir is made up of people from various musical backgrounds - some with years of experience and others who have never been in a choir before. The music we work on is diverse, including spirituals, musical theater, world music, and well known choral pieces.

Being in the choir does involve some time commitments. We rehearse Thursday nights from 7--8:30

pm. We begin rehearsals with some physical warm-ups - light stretching and loosening up. Then we move on to vocal warmups before we work on songs.

On days that the choir sings in a service, we arrive a half hour before the service to warm up and rehearse. Most Sundays we sing for only one service (either 9:15 or 11:00), but occasionally we will sing for both. Also, because we must learn most music fairly quickly, it helps to practice on your own outside of the rehearsal. A website with practice files and song samples is available to assist you.

Joining the choir is also a great way to meet new people. In addition to making music together, we also socialize through occasional parties and special events. Every Fall we participate in the North Bay UU Revival Service. This service brings together choirs from many UU congregations for a music filled Sunday. This year the service will be held on October 14 in Petaluma, and it will be followed by a lunch, which will allow more time for getting acquainted with one another.

But is our choir right for you? The best way to find out is to come to a rehearsal. Being able to read music is an advantage, but not a requirement. However, the ability to match pitch or "carry a tune" is important. If you are uncertain about your singing ability, or if you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Nancy Hayashibara at musicdirector@uusantarosa.org.

Submitted by Jenny Harriman, Music Committee Chair

Circle Dinner Groups for Fall 2012

Welcome to our Fall Circle Dinner Groups! If your name is in **bold** at the top of a dinner group, please contact the others in your "circle" to arrange for your first gathering. You get to decide on the time and place with your group. Also you get to decide who brings what (ie: appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert, beverages/bread)! Please try to contact everyone within two weeks so no one feels forgotten!! As part of your after dessert conversation, don't forget to decide where and when you all will meet for the next month's gathering.

If, for some reason, you are not contacted by the folks at the top of the "circle" group or another problem arises, please contact Lynn Riepenhoff at 525-8424 or Kitty Wells at 952-0620. We'll do our best!

**If you cannot make a dinner, have to cancel, or (as the host) need to fill in an empty seat or two, please consider calling someone from the "Substitute List". They will be glad to hear from you. Enjoy your time together in food, fellowship, and fun!

DAY GROUPS:

Bob and Phyllis Clement **823-0925**
Donnah Judah 542-2457
Susan Williamson 874-2363
Kathryn Learned 595-3950
John Durr jdurrsr@aol.com 823-5992

Rose St. John & Patrick Craig **865-0755**
Pat Warner 539-4572
Joan Thatcher 544-9130
Ann Chambers 823-6902
Anna Lisa Wiley 836-0758

Betty and Sid Gordon **545-0560**
Dick and Antonia Rodrigues 836-0757
Freda Tomlin 576-6611
Katie Trieller 827-3897

Judy Schwalben **523-4470**
Melinda Napier 523-3448
Dorthea Proctor 546-2913
Cassandra Lista 584-4293
Lois Bell 568-5113

EVENING GROUPS:

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Kitty and Brian Wells 953-0620
Debbie and David Hope 536-9390
Marianne Sonntag 573-8463
Gail Alford 843-4466

Gretchen and Gene Vap **568-3290**
Kate Lee and Robert Lee 287-8297
Roger and Luda DeBeers 816-2659
Reen Kennedy-Williams 799-2639
Jolie Andritzakis 837-0937

Cathy Read and Victor Cummings **527-8635**
Joan Peterson 829-8577
Judy Withee and Steve Sweaney 538-3404
Micheline Justman 569-2072/546-4035
Cathie Wiese and Robert Lunceford 829-3634

Nathan and Susan Miron **833-4689**
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Robyn and Andrew Hidas 544-6012
Russ Powell 324-3122
Bev Helfer-Grand 595-1398

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Mark Meierding & Linda Lampson 585-1206
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Joan Peterson 829-8577

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Skipper and John Taylor 521-1041
Gretchen Paradis 763-1910
Irene Martin 544-3198

Shayna and Joel Billings **526-0504**
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Phyllis Metalis 481-4689/843-5107
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Nancy Fitzpatrick 539-7753

Natalie Brundred **478-2146**
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Alan and Linda Proulx 538-7446
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Patricia Chavez 894-3891
Alan and Linda Bell 546-6988

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Mary Louise and John Jaffray 538-4668
Chris Bell & Rita Butterfield 849-8770
Eric Peterson 578-7665
Karen Lillard 575-1255
Laura Jean Hageman and Tom Bond 539-3694
Linda Harlow 526-3528
Mary Lil Lee 338-2358
Brian and Nancy Hargis 571-1987/571-5846
Stacy Sincheff 528-6603
Betz and Sam Miller 539-3654
Carolyn McLeese and Charles Rettke 875-3542

Advocates for Social Justice

SHARE THE OFFERING

On Sunday, **September 9th**, half of the collection will go to *The Living Room*. Because we are part of their 'Circle of Support' we felt that we should keep

our quarterly commitment despite the need of our Saturday Breakfast Program. We will donate half the **September 23rd** collection to our wonderful *Breakfast*.

Hot Topics—September 16th & 30th

TALK: Yes, But What Can We Do?

Date: September 16, 2012

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: RE Lobby/Common Room or Board Room

News of modern day slavery makes most people feel a mix of appalled, wary, and overwhelmed. But no matter your talents or resources there are concrete community abolition projects that will make a difference.

On September 16th, Marie De Santis, director of Women's Justice Center, will present a dozen diverse projects specifically designed for small social justice groups that aim to eliminate human trafficking in our community. With the details of each project, you'll learn the rationale, local relevance, and tips for making it work. By the end of the talk you'll be motivated to act. Armed with a wide choice of concrete action plans. Oriented to the problem in our community. And convinced you make a difference. Please join us for a lively, interactive afternoon.

Food and beverages will be available for a contribution.

Open to the public. No Charge. Parking on the street is free. Garage parking there is a fee =everyday=!

Election Issues

Date: September 30, 2012

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: RE Common Room

This month we are having two Hot Topics. The second one will be on Sunday, September 30th from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Alice Richardson of the League of Women Voters will go through the pros and cons of the ballot measures and answer our questions. We are holding it this early so those who vote absentee will have the information they want before they get their ballots. Bring your sample ballots and questions! A light lunch will be available for a donation. This has always been informative and interesting so we hope to see you there.

Holding the Family in the Light

Iluminando La Familia

Inspired by the Vigil we created during GA at Sheriff Arapio's 'tent city' in Phoenix, the Committee for Immigrant Rights in collaboration with many organizations and congregations is planning a vigil on **Thursday, September 6th** from 4 to 6 pm at the Sonoma County Jail, 2777 Ventura Avenue. Our purpose is to call on Sheriff Freitas to stop tearing families apart by his voluntary cooperation with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) in turning over undocumented people who have been convicted of no crime or a small

misdemeanor for deportation proceedings, We also want to let those in the jail know that they are not forgotten and educate the community about what's happening here in Sonoma County where, on average, *75 people per month* are taken from our jail by ICE agents to start deportation proceedings. Each one of them has family who love and depend on them.

Please join us and bring your friends!

Linda Harlow

UUCSR Writers

UUCSR WRITERS FALL 2012-13 SCHEDULE

The Video Droid has moved to a new location directly across the street from the SRJC Parking lot on Mendocino Ave. We thank Mark Lowe and his staff and have best thoughts for the Video Droid's success in their new home .

The UUCSR Writers are now meeting at the "Crepevine" Restaurant on 740 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa - next door to Ross' in Montgomery Village - for the Poetry Slams and our Thursday morning coffee. Thursday Mornings at the "Crepevine" 10 am-12 pm.

Meet once a week with other Writers. Buy yourself breakfast, lunch or a cup of coffee, etc. Join us for lighthearted conversation and talk about who's doing what in our literary community.

Next Sonoma County Poetry Slam, Thursday, 7 pm., September 6

"Crepevine" Restaurant, 740 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa.

2012-2013 SCHEDULE, The First Thursday of each month

POETRY SLAMS: each Slam begins at 7 pm. • SIGN UP to perform: 6:45-7:10 pm.

Monthly Slams: Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

Grand Slam: May 2

SLAM - EMCEE: Tom J. Mariani, UUCSR Writers Poet Laureate 2010-2012 or Guest Former Slam Winners

Help us Sponsor the Poetry Slams

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Next Regular Monthly Meeting is from 4-6 pm, Monday, Oct 1, at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa.

Regular monthly meetings are held once a month on the first Monday of the month. We do not meet in July and September.

Whatever your creative endeavor: fiction, non fiction, memoir, poetry, essay, etc., our focus is to provide an atmosphere where serious writers improve and hone their writing skills.

Regular monthly meetings are devoted to: Individual "Work in Progress" 5 to 7 minute presentations. The Writer states what kind of feedback he/she wants from the group. The participants listen carefully and give kind, respectful, resourceful, encouraging responses to the Writer.

The UUCSR Writers is open to the novice, the more experienced, and the published author. Membership at UUCSR is not required.

October 7th Service/Congregational Meeting

OUR MISSION: HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Congregational Meeting at 9:00

Worship at 11:00

Service Leaders: Rev. Chris, Susan Bartholome

UUCSR Congregational Meetings are more helpful in building a better world than any other thing in the universe, but only those who attend both the meeting and the worship service will find out why.

Santa Rosa International Film Festival

September 13 - September 23

Holly Near in Concert

Sunday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

Plan 9 from Outer Space

**A live staged reading of the outrageous original script by Ed Wood
October - Date TBA**

Halloween Hafla

Sunday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

The Vagina Monologues

**By Eve Ensler • Presented by Independent Cabaret Productions
November 10, 7:30 p.m. and November 11, 3:00 p.m.**

CIRCUS ACTS

**A play by Merlyn Sell • Presented by Actors Basement
November 23 - December 2**

New Horizons Band

Saturday, December 1, 3:00 p.m.

Twisted Christmas Live no. 10

**Christmas with a twist: the annual literary/comedy/variety show
Saturday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.**



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