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Pacific Unitarian Church A Unitarian Universalist Community

Committed to the Free and Responsible Search for Truth, Meaning, and Service

The View

June 27, 2013

Deadline: Each Wednesday at noon

Hi,

...but THE VIEW from PUC is looking to the future, and what it might bring if we get off of our POSTERIORES and make it happen. Lots to read, lots to learn, and lots to love here @ PUC and here in *THE VIEW*... REEEEEAAADD AALLL ABOOUUUT IT!



A Message from your Board President: **IT'S BEEN QUITE A YEAR...**

"May you live in interesting times," Confucius may have told us. And indeed, even though he was not a Unitarian, he foretold what has proved to be, for us, quite an interesting year. We strive to be a place for liberal spirituality in the South Bay, and will continue to do so, even as times get more interesting.

We had Monks and a mandala. We had a Swami and his teachings. We had lots of fabulous music, including a *Requiem*. We lost our long-term renters –The Children's World Preschool, and will gain some new ones – Temple Emet. We hung some new art, some new shades, and we planned for a new Center for Spiritual Renewal. We saw marriages and celebrations of life. We got a remodeled Kitchen and Voyager's Room, and are already planning for remodeling the Classrooms. We ate many great lunches and had many great conversations on the Patio. A huge thanks to all of you who helped to make this such a welcoming activity.

We started out this year worrying about pledges that were down. We ended up worrying about pledges that were down, but now with better understanding as to why, a clear ramification of consequences, and a good idea of the difficult decision that has to be made right now. The Annual Pledge Drive was a change from the previous years, with a group of Stewards meeting with each of you to discuss support for PUC. Many good people responded with much needed support, and we learned some key lessons along the way. However, we remain significantly below our pledge goal, and although we have been very successful in keeping our expenses to

June's Monthly Theme: *WISDOM*

This Sunday

June 30

Sunday Forum

No Sunday Forums are scheduled over the Summer. The Library is an open-talk zone before the Service

10:30 AM Service

The Challenge of Posterity Rev. John Morehouse

How do we learn from the wisdom of those who have gone before?

What lessons can we leave for those we love? In this service Rev. John will tackle these questions. This will be Justice Sunday, as we celebrate the work of our UU Service Committee.

Our Annual Meeting will follow the Service.

The Week At a Glance

Thursday, June 27, 2013

7 PM Growth Plan Steering Committee - V

8 PM Environmental Coffee Clatch - Catalina Coffee Co. Redondo Bch

the bare minimum, we are not close to meeting the minimum funding requirements for PUC.

To ensure that we continue to stand strong, both spiritually and financially, we will need to make some strong tactical moves right now. The key here is to remember that we have a vibrant, caring Congregation, with the potential to do many great things. We will realize that potential, but will need to adjust our methods a bit along the way.

Come along with us, I think you will find it interesting.

—**Gary Hart**

President, PUC Board of Trustees

Religious Education Matters

Family Religious Education Ministry JUNE CALENDAR

We are still in need of assistants for our "Share Your Talent" Summer! So if you would like to help out, please come by the Family RE Table before or after the Worship Service to sign up. *Come be part of our Summer FUUn!*

Please note: *For the duration of the summer, children age six and below will have free play in our Childcare Room, while the rest of the children and youth will be together for the project or activity of the day.*

6/30: Challenge yourself as *Kristen DeLeo* leads a day of fun filled with obstacle courses, relays, circuit training, and more! Family RE Contact Person today is *Rev. Tamara*.

JULY CALENDAR

7/7: Scrapbooking fun for all is led today by *Brittany Manning*. Come learn about this fun and creative craft! *Tracy Lewis* is the Family Religious Education (RE) Contact Person today.

7/14: Join us today as *Robin Arehart* shows some tricks of the trade in story writing. *Alana Garrigues* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

7/21: Do you like to go treasure hunting? Today *Alana Garrigues* will lead us in digging for buried treasures as we live out our stewardship to our church by cleaning out drawers and cupboards in the classrooms. *Rev. Tamara* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

7/28: Feel like you're at summer camp and get crafty with *Melissa Tyrell* today as we make a surprise craft. *Noelle Portland* is the Family RE Contact Person today.

—*Rev. Tamara*

AssocMinister@pacificunitarian.org

The Week At a Glance

Saturday, June 29, 2013

3 PM Slavich/Virrazzi Italian
Dinner - O [T&S]

Sunday, June 30, 2013

10:30 AM Sunday Services-H
12 PM Annual (Congregational)
Meeting - H
12 PM Half a Century Marrieds
Group - Fu Yuan Low Restaurant
12:15 PM PUC Leadership
Academy - L

Monday, July 1, 2013

10 AM Tai Chi [Pekich] - H
5 PM [Kundalini Yoga Class](#) - H
7 PM Men's Ministry -V
7:30 PM PUC Choir Practice – H

Tuesday, July 2, 2013

1:30 PM Staff Mtg - L
2:30 PM Practicing UU Cvnnt Grp
-L
6:30 PM Soulful Sundown Service
- H
7 PM Standing On the Side of
Love Mtg. – O

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

6 PM Temple Emet - Kaballah
Class - H
6:30 PM Stewardship – O

Thursday, July 4, 2013 Independence Day – Office Closed

10 AM Tai Chi [Beck] - H
7:30 PM Environmental Priorities
Network – L

Flowers for the Church

*Sundays Flowers are provided by
Ellen Tessitore*

Please contact the [PUC Office](#) to
reserve your date!

Next open dates:
Sept. 15, 22, 29

[PASTORAL CARE NEWS:](#)



Religious Education Matters

SUNDAY ADULT R.E. PROGRAMMING

* **9:15 AM** *No Sunday Forums* are scheduled over the Summer.
The Library will be an open-talk zone before the Service.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting **THIS Sunday, June 30**

The Board of Trustees reminds you to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for **THIS Sunday, June 30**, immediately after the Service. This is a critical meeting where we have important business to conduct and decisions to be made. We need your help in attending and voting.

The agenda for this meeting is:

1. Present the Annual Report
2. Report on Finances without a final budget
3. Reprioritize Growth & Reinvestment project list
4. Elect Members to:
 - o Board of Trustees
 - o Audit Committee
 - o Leadership & Development Committee

If you cannot attend, there are absentee ballots available in the PUC Office, or you can cast your vote by email (look in your inbox for your absentee e-ballot). As always, we thank you for your support of PUC as we continue to strive to expand our church's influence throughout our community.

—**Gary Hart**, President, Board of Trustees

June 30 Is UUSC Justice Sunday

This Sunday PUC will carry on the UU tradition of bringing awareness to the **UU Service Committee's** mission of advancing human rights and social justice at home and around the world.

CALLING ALL TOYS!!! CALLING ALL TOYS!!!

To: Our PUC Community and Friends

Now that the preschool has left the PUC campus, ALL of their toys have gone away with them. To fill the void we are soliciting donations of toys for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. *If you are willing to make a donation of clean, gently used toys, please read the rest of this request carefully.* It is better to gather the right toys carefully than gather tons of toys that just aren't right.

When: Collecting starts NOW!!

Where: Bring to Reverend Tamara's office at PUC on Sunday.

Who: Please contact Reverend Tamara to discuss your donation.

What: [CLICK HERE](#) for a complete list!

A Memorial Service



celebrating the life of Dr. Joseph Robert (Bob)

Bloomfield will be held at 2 PM, **Saturday, July 13 @ PUC.**

Following the formal Service the family will host an informal, festive reception during which people can eat, drink, and share stories about our father & husband. RSVP to the PUC Office: 310.378.9449 / admin@pacificunitarian.org

If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact **Reverend John.**

pastoralcare@pacificunitarian.org
or the [PUC Office.](#)



7/14: Did You Know that Japan's Fukushima Nuclear Reactor Is Being Decontaminated with Mushrooms?

Mycelia change their behavior in response to the environment: When you walk through a forest, they leap up. They know you are there... Come learn about the amazing mycelia, 12:15 PM, **Sunday, July 14**, in the PUC Library. A Green Sanctuary program.

—**Dorian Tippett**



A UU Said That?

"The Universalists believe that God is too good to damn them, and the Unitarians believe they are too good to be damned!"

—**Thomas Starr King**,
California Governor, Abolitionist

[Click Here for Videos Related to Unitarian Universalism](#)

July's Monthly Theme:



PSWIRL 2013 Is Coming: Summer Camp for Grownups - Saturday, Aug. 17 - Thursday, Aug. 22

Our 2013 Camp is quickly approaching. Have you registered for camp yet? It's time!

PSWIRL sponsors a relaxed camp in the mountains for people who enjoy nature and an interesting program of activities. A theme speaker will provide challenges, information, and philosophy. The camp setting is one of warmth and acceptance, where people's ideas and feelings are valued and validated.

Each person is able to set his or her own goals and program for the week. Daytime activities range from active to contemplative, and evening activities may include dancing, discussions, astronomy, movies, puzzles, improvisation, cards, and/or a talent show. AND...The roads at camp are now paved so we are more accessible for those with mobility issues.

The Week's Theme Speaker will be **Rev. Tom Owen Towle** - an exciting and respected minister in the UU community and we are lucky to have him. His theme of "**Self Care: Tending to our Whole Being**" is something we can use for ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Get more information and/or register at www.PSWIRL.org. Please be sure to download and fill out the camp's "Emergency Response" form and bring it to camp with you.....)

PUC Architect (and Early PUC Photos) Featured in Hammer Museum Show

Photos of a newly-built Pacific Unitarian Church by Julius Schulman are featured in "A. Quincy Jones: Building for Better Living" -- the first major museum retrospective of PUC's Los Angeles-based architect's work. [CLICK HERE For Info & Hours](#). The show runs through September 8, 2013.

Try Our Monday Yoga & Meditation Basics Class

Start the New Year with a healthy practice for your mind, body, & spirit! Join us in the Hall on **Mondays from 5 - 6:30 PM for Kundalini yoga**, a physical, mental, and spiritual discipline for developing strength, flexibility, consciousness, and character.

Led by: Aimée Donahue, Yoga Instructor and Therapist
www.yogawithaimee.com.

Join us as we move with relaxing music to calm the mind while keeping the body healthy and youthful. Tap into your body's innate inner healing power! There is a suggested donation per class.

Around the District and Beyond...

Mountain Desert District Emergency Relief Fund

Colorado Springs is once again experiencing devastating wild fires. At this writing on the morning of June 17 we know that the Black Forest Fire has consumed 14,198 acres resulting the loss of two lives and 485 homes. Firefighters report that it is 65% contained this morning. This is another beautiful area of Colorado east of I-25 where the foothills of the Rockies roll into the high plains of eastern Colorado. The trauma of another devastating fire is palpable in

LIBERATION

7/7: The Soul of the Nation

Rev. John explores the intersection between freedom and religion in this service following Independence Day. We will bless the Drake Family children during our Service.

7/14: What Truth Sets Us Free?

As we continue to consider the theme of liberation, Rev. John asks if the truth can really set us free and, more importantly, which truth?

7/21: I'm Not Crazy, I'm Just a Little Unwell

PUC Member Brad Shreve shares the history of mental health in our country, the current status, as well as his personal experiences.

7/28: Where the Theology Meets the Road

We think we know what we believe and what we hold to be true, but when it comes to a crisis of illness or death, often all bets are off.

Michael Eselun, popular guest speaker and Oncology Chaplain at UCLA, will share an exploration of the different ways patients' theologies intersect with such crises, and the common themes that seem to surface from the atheist or fundamentalist alike.

Fifth Sunday Hospitality Special Thanks to All of YoUU who help!

Special thanks to Margo Meikle and Jen Hocutt, among others, for prepping and putting out the repast for us all last Sunday!!!

Ushers:

Linnea Eades & **OPEN POSITION**

Welcome Table:

Betty Saunders

Greeters:

Marvel Burke & Noel Hammond

Colorado Springs. Our Unitarian Universalist congregations are responding heroically again.

[Read more: You Can Help with Fire Recovery](#)

Recurring Events

Sundays

YRUU High School Group, 10:30 AM, L
Half a Century Marrieds Group, 5th Sun., 12 noon, Fu Yuan Low
Restaurant - Next Date: **Sunday, June 30**
Great Books Discussion Grp, 7 PM, 2nd Sun., L
Books in Our Lives Covenant Group, 1st & 3rd Sun., 7 PM, L

Mondays

Tai Chi (Pekich), Mondays, 10 AM, H
Women's Reading & Responding Grp, 3rd Mon., 11 AM, L
[Kundalini Yoga w/ Aimee](#) - All are welcome, Mon., 5 PM, H
Men's Ministry, Mon., 7 PM, V
Environmental Covenant Group, 1st Mon., 7:15 PM, L

Tuesdays

Soulful Sundown, 1st Tues., 6:30 PM, H

Wednesdays

Choir Practice: Wed., 6:30 PM, H

Thursdays

Women's Circle, 4th Thursdays, 10 AM
Tai Chi (Beck), Each Thurs., 10 AM, H
Seniors Pow Wow to Share How, 3rd Thurs., 11 AM, L
Environmental Priorities Network Mtg, 1st Thurs., 7:30 PM, L
Green Sanctuary/Transition Coffee Clatch. 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8-9 PM,
Catalina Coffee Co.

Fridays

GBLQ Movie, 2nd Fri., 7 PM, L

Saturdays

French Conversation Grp, 2nd & 4th Sat., 10 AM, V

IT'S EASY TO BE GREEN @

PUC: RECYCLE HERE!!

Don't forget to bring your **used-up ink & toner cartridges** for recycling (and cash for PUC); your **used batteries, light bulbs, and small electronic devices** for safe disposal and recycling; and **old eyeglasses** for re-use in Latin America; to PUC's recycling center – located just outside the kitchen door. Please bring your **expired prescription & non-prescription meds** to the PUC Office for safe disposal.

—*Craig Block*

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Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM

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