

## MISSION

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.



### UPCOMING SERVICES: 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.

Sunday, May 22, 4 p.m. – *“Above Us Only Sky”* with Rev. Dr. Catherine Ishida. Imagine a more peaceful world with respect for all existence. We’ll mix popular music, Czech hymns, an informational video, conversation, and a Flower Ceremony. Please bring a flower to create a bouquet together.

**HEADS UP: Summer Plans** We will have services on the second Sunday of each month, 4 pm -- **June 12, July 10 and August 14** – at our usual Sadie Seymour location so mark your calendars. **We have scheduled Paleaku Peace Gardens for Saturday June 25 from 1-3 pm.** Jon Lomberg, designer of the **Galaxy Garden, will be our guide.** (No service on June 26.) Thanks Tom Fitch for arranging this! On Sunday **August 28**, the North County friends & members will develop a UUWH gathering that we will travel to the Waimea area for.

**Our new chalice in memory of founders Rosemary Fitch and Julia Rosekrans.**



## BOARD REPORT

>>**Pledge Drive** for the 2016-17 Budget Year is almost complete. As of April 27, pledges have been received from 21 Members and 5 Pledging Friends. A total of \$11,710 has been pledged and \$8,196 has already been paid. The Board is discussing adjustments in the budget. After the June meeting, a new budget will be sent to members but no big changes are anticipated. We do expect to receive some additional pledges. Pledge Drive Chair Grady says “Pledges are welcome any time with or without accompanying payment. And a Big Thanks to everyone who has already responded.” Treasurer Gail indicates, “We are healthy financially and grateful for all our supporters.”

>>Board liaisons to committees will be Karen for Sunday Services, Maiden for Community Life, Linda Cherry for Membership, and Gayle for Finance.

>> Next Board Meeting is **June 7** at 1 pm, Maiden’s home. All members are welcome -- if you would like to attend, please call Maiden for directions.

>> **See “President’s Report” on page 2**

>> A UUWH-North County Women’s Group is getting under way meeting every other Friday from 11:30-1:00. On **April 29** the gathering will be at North Hawaii Hospice rear building, 65-1328 Kawaihae Rd. If you are attending, bring a bag lunch. Future meetings might be potlucks. Membership in this group is open to women with current or previous UU connections. Contact Linda Cherry to confirm other dates and locations, linda-cherry@att.net.

**We welcome our newest members, Bob Hofman and Nancy Bolt. They are also members of a UU church in Colorado.**



Nancy was raised Catholic and Bob, growing up, went to the church that has the best choir so he could sing. Bob became a UU in 1961 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Nancy in 1967 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Unitarian/Universalist churches, UUWH being the 11<sup>th</sup>.

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FROM THE CHINESE OF CHUANG TZU

**"When the Shoe Fits"**

tr by Thomas Merton

Ch'ui the draftsman  
Could draw more perfect circles freehand  
Than with a compass.

His fingers brought forth  
Spontaneous forms from nowhere.  
His mind  
Was meanwhile free and without concern  
With what he was doing.

No application was needed  
His mind was perfectly simple  
And knew no obstacle.

So, when the shoe fits  
The foot is forgotten,  
When the belt fits  
The belly is forgotten,  
When the heart is right  
"For" and "against" are forgotten.

No drives, no compulsions,  
No needs, no attractions:  
Then your affairs  
Are under control.  
You are a free man.

Easy is right. Begin right  
And you are easy.  
Continue easy and you are right.  
The right way to go easy  
Is to forget the right way  
And forget that the going is easy.

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Individually and as a couple they have belonged to 10

They actually met in a Unitarian Church in Roanoke, Virginia. Bob was an engineer for General Electric until he retired in 1990. Nancy has been a librarian for 45 years and now works as a consultant to libraries in the U.S. and internationally. They first came to Hawaii in 1987 and bought a house in 1999.

They began attending UUWH as soon as they heard about it. They now spend part of the year in Hawaii and part of the year in Arvada, Colorado.

They have four children, five grandchildren, and numerous sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews. Bob is passionate about music and social justice. Nancy's passions are reading and politics. In Colorado they are very active in the Jefferson Humanists, a chapter of AHA. In Hawaii, both make and sell handmade crafts at local Farmer's markets. WELCOME!

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**"Making Connections" by Karen Gold**

This year the goal of the Board of UUWH is to be making connections with other UUs in Hawaii. We would like to expand our interdependent web to include Waimea, Puna, Honolulu and beyond.

Gail Dawrs and I went to Oahu for the weekend, and we had the opportunity to attend the Sunday service at First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. It is always enriching to participate in and learn from other congregations. We met many friendly members of the church and had Dim Sum lunch with some of them. (Yummy restaurant diversity in Honolulu) We were very impressed by their speaker, Karen Harris, M. Div., and we talked about scheduling her for UUWH when she is on the Big Island in October.

If you are ever in Honolulu on a Sunday, I highly recommend that you visit First Unitarian Church of Honolulu!

(And Gail added to this report with, "I want to add that I felt so welcome at the UU Church in Honolulu. They seemed so glad to connect with UUWH, and I really hope that some of the people we met will visit us in Kona.")

**CARE AND CONCERN**

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO MARY & CORY AS THEY AND THEIR FAMILY MOURN THE PASSING OF CORY'S GRANDPA IN CALIFORNIA.