

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

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 4 p.m.** Sadie Seymour Gardens (Outdoor Circle), 76-6280 Kuakini Highway  
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### UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, **April 10, 4 p.m.** – *“Flying Doctors - Bringing Hope”* by Dr. Ann Marie Muramoto, Kona Dentist & Humanitarian. We are privileged to hear this local Kona dentist who has traveled to more than a half dozen places to render aid, most recently to a refugee camp in Jordan in the company of 13 other health care professionals working for the Flying Doctors of America. Where others see plague and fear of the other, she sees people. Especially when they’re children. “Even when you don’t speak the same language, you have held them in your arms,” Muramoto said. “I don’t see them as refugees. I see them as children that need help.” (from *West Hawaii Today*)

Sunday, **April 24, 4 p.m.** – *“Blue Boat Home”* by Rev. Catherine Ishida. In honor of Earth Day, we’ll reflect on the sources of our beliefs about nature and the relationship between humans and nature.

Sunday, **May 8, 4 p.m.** – *“From Tajikistan to Kona: Inspiration from a Caring Community”* with guest speaker Mehrangez Rahmatova, currently attending HCC at Palamanui. Since her arrival in Kona, she has shared her experiences with several civic and church groups. Each time she has amazed and impressed her audience with her optimism, her high aspirations, and her gratitude to all who have contributed to help her.

**From the Sunday Services Committee:** We don't have all the summer programs planned yet, but the second Sunday of each month -- June 12, July 10 and August 14 – we will have usual-type summer services at Sadie Seymour. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of June, July & Aug, we expect to have some special experiential activity NOT at Sadie Seymour. Stay tuned for exciting options that will provide socializing and fun.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, **April 3, 4 p.m.** – Social get-together for North County UU-inclined folks at the Parker Ranch Center Food Court in Waimea. This first gathering will explore other kinds of future activities – of course everyone is welcome wherever you live! Contact Linda Cherry for more info -- [Linda-Cherry@att.net](mailto:Linda-Cherry@att.net).

Tuesday, **April 12, 1 p.m.** – Board meeting at the home of Maiden Temple. All members are welcome to attend. Call for directions, 325-6775.

Thursday, **April 14, 6:30 p.m.** – Adult Ed class with Rev. Cat Ishida, at the Full Life Conference Room. Full Life is located in Pottery Terrace, above Jackie Rey’s, the last building on the left. Directions? Call Karen 425-444-1974

### CONGRATULATIONS to the NEW BOARD! *The Power of Saying “Yes”*

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 13, a new Board of Trustees was elected. This upcoming year (2016-17) will offer inspiration, continued growth, and fun under the guidance of President Karen Gold, Secretary Linda Cherry, and Treasurer Gail Dawrs. Maiden Temple begins a new 2-year term as Trustee-at-Large; and Tom Fitch will complete a 1-year term as Trustee-at-Large – *the power of teamwork!*



The New & “Old” Boards Meet Together



**Karen Gold** joined UUWH last year and served on the Board as Trustee. We are grateful that she now offers us her leadership as Board President.

### From the Finance Committee:

Stewardship means taking care and *taking care of*. We are all stewards of UUWH with our generous spirits and community love and offering \$\$\$. The Stewardship Campaign (aka “Pledge Drive”) is aiming for an April 10<sup>th</sup> CLOSE. If you haven’t yet sent in your pledge, please do so now. If you need a pledge form or have questions, connect with Grady at [grady-h@audioeditions.com](mailto:grady-h@audioeditions.com) or call 530-305-0445. And a Big Thank You to all who have already pledged!

**"Strong is What We Make Each Other"**



Our Spring Equinox service, led by Rev. Catherine Ishida, featured a play starring Mary as Dog and Maiden as Bunny in a folktale adapted for Hawaii. Members & friends participated with musical instruments.

The service was attended by 32 people who were highly enthusiastic about this creative approach. After the service, tables were set up on the lanai for sharing of food and friendship.

**More from the Sunday Services Committee:**

A Memorial Contribution in honor of Rosemary Fitch was received and a new chalice has been purchased. It will have a memorial plaque on it naming two of our founders, Rosemary and Julia Rosekrans, in loving recognition of their UUWH involvement.

**Miscellaneous Poem**

Clouds appear free of care  
And carefree drift away.  
But the carefree mind is not to be "found" --  
To find it, first stop looking around.

~ Wang An-Shih ~  
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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.

