



LAKE CHAPALA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

May 2016

Upcoming LCUUF Sunday Services:

May 8 – “Mothers, Mother’s Day and Activism”

Speaker: Jan Manning, Service Leader: Karyn Carpenter

Jan will discuss the history of Mother’s Day; and mothers and their contribution to making a better world.

May 15 – “Sharing, not Shoving: The UU Approach to Evangelism”

Speaker: Sue Kelley, Service Leader: Lori Fjelsted

Sue will speak about how evangelism can enrich, not frighten.

May 22 – “The Shape of Justice”

Speaker: Fred Harland, Service Leader: Norman Woods

Fred will discuss how Unitarians reflect our 2nd principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

May 29 – “But are you Happy? (A sermon by Scott Alexander)

Presenter: Nancy Jordan Zanut, Service Leader: Sue Boyczuk

The Hungry Children of Mezcala Outreach Program

By Susan Miller



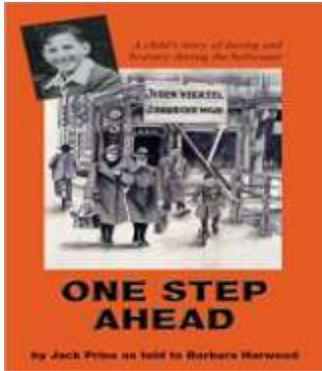
Tañia Ruiz Martinez is an English teacher who has been running the Hungry Children of Mezcala Food Program for 12 years. The program feeds 27 middle-school children every school day for a cost of about 11 pesos (about 64¢ in US dollars) per day per child.

Almost half of the children live with their grandparents for various reasons. Some of them have parents who are divorced and remarried, have children with their new partners, and do not want to care for children from a previous relationship. Some are orphans. Other children live with their single mothers, some of whom are widows, some of whom have high medical expenses due to cancer, leukemia, kidney disease, or heart disease in the family. All of the children have one thing in common. Their families do not have enough money to feed them three times a day.

Tañia has this to say about our contributions, “You are doing a lot for these kids. You are angels. Every day you give them a miracle because you are feeding them and they feel important to someone. They do not feel alone.”

LCUUF contributes \$2700 MX to the food program every month. As of April 30, we have \$9,585MX in the food program fund. This amount will take us through May, June, July, and half of August, which are among LCUUF’s traditionally low attendance months. Your donations of money or food are sincerely appreciated. If you are interested in contributing food/goods instead of money, look for next month’s newsletter where we will print a list of food and other supplies that the program needs as well as how our donations are helping the Women’s Health Clinic.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity!



by Jack Prins

Book Review by Kathy Koches

From the very beginning it grabs you, tears at your heart, and makes you feel you are right there with Jack, experiencing the horror, and also the hope.

Written in the first person, Jack tells of growing up as a Jewish boy in The Netherlands in the 1930's, and of how his life was changed forever by the Nazi invasion. Separated from his parents and younger brother, he was forced into hiding because of his "Jewish appearance." At first he was allowed to attend school, but as the danger increased he was moved from one hiding place to another, often in the middle of the night, being saved time and time again by the resistance. Jack tells of his many narrow escapes, and how he remained just "one step ahead" of the Nazis.

The story continues after the liberation of The Netherlands and tells of Jack's first love, his learning the Hebrew language, and his joy when Israel was declared an independent state in 1948. He relates the story of his reunion with his father, uncles and aunt, who survived the Holocaust and his grief that his mother and her entire family, except for one aunt, were completely wiped out. In 1951 Jack and his brother made their first journey to the fledgling state of Israel. The last section of the book relates Jack's life in Israel, living in a kibbutz and serving in the Israeli Army.

This is a must read for history buffs, and also for those who like a well written "thriller." Through it all, Jack's sense of humor prevails and carries him through difficult times to a better life. Don't miss this one! In our Library!

MEMBER NEWS



(LCUUF Ladies Lunch at Lynn's)

On April 21st, about 25 ladies enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and swim at **Lynn Cleek's** new home.

Lew Crippen is home recovering from surgery and doing well.

Maureen Peterson spent 6 days in the hospital during which time they discovered an ulcer that was the culprit for much of her problems. She has been adding foods back into her diet with no ill effects so far. After follow up doctor visits, she and Donna hope to return home soon.

We are keeping **Sheldon James** in our hearts. Also **Els Albercrombie**, who recently had a bad fall and broke her collar bone.

Happy Birthday Greetings to those with birthdays in May (that we know about):
May 5 - **Kelley**; May 11- **Cate Howell**;
May 13 - **Wes Weston**; May 14- **Ellen McFarland**.

(Please add your birthday to the Calendar on the Welcome Table!)



ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC & HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of the Atheist, Agnostic & Humanist Discussion Group will be May 23rd at 3pm at the Fellowship. People have said they come to the UU Fellowship for spirituality. But what does “spirituality” mean for those of us who don’t believe in god? This will be our topic for our May discussion. It should be lively. For more information contact Bob Koches.



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WOMEN’S MOVIE GROUP

The LCUUF Women’s Movie Group will meet May 20th at 2pm at the Fellowship. Watch for the announcement of the movie title in the update. Bring your own beverage and snack.

OOPS! Two errors crept into the last Newsletter: Apologies to Kathy Koches who put together the historical slide show for March 6th, and to Donna Jaramillo for misspelling her name.



CIRCLE

SUPPERS

The April/May/June Circle Suppers assignments are posted on the bulletin board. Hosts have been contacted and will be contacting their guests to set a convenient date.



Fellowship Lunch

Once a month, in lieu of coffee hour, we go to lunch together after the service. On Sunday, May 29th we will be going to Viva Mexico in San Juan Cosala. You may order off the menu at the regular price. Please join us.

This monthly Newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. Deadline for contributions to the June Newsletter is May 20th.

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