

Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii – February 2015 Newsletter

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Sunday Services: 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 4 p.m. Sadie Seymour Gardens (Outdoor Circle), 76-6280 Kuakini Highway
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MEMBER NEWS

From Tom & Rosemary: *"Thank you for all your encouragement as we continue our journey [of chemo]. We miss you and we miss the aloha of Hawaii."* All of us UUWH'ers wish them the Very Best and hope to see them again soon.



UPCOMING PLANS

Sunday, **Feb. 8**, 4 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Frank Young, American Friends Society and UU from Terre Haute, Indiana, **"Describing the Indescribable."** What ideas and concepts cannot be expressed in words? How do we describe what cannot be expressed in language? How is our religious life affected by the difficulties we have describing religious concepts?

Marya Mann will present a banner to UUWH in gratitude for our contributions to the summer Food for Keiki event.

Sunday, **Feb. 22**, 4 p.m. Rev. Jonipher Kwong, UU Honolulu minister, **"Relationship Status: It's Complicated."** Whether one is single, in a committed relationship, or a combination thereof, relationships are difficult. What role does spirituality play in integrating a mind/body connection? How can we foster healthier relationships with ourselves and/or our significant other? Note: *This is the last time that Jonipher will be with us under the auspices of the PCD-UUA Emerging Congregation grant— big "mahalos" to him for sharing with us his ebullient UU spirit on so many Sundays. However, he is scheduled for the May 10th service so we will continue to enjoy his professional leadership.*

Sunday, **March 9**, 4 p.m. Linda Olsen & Grady Hesters, "UUs Travel Round the World – Spiritual Lessons?"

Sunday, **March 22**, 4 p.m. Dr. Frank Young will be our speaker. Following the service, we will have our **annual congregational meeting** for all members to 1) elect the Board of Trustees & Officers (nominees will be listed in the March newsletter); 2) elect two Nominating Committee members for 2015-16*; 3) adopt the budget. * If you'd like to serve on the Nominating Committee, contact Board President Linda@ cell:530-368-0079; linda-o@audioeditions.com.

THANK YOU to the Nominating Committee, Gail Dawrs, Grady Hesters, and Mary Garris, for preparation of a slate of officers/trustees for your consideration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, **Feb. 10**, 1:00 p.m. – Board Meeting, Maiden's home. Everyone is welcome.

Friday, **Feb. 13**, 5:45 p.m. – A "non-meeting" to brainstorm/consider **What Topics Turn Us On**. The Sunday Service committee, board members, and any other interested members will be exploring this together, facilitated by Grady. Location: Mary Garris's home. Call for directions, 640-4483.

Tuesday, **Feb. 17**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Join us for a new 3-part Adult RE series led by Rev. Cat Ishida. We will watch a provocative **TED Talk Together** and then discuss, sharing personal experience & perspective. Theme of 1st meeting: **"Is Religion Good or Bad?"** 2nd meeting: **"The Worldwide Web of Belief and Ritual"** Location: Full Life conference room (where Stone is the director), Pottery Terrace, Suite 432 (Plumeria Building on the left at the top of the terrace). Additional meeting dates: March 3 & 17. Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity to be in deeper connection with each other following the common experience of the TED talk.



Our 3rd Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Feb. 21, 4:00-6:30 pm
Pupu Picnic with Plenty Papaya (!)

Let's enjoy the elements with a potluck pupu party at an Ultra-Scenic Picnic Area. Where? At City of

Refuge (aka **Pu'uohonua o Honaunau**), there is a wonderful picnic area to the left of the National Park. Drive in the entry gate and through the regular parking lot; then follow the single-lane sandy road – a sign points to "Picnic Area." We will be in the first picnic site if possible. No swimming but great tidepools and terrific sunsets. There are grills if you want to use them. Please bring pupus to share, your own beverages, and a chair.

Recent BOARD Business:

- The Board seeks input re the draft budget for 2015-16. It will be sent separately by email as an excel worksheet. Questions? contact Grady at 530-305-0445 or grady-h@audioeditions.com.
- The Stewardship Campaign (aka "pledge drive") will begin in February and conclude in March. Kudos to everyone for paying pledges promptly!
- Your Board is considering a Special Twice-a-Year Collection for donations to the Hawaii Food Basket. Until established, your Sunday donations of canned goods are appreciated!