



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

NEWSLETTER, MARCH 2017

Upcoming Services

March 5 - “Ramana Maharshi, an Indian holy man in the time of Gandhi” *Speaker: Richard Clarke; Service Leader: Carol Johnson*

This Indian saint taught freedom within yourself, in contrast to Gandhi’s seeking political freedom from British rule.

March 12 - “The Power of Forgiveness”

Speaker: Susan Weeks; Service Leader: Joan Jaquish

The human tendency is to cling to past events as a lifeline to who and what we are in the present. For many, this tenacity becomes an endless cycle of blame and shame. With compassion, philosophy and humor, Susan will explore how the past serves us—and how we can begin to experience our lives in a whole new way. There will be an opportunity for sharing and open discussion after the service.

March 19 - “A Post-Human Future?”

Speaker: Fred Harland; Service Leader: Fred Koesling

Technological expertise is on the brink of reshaping the human world and its environment more dramatically than ever before. Might we get to a point where no clearly defined human nature, at least as known by earlier generations, any longer exists?

March 26 – “...But She Persisted”

Speaker: Helen White; Service Leader: Susan Miller

March is Women's History Month. Helen will highlight women who have changed the United States and the world, such as Susan B. Anthony (her work for women's legal rights and the right to vote); Ruth Bader Ginsburg (her work against discrimination for both men and women); Dr. Janet Rowley (her genetic research linked to cancer); Dr. Temple Grandin (her work in changing the field of animal care and slaughter, made possible by her autism) and Elizabeth Warren (how she struggled to achieve her present position).

Events and Activities



There will be a Celebration of Life of Maureen Peterson on Saturday, March 11, starting at 2 p.m. at LCUUF. Donna would appreciate it if all who attend bring finger foods. She will supply drinks.

This is intended to be a true celebration and all who want to will be invited to share a memory of or experience with Maureen - we are anticipating a lot of laughter.

Please let Donna know if you plan to attend so that she can plan accordingly. You may reach Donna at donna.burroughs@gmail.com or 376-106-2087.

Spanish Conversation



More beginner Spanish speakers are needed for our twice weekly meetings. We meet on **Mondays** at 11:30 at **The Food Container** (almost across from S&S Motors). We

meet on **Thursdays** at **Sunrise Restaurant** at 1 p.m. Come on time or late, leave early or late. Come once a week or twice. In other words, come when you can, leave when you have to. **We have fun in Spanish!** For more information, contact Jan Manning (mydruthers01@yahoo.com)

Harvest the Power Workshops



Sat. March 18th - Identity Module

Sat. April 1st - Purpose Module

Sat. April 15th - Path Module

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fellowship.

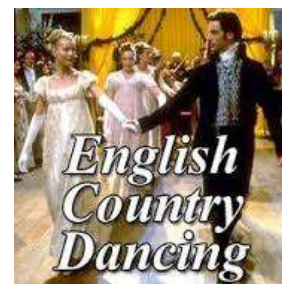
This three part workshop on leadership and faith development will be led by Tom and Buddy Dowdy-Winslett. All members and friends of LCUUF are encouraged to attend. There will be sign-up sheets at Sunday Services. Please sign up or e mail tomasdwx@gmail.com. This is an important event in the life of our congregation. We'll develop some new perspectives and skills, get to know each other better, and have fun!

After Service Lunch - March 26



Join us **after the service** on March 26th for brunch/lunch at **Yves' Restaurant** in west Ajijic. Please sign the sheet on the welcome table or e mail Fred Koestling, losgatos.mx@gmail.com

English Country Dancing



Join us for English Country Dancing on March 5th and 19th at the Fellowship, 2:45 to 5 p.m. Contact Catherine Luria for information CluriaARNP@gmail.com.



ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC & HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion

Group **will not meet in March**, due to conflicts with Los Cantantes rehearsals and concerts. We will resume in April. For information contact Bob Koches at bobkoches@gmail.com



CHOIR NEWS

The LCUUF Choir will have only one rehearsal in March, Friday March 10th at

9:30 a.m.. The choir will be singing at the service on March 12th. The rehearsals in April will be Monday, April 3rd and 17th at 9:30 at the Fellowship. Please contact Choir Director, Bob Koches if you are interested in joining the choir at 766-2299 or bobkoches@gmail.com.



CIRCLE SUPPERS

Sign-up sheets for the April/May/June Circle Suppers will be on the

Welcome Table beginning on March 12th. Please consider signing up to be a host. This is one of our most popular social events, so sign up early!



Birthday Greetings

to the following members and friends who have birthdays in March:

- March 15 Lorna Dean
- March 27 Paul Bennett
- March 30 Susan Miller

LCUUF PLEDGING INFORMATION

Pledge payments can be made in pesos by cash and check. Place your payment in an envelope (which are on the Welcome Table), put your name on the outside and place the envelope in the Sunday collection baskets.

Pledge payments can now be made directly from a bank in the US or US credit card to the First UU Houston bank. Here's how:

go to the Houston website

(<http://www.firstuu.org/>), then to On-line

Payments and Donations, and then to

Donations. Look for Lake Chapala Pledge.

Alternatively you can go directly to the Donations page:

(https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=tCa6TZlkmVMK9bkK7-sJKexIfyk39kwivoibO3-vM5bbm_dLbCtRyy51PDr3nNMiO3Okzkv2svUKQo7La5Ummcdl2dlOe0EvQSHNTEUOsFLmtnRjMM7wgHJt4FI-atp92evTpo0mld6BrVzd2nG0p9jnEDmGYVjIMhQXFakFomA=&ver=3)

On the Donations page, under Pledges, put an amount on the line Lake Chapala Pledge and fill in the boxes labeled Donations Frequency and Donations Start Date. You will then be taken to the Online Donations page where you can give personal and payment information.

PHOTO GALLERY



Rev. Gary Kowalski lights the chalice for the AGM



Potluck at Catherine and Eric Luria's home February 11th
(R to L: Peter Jessen, Susan Miller, Donna Burroughs, Susan Reynolds, Eric Luria, Fred Harland, Bobbe Dannenbrink.



Rev. Zsuzsanna Barta, Rev. Dr. Paula Gable and Hugh Jenney at the Potluck at Luria's February 11th.

Committee Reports/News



From the Sunday Service Committee

The Sunday Service Coordinator for April, May and June is Richard Clarke. If you have any suggestions for topics and/or speakers, please speak to Richard. An Emersonian service, which celebrates the arts and the talented artists, musicians, and writers in our congregation, is being planned for April 30th. Please talk to Jan Manning or Richard Clarke if you would like to take part.

The members of the Sunday Service Committee for 2017/18 are Mardele Harland (Chair), Catherine Luria (Secretary), Richard Clarke, Lew Crippen, Susan Miller and Teresa Sande.

From the Membership Committee

Jan Manning of the Membership Committee wrote a wonderful article which was published in the Guadalajara Report, February 4 thru 10, 2017, page 14. We have posted it on the bulletin board for those who missed it in the newspaper. Nancy Jordan-Zanot is our newest committee member. Other members are Marty Weston (chair), Ellen McFarland, Val Marcum, and Donna Burroughs. Our committee is looking forward to 2017/18 with fresh ideas.

From the Care Committee

An important message for members or friends who are single and living alone: In the event of death, it is very important to have prepared notarized instructions for a trusted friend(s). Talk to a Care committee member for more details: Lynn Cleek (chair), Paul Bennett, Lori Fjelsted, Joan Jaquish, and Buddy Dowdy-Winslett.

Opening and Closing for March:

The Membership committee.

This Newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF information to members and friends. Deadline for the April Edition is March 20th. Editor: Mardele Harland mardeleharlandmx@gmail.com