



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

(LCUUF) NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Services

June 4 - “Spirituality, Breath and Me”

Speaker: Nancy Jordan-Zanot; Service Leader: Carol Johnson

A personal journey exploring the breath and spiritual growth, with a guided breath meditation.

June 11 - “Growing Towards God”

Speaker: Carole Favero; Service Leader: Richard Clarke

Carole will share with us reflections of her spiritual journey. This journey has taken her from her mother's teachings to the immersion in meditation and SRF yoga. She has found a constant source of inspiration in the holy scriptures of India such as the Bhagavad Gita and the Upanishads.

June 18 – “Reflections on Fatherhood”

Speaker: David Miller; Service Leader: Susan Miller

This Father's Day service will feature individuals' reflections on having a father and being a father - whether it is being a father to young children, adult children, or other people's children.

June 25 – “A Celebration of the Summer Solstice”

Speaker: Carol Johnson; Service Leader: Richard Clarke

This Service will explore the universal human inclination to follow the sun throughout the year. On the summer solstice, humans have created rituals that honor this most glorious day of the year, the time of maximum daylight, before the sun begins its annual retreat towards winter.



Rev. Matt Alspaugh, our recently hired part-time Minister, and his wife **Liz** spent May 24th to 31st at Lakeside investigating housing and visa options and getting to know us. A Congregational Potluck to welcome Matt and Liz was held at Heidi's home on Friday, May 26th. Matt spoke at the May 28th Service and met with the Sunday Service Committee. He also met with current and former Board members and Committee chairs to begin a conversation about priorities. We are enthusiastically looking forward to their return in late August!

The following photos were taken by Kelley, Ellen, Heidi and Susie.



Rev. Matt Alspaugh – Service May 28th



Linda, Lynn and Liz



Matt and Liz



Good food and good company

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Norman Woods

(By Jan Manning)

Your sound quits in the middle of your U.U. presentation. You want the music to start at a specific place in the service. Who you gonna call? Call Norman, the ghost buster of LCUUF audio/video problems and sound man extraordinaire. (Please don't call him Norm).

Norman, a life-long Unitarian, is the tall guy who sits in the front row with his wife Sharon, with the remote in his lap, ready to jump up and help at the first sign of trouble or when anything needs to be done. He quietly goes about doing it all without fanfare.

Norman comes by his take-charge ways naturally, being the eldest of 3 boys and growing up in Argentina, learning early how to cope in a different country and culture. He has a quiet, shy and strong personality and is very intelligent.

Two stories stand out from his school years. In third grade, after the words "one nation under god" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance, he refused to recite it. He knew early in life where his beliefs stood and has remained steadfast in them.

The other happened between middle school and prep school. His mother decided to take him to Russia in 1959 to let him see first-hand how communism was functioning. It quickly changed his political views. Communism, that abstract political view of Marx, didn't work.

He spent fourteen years and most of his school years in Argentina. His parents sent him back to the US for high school and, after a gap year, to university as well. During the gap year he and his best friend Jim Luce (now a published author) travelled through Latin America visiting with leaders of industry. They gained introductions from Jim's uncle, an industry leader in the US who thought the boys could use some real life education. Norman and Jim have remained 'friends forever' and Jim was recently here for a visit.

Norman received his undergraduate degree in General Social Science from Oregon State University in 1967 and his MA in Foreign Trade (International Business) from Thunderbird in Glendale AZ in 1968.

Norman's proudest achievement is co-founding and running two successful enterprises: a microwave link between Las Vegas where he lived and Los Angeles where his company headquarters were (he later sold the company to Sprint), and then another communications company which successfully competed with Hughes Aircraft. That company has sold microwave communications systems in over 60 countries in its 25 years.

He and Sharon married in 1981 and have been in Mexico for ten years.

Upcoming Activities



ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC AND HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Atheist, Agnostic and Humanist Discussion Group will meet on June 26th at 3 pm at the Fellowship. We will be discussing Fred Harland's talk "What it means to Be Human: Transhumanism Science, and Ethics." Fred will be giving this talk to the Free Thinkers on June 21st. Bob Koches will send out a copy of the talk beforehand to those on the mailing list. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive a copy, please contact Bob at: bobkoches@gmail.com



Our Fellowship has lunch together at a restaurant on the last Sunday of the month. On June 25th, we will go to La Nueva Posada. Put your name on the signup sheet or let Karyn know you are planning to attend at newfhugger_wander@mac.com. Please join us!

Committee News



From the Hospitality Committee:

The Chair of the Hospitality Committee is **Karyn Carpenter**. She writes: If you are interested in helping plan parties and having a say in where the fellowship holds monthly lunches, please attend a brainstorming meeting to be held sometime in June (date to be determined). Please let Karyn Carpenter (766.0536 or newfhugger_wander@mac.com) know if you would like to participate.

Member News

Please keep Kathy Koches in your thoughts as she recovers from knee surgery; and Els Abercrombie, who is dealing with health issues.



Happy Birthday greetings to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in June: Buddy Dowdy-Winslett (6th); Helen White (8th); Wayne Conklin (15th); Francisco Urzua (16th); and Mary Helen Montgomery (23rd).

This Newsletter exists to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. The deadline for contributions to the July Newsletter is June 20th

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