

Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii – February 2016 Newsletter (page 1 of 2)

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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UPCOMING PLANS

Sunday, **Feb. 14**, 4 p.m. "Ahonui: Patience, to be Expressed with Perseverance," with Rev. Dr. Catherine Ishida, UU minister from Hilo. This is the last in the series on "aloha." It's Valentine's day, too, so keep yourself open for a little love...perhaps with Patience AND Perseverance.

Saturday, **Feb. 20**, 2:30–8:00 p.m. **ALOHA SPIRIT DAY**
See all the late-breaking details in this newsletter.

Sunday, **Feb. 28**, 4 p.m. "Radical Hospitality" with guest UU minister the Rev. Dr. Dorothy May Emerson. What does it mean to be welcoming? What is "at the root" of the practice of hospitality? Rev. Dorothy is planning to be with us during our Aloha Spirit Day and this sermon may offer reflections on that event.

A semi-retired minister, Rev. Dorothy was a guest speaker in our pulpit two years ago and she is currently serving as consulting minister at First Unitarian in Honolulu. Active as a writer and facilitator, she co-founded UU Class Conversations, a new project to raise class awareness, and Rainbow Solutions where she seeks to connect money, spirituality, and justice; her spouse is an investment consultant specializing in socially responsible investing.

If anyone can offer Home Hospitality to Rev. Dorothy for 1-2 nights (2/28 & 2/29), she would appreciate it. Please connect with her directly at revemerson@aol.com or call Linda at 530-368-0079.

Sunday, **March 13**, 4 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Frank Young, American Friends Society and UU from Terre Haute, Indiana.

Following March 13 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 2016-17*; 3) adopt the budget.

* If you'd like to serve on the Nominating Committee, contact Board VP Linda@cell:530-368-0079; linda-o@audioeditions.com.

THANK YOU to the Nominating Committee: Jamie Pardau, Karen Gold, Marjorie Erway for preparation of a slate of officers/trustees for your consideration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



UUWH Mission Statement

We are a welcoming, caring community committed to a free and open search for meaning, guided by the wisdom of the ages, reason, intuition, and experience. We work toward a more accepting peaceful world with respect for all existence.

ADULT Class – You are Invited!

What do Unitarian Universalists believe?

facilitated by Rev. Catherine Ishida

Explore what *you* believe. What have people of liberal religious faiths past and present believed? In the next 3 gatherings, we'll share our spiritual journeys with one another and explore our personal and collective answers to several philosophical questions. Where did we come from and where are we going? What is the purpose of (intentional) community? Is there evil, is there brokenness, and if so how do we respond?

The course is loosely based on the first half of the book *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* by Rebecca Parker and John Buehrens, two UU ministers. If you can't come to all 3 remaining classes, come to those you can!

Dates? Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm: February 11, March 10 and April 14.

Place? The FullLife Office Conference Room located in far left building at top of Pualani Terrace (above Jackie Rey's). This is the same place we held last year's Adult RE class.

BOARD Update

- Finances: 1) The Board seeks input re the draft budget for 2016-17. It will be sent separately by email as an excel worksheet. Questions? contact Grady at 530-305-0445 or grady-h@audioeditons.com. 2) A statement of donations you made in 2015 will be available at the Feb. 14th meeting and will be mailed to those who can't attend. 3) 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 the feedback and ideas expressed on Jan. 24 – our membership is temporarily reduced in numbers and decisions will be made at the next board meeting about the best way to move forward. **Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1:00 p.m at Maiden's home.** Everyone is welcome!

- The Board has voted to NOT change the time or location of our Sunday services.

We are very happy to learn that member **Tom Fitch** will be returning to the Big Island on Feb.12 with his 2 dogs accompanying him.

Cathy Gilham, now in Oregon for a family visit, reports that her daughter's oncology team's goal is to keep as much quality of life as long as possible including the possibility of no further treatment. For the next 3 months at least, her daughter Jennifer will have no chemo and Cathy is looking forward to more special time with her. We will keep her at the front of our minds, sending UU white light and positive energy. Cathy notes, "I just told Jennifer what you are doing and she said 'that uplifts me. That so uplifts me. When I am having a hard day, just thinking about the people all over the world that are supporting me just gives me so much strength.'"

Patrick Callahan is having hip replacement surgery in Waimea on Feb. 2. We wish him a speedy recovery!

"Aloha Spirit Day"

February 20, 2016

Our program of speakers and activities is now finalized.
Here's the line-up:

- 1:30 – 2:30 Setup room & tables/food arrives and is in kitchen, etc.
- 2:30 -- Doors open to public
- 3:00 – 3:10 – Linda
- 3:10 – 3:20 – Cat
- 3:20 – 3:45 – Marc Gordon: Picking up your Life & Moving to Hawaii
- 3:45 – 4:15 – Debbie Hecht & Jamie Pardau: Environmental Concerns
- 4:15 – 4:40 -- Karen Anderson: Finding a Hale for Happiness
- 4:40 – 5:10 – Chris White & Lee & Betty Meyerson: Enjoying the Island through Tours & Activities
- 5:10 – 5:30 – Rod & Sandee Crisp: Break and informal discussion with the Crisps at table (with handouts): Volunteering on the Big Island
- 5:30 – 5:55 – Cindy Whitehawk: Cultural Insights through Lauhala
- 6:00 – 6:30 – Mahina: Hawaiian Music & Hula
- 6:30 – 7:20 – buffet dinner (speakers sit at designated tables)
Includes UUWH's 4th Birthday Cake !
- 7:25 – 7:55 – Bo Pardau: Underwater Photography Show
- 7:55 – 8:00 – Linda
- 8:30 – 8:30 – Cleanup till its done!

MORE PROGRAM DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN A FEW DAYS

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS YET? They are going fast -- remember it's only \$10 until Feb. 14; afterwards it is \$15, IF there is space. Mail checks to UUWH at P.O. Box 3433, Kailua-Kona 96745 or use a credit card at brownpapertickets.org. (No tickets/registration at the door.)

We are sending a Work List and a Menu Item List attached to this email also. Please check your name on the Work List – if it's not in BOLD, please contact Pat to verify that you are willing to do this. All UUWH members should have signed up for a Menu Item – if you don't see your name there and if you are planning to attend, it's possible to make a financial contribution. Again, please let Pat know if that is your intention (cell: 507-398-8338).

We will all "Aloha" together on Feb. 20th, with mahalo for your contributions,
Pat Mrazek & Linda Olsen, co-chairs.