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Sunday Service at 10:30 am.
Religious Education for children and adults at 9:30 am.
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UNIVERSITY UUS SUNDAY SERVICES June 2004

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June 13 Rev. John DePalma

"The Metaphysics of New Thought"

Rev. DePalma serves as co-pastor with his wife Cath at The Spiritual Center of the Institute for Conscious Leadership, a trans-denominational spiritual community focused on recognizing the unity of all life and implementing that belief in everyday activity.

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June 27 Sheila Harty

"The Lady, the Witch, and the Immaculate Conception"

Sheila Harty is a published and award-winning writer with a BA and MA in Theology. She worked for ten years in Washington, D.C., with Ralph Nader as head of his Center for Study of Responsive Law. She also worked as an editor with the U.S. Congress, the World Bank, and the United Nations University. Sheila's talks unravel the conceptual framework and historical basis for theological thought and traditions.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Board meeting, May 12th

The Board carried the motion to present the proposed budget from the financial committee to the congregation at the Annual meeting. It was moved and carried that a Building Task Force be created with **Rachel Christensen** as the chair.

Annual Meeting, May 16th

The congregation voted to keep "Share the Plate" and added another recipient: Planned Parenthood. We welcome the newly elected members to the board: **Mike Reid, Shelly Coffey, Bonnie Ellison**. The new Budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005 was approved. The Board is looking for those with various backgrounds to contribute to the Building Fund Task Force which is chaired by **Rachel Christensen** to present findings at the next quarterly meeting. Please contact **Lisa Ruckman** or **Steve Helle** to share your thoughts on the upcoming votes and GA in June.

Lisa Ruckman

Attention! Our double-header July AND August issue will need to cover double the information. So, regular contributors, please be mindful that August programs will go unheralded unless you remember to include them in your instructions to The Connection!

NEW PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

The Board has created a **Building Task Force** and asked me to be the chair. The Task Force has been charged with developing alternatives for expanding our useable space and reporting back to the board by August or September. We would like to have the church well represented on the Task Force, and so are seeking diversity in age, gender, experience and perspective. I would like to have five people work with me. Some of the categories of representation that I have thought of include:

Design or space planning

Construction experience

Finance

Non-Technical

RE person - young children

Long-term member or friend

New member or friend (could be very new.. this voice is important, too!)

Older (over 65?)

Younger (under 35?)

Middle

Rachel Christensen

LAST SUNDAY'S DELIGHTFUL OWL

GRADUATION certainly dispelled any possible doubts about the viability of the program as a unique and safe environment in which to teach young people about human sexuality. Its young participants were obviously genuinely grateful to adult leaders **Kim Carter-Williams** and **Keri Nola** for making this particular rite of passage a good experience, and were anxious to communicate newfound communication skills to the audience. *Derrie Frost*



Children's R. E. Classes
Sundays, 9:30—10:30

UUUS Summer fun schedule

For the summer, all kids' classes will be combined.

May 30 Deborah Helle, a geologist, will show the kids why she loves rocks and minerals

June 6, 13, and 20 Paul Hargett will teach the kids how to play chess. Even the little ones can learn the basics of the game! Mr. Hargett has been doing this for years through the Orange County public schools.

June 27 Ann Flick, a retired art teacher will teach the kids how to make prints using leaves and other found objects from nature

July 4 Ever wonder why Italians eat pasta and Mexicans eat burritos? **Eileen Aist** will teach the kids about the history of food, and will even bring in some treats for us to sample!

July 11 Evelyn Chiland, an amazing singer who performs regularly and has been singing all her life, will turn our kids into opera lovers!

July 18 Think collage is just a craft? **Gretchen Hobby** will show the kids how collage can really be fine art!

July 25 Judy Scherer was one of the kids favorites last year. This year she doesn't know yet what she will do, but we're sure to love it!

August 1 Kathy Giordano introduces the kids to the fine art of muffin making! Yum!

August 8 It's water fun day! Bring a bathing suit and a towel. Better yet, bring an extra of each to share with those who forget. We will be throwing water balloons, mastering the slip-n-slide, and having a blast! **Dave Potchen** is in charge.

August 15 Linda Fessel, volunteer with the Winter Park Police Department will be teaching the kids all about fingerprints. Kids will have their own print sheet to take home!

August 22 Oh, go fly a kite! **Robbie Boerth** and **Stephanie Dryden** are both teachers at Trinity Prep, and they plan teach you a thing or two about kite-making! Each kid will have a home-made kite to take home.

August 29 and Sept 5 It's show time! **Derrie Frost** will help the kids put together a short performance for the September 5 service.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

June 6: Mike Reid completes his series of open discussions based in part on the recent edition of the UU World.

June 13, 20, & 27: Robert Flick will lead a series of discussions based on John Buehren's book, *Understanding the Bible*. Dr. Flick began this series several months ago, and is back by popular demand! Drop ins are welcome. You do not have to have read the book to enjoy the discussion.

THE ALLIANCE meets at First Church Tuesday mornings. Several UUUS members attend regularly, and invite others to do the same

June 1

10:30 am Continuing Bazaar
 11:00 Board Meeting
 Noon Lunch, Board Report;
 Presentation by Kathy Homblette and Jean Siegfried about the UU presence at the March for Women's Lives in Washington on April 25th.

June 8

10:30 am Continuing Bazaar
 Noon Potluck Lunch
 Presentation by Sharon Mascagni about her experiences as a volunteer in South Africa

June 15

10:30 am Continuing Bazaar
 Make sandwiches for the homeless
 Noon Lunch

June 22

10:30 am Continuing Bazaar
 Noon Lunch

June 29

10:30a m Continuing Bazaar
 Noon Lunch; Presentation by Geri Throne, retired editorial writer for the Orlando Sentinel:
 "How to Write Effective Letters to the Editor"
Penny Kfare Jacobs
 Vice President, Programs

The Continuing Bazaar has several special items for sale. A 1998 McIntosh computer with all attachments and manuals, a lovely chest of silverware, a Singer Sewing machine and a microwave. Please make an offer.

Membership in the Alliance is only ten dollars and you are welcome to join anytime.
Shirley Jantzen

TRANSITIONS: We were still reeling from the news that **Kathy Parry and Gary Przyborski** are leaving us high and dry, as it were, for life in Arizona, when **Dorothy Warmke** announced that she was moving to Gainesville and **Rita Johnson** allowed as how she had a teaching job this summer "somewhere in the Dakotas." If it were not for the continuing influx of bright new members, friends and visitors, we would feel inconsolably bereft!

With less traumatizing, we will say a temporary goodbye to **Jenny and Richard Cohen** for their predictably joyful summer in Cape Cod...welcome **Kathy Anderson** home from her Alaskan excursion.

Congratulations to **Steve Helle**, who's been elected President of the Florida District for the next two years.

Derrie and Jack Frost's step grandson **Tim** is still in a coma, and his chances of survival are in the realm of miracles. However, he will be getting state-of-the-art brain trauma rehab in a long-term care facility which Larry and Christy feel very good about.
Derrie Frost

Our Treasurer, Jack Weststrate, reports that YRUU Sunday service brought in the largest plate collection yet--more than \$200!

LUNCH BUNCH FINALE - Remember the fabulous guest we had in May, when former CIA Agent Tom Polgar told us what really happened in Viet Nam? This time, we'll go back even further in time to a previous century: Ralph Waldo Emerson of the Hystorical Players is coming to lunch with us on this last second Wednesday before July-August hiatus. It all happens at the Lago Vista Country Club, 12 noon sharp.
Eileen Aist

Angel

A constantly expanding universe
 I'm growing smaller all the time
 We all need order in our lives
 But it's all of our destinies to die
 There's a riot seething inside of me
 There's anarchy behind my eyes
 My heart may beat incessantly
 But that don't mean that I'm alive
 And everything we make
 Is gonna fall apart
 I feel so insignificant
 in this little world of our
 It's no use
 I need an angel
 in my view
 I need an angel
 to get me through
 All the theories we're taught to believe
 Could never stand the test of time
 And all our logic and all our love
 Will be lost somewhere down the line
 I know emotion is a lie
 But I still taste it on my lips
 I plead with a science I don't understand
 And with a God that don't exist
 But anything we make
 Just might have a chance
 I can't believe we're nothing more
 than victims of circumstance
 It can't be true
 I need an angel
 In my view
 I need an angel
 to get me through

Matthew
"Pinky"
Byers



THE ORIGINAL LYRICS at left and the introspective poem below are both authored by YRRU members, who produced a memorable and inspiring service last week. (Who'd have thought that a simple horseshoe arrangement of chairs might forever solve the problem of being able to see small performers?) The entire group presented themselves with maturity and thoughtful soul-searching, easily interacting with an enthusiastic congregation who defined and shared their own versions of that difficult and elusive topic, "spirituality." We have a wealth of young talent and true spirit in our congregation, and we will look forward to their next Service with great anticipation!

Derrie Frost

Trapped

I am trapped
 Trapped inside myself
 Behind the prison bars I'm stuck
 I'm standing right outside them
 Waving the key
 Laughing
 At me
 Trapped there
 Behind the cold thick bars
 Never to escape

Graham Christensen

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Welcome

This is the newsletter of the University Unitarian Universalist Society. If like many others you are searching for religious alternatives which are intellectually more appropriate to modern concerns and times, we invite you to come check us out.

We endeavor toward love, understanding, tolerance, acceptance, and honesty to arrive at a place where religion fits the individual. We invest a significant portion of our budget in providing infant care and programs for youth.

If you are concerned about modern societal problems and their implications, we encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. at 11648 McCulloch Rd. 1/2 mile west of Alafaya Trail.

DATES TO REMEMBER



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First Sat. Supper--June 5

Lunch Bunch--June 9

Board Meeting--June 9

Council Meeting--June 24

Book Discussion--June 26

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