



**LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
NEWSLETTER**

October 2015

Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services:

**October 4 - "The Right Journey at the Right Time." Speaker: Gerri Schultz;
Service Leader: Heidi MacLennan**

Gerri's talk, with photos, will relate her Peace Corps service experience in the Ukraine from 2012-2014. It will include information about Peace Corps' evacuation due to the political turmoil in Ukraine during her final year of service.

October 11 - "Introvert, Extrovert, Ambivert: What Are You and Why Does This Matter?" Speaker: Ellen McFarland; Service Leader: Kathy Koches

Ellen will review Susan Cains book "Quiet" and more recent and nuanced findings on this topic, and will include a short listener participation activity.

October 18 - "The 100th Anniversary of the Theory of General Relativity: How Scientists View God/Religion." Speaker: Lew Crippen; Service Leader Nancy Jordon-Zanot.

October 25 - "The Righteous Mind; Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion." Speaker: David Miller

REMINDER: Set your clocks back one hour – Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 1 - "Celebrating Day of the Dead;" A Participatory Service.
Service Leader: Fred Harland**

Please bring a picture or other memento of someone who has died and share with us how s/he was important in your life.

Member News

Long time member Varn has moved back to the United States. We miss her! Before leaving, she presented LCUUF with one of her beautiful paintings.



Several members are currently **travelling**: Lynn and Gary Cleek and Susan and David Miller are in the United States visiting friends and relatives; Joan Jaquish and Teresa Sande are in Europe visiting a number of interesting countries, including Turkey. Sandy Wallin is in Canada to welcome a new grandchild.

We are delighted to have Lori Fjeisted back!

The **Care Committee (Lynn Cleek and Sue Kelley)** ask that we keep the following people in our thoughts: Jack Prins, Marion and John Blackmer, Heidi MacLennan, Maureen Peterson and Donna Burroughs (as caregiver).

At our service on September 27, Ellen McFarland (R) led a **new member ceremony**.

We were delighted to welcome 5 new members to our community:



(L) Marty Weston, Nancy Jordon-Zanot, Richard Clark, Carol Johnson, Sue Boyczuk.

We look forward to their active participation in our Fellowship and to getting to know them better.

Committee News

The Sunday Service Coordinator for October, November and December is **Teresa Sande**. She (or until her return, Kathy Koches) welcomes your feedback on Services and suggestions for future topics and speakers. **The Sunday Service Committee** is currently understaffed. If you would be interested in volunteering for this important committee, please speak to chairperson Kathy Koches.

The **Membership Committee** is also looking for an additional member. If interested, please talk to chairperson Donna Burroughs.

President's Report



This Newsletter provides me with the opportunity to reflect on important happenings in the life of our Fellowship. My thanks to Mardele Harland and those assisting her for taking on this pilot Newsletter project.

Facility issues have been a focus of attention for the past few months. A Sub-committee has been grappling with sound issues in our meeting place, and some changes have been made; our thanks to Norman Woods for initiating an enhanced personal sound system for those with hearing issues. As well, a change in ownership of the space we rent has created some uncertainty. We expect, soon, to meet with a representative of the new owner.

I am delighted to report that we now have an agreement with the **UUA** to financially support our **Visiting Minister program**. Many of you will remember the visit, three years ago, of **Rev Eric Cherry** of the UUA's International Office. I'm delighted to announce that, thanks to Eric Cherry's efforts, the UUA will pay for travel costs for two ministers to come to our fellowship each year. A Visiting Minister Sub-committee composed of the President and the chairs of the Sunday Service Committee and

the Membership Committee will oversee this program.

The **Rev. Ernie Mills**, recently retired from the Unitarian-Universalist Transylvania County (UUTC) congregation in Brevard, North Carolina, will be with us **Nov 4-18**. His focus will be on UU principles and history. He will be leading two Sunday services, two workshops, and much more. Stay tuned.

You may recall the visit, last January, of the **Revs. Scott and Anya Sammler-Michael** of Virginia. Scott's church, Accotink, has a very strong **pastoral care** program. So I'm delighted that two lay leaders of that program have agreed to visit us, likely in January, to provide training for us and members of the San Miguel congregation. Look for more information in upcoming Newsletters.

Finally, with no paid staff, LCUUF is totally dependent on the active involvement of our members. **My heartfelt thanks go to all who serve on the Board and Committees and those who support our Fellowship in many other ways.**

Church of the Larger Fellowship: CLF

One of the ways LCUUF maintains links to the wider Unitarian Universalist movement is through its membership in the **Church of the Larger Fellowship**. The CLF calls itself "a UU congregation without walls". Its over 3500 members include individuals as well as small, lay led congregations such as ours. CLF provides a number of services and resources. **Perhaps of most interest to us is their.**

extensive collection of materials and resources for planning and presenting worship services. At **Worship Express**, we have access to whole services and sermons/talks by the best UU Ministers on a wide range of subjects. Check the archives section for sermons and readings by topic - from “Atonement” to “Gratitude” to “Transformation” - or by speaker, from Rev. John Buehrens to Rev. Jane Rzepha The CLF streams live services on Sundays at 7 p.m. local time. It also provides access to music, Religious Education Programs and courses and discussion groups.

As a member of LCUUF you can access all these resources. Go to www.clfuu.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “member login.” The user ID is “Worship Express” and the current password is “gather.”

(Information compiled by Mardele Harland)



LCUUF Choir

We’re back and we’re looking for voices. We meet to rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 3pm at the Fellowship. All are welcome (especially tenors!) and you don’t need to read music to participate.

Our challenges this year are finding a piano player and finding voices so we have a good balance in our sections.

If you like to sing, please consider joining us. Contact me at bobkoches@gmail.com or talk to me on Sunday.

Bob Koches, LCUUF Choir Director



Fellowship Lunch

One a month, in lieu of coffee hour, we go to lunch together after the service. On Sunday, October 25th, we will be going to La Una on Marcos Castellanos in down-town Ajijic. We have been given a discounted price of \$115 pesos for the buffet, which includes coffee and juice. You may also order off the menu at the regular price. Please join us.



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Fall Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers are small groups who gather for a potluck dinner at someone’s home. The host contacts the guests to determine a convenient date and time for the dinner and provides the main dish. Guests provide a salad, side dish, or dessert as assigned. Everyone brings a beverage to share. Sign-up sheets will be on the Membership Table or contact Kathy Koches @ kkoches@gmail.com if you would like to participate. The next round of Circle Suppers will be held in October/November.

Kathy & Bob Koches, Circle Supper Chairs



LCUUF Discussion Group

It's time to get your geek on as we discuss computers of the future. On October 26th we will look at advances in quantum computers, the use of graphene, molecular and DNA processors, computer/human interface and other advances. We will also discuss the social implications of these technologies.

The group, which has an Atheist, Agnostic and Humanist view, meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 3 pm at the Fellowship and all are welcome.

If you are interested in receiving background material prior to the discussion contact Bob Koches at bobkoches@gmail.com.



LCUUF Women's Movie Group

The LCUUF Women's Movie Group meets the 4th Friday of the month at 2pm. The location and movie title are announced in advance. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we watch a movie together. If you have a suggestion for a movie please contact Program Chair, Kathy Koches at kkoches@gmail.com



COMMUNITY OF LOVE: a letter of gratitude from Bob and Kathy Koches

We say in our Joys and Concerns each Sunday that we are a family, and Bob recently gave a talk on living in "Community."

You never expect the unexpected, but of course it happens. Bob broke his shoulder and it was immobilized for ten long weeks, and Kathy contracted a rare virus whose symptoms mimicked a heart attack. We were overwhelmed with the love and caring we received from our UU family over the past few months. You were there when we needed you.

Many of you called, e-mailed and visited us, bring cards and even food as Bob could not cook and Kathy doesn't like to, and couldn't do it while she was ill. Several of you offered to go walking with Bob so he could continue his exercise program to control his diabetes and blood pressure. The response was so great that we don't have room to list everyone we want to thank in this letter, but we want you all to know how much we appreciated your care and concern. You have indeed, in this beloved community of ours, despite all our differences and diversities, demonstrated what it means to be a family. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Bob & Kathy Koches

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