



**We are now having in person services and NO RESERVATION is required. Masks will be required and we will continue to maintain safe distance spacing of chairs.**

**Sept. 4 – The Old Woman and the Mexican Palm** - A mini, one act play written in the style of magical realism by Janice Kimball. Introduction by Ted Shaw, life coach and author of The Magic of Wonder. Starring Bob Koches and Janice Kimball. Kathy Koches will be the Service Leader.

**Sept. 11 – Belonging** – Although western culture reveres the idea of the rugged individualist, the reality is that we all depend on our groups to survive and thrive. It is our belonging to families, communities, nations, and ultimately the world that makes life worthwhile. What and to whom do we belong, and why? We'll explore the nature of belonging, its benefits and its complexities. Rev. Matt will be presenting via video from North Carolina and Jane Castleman will be the Service Leader.

**Sept. 18 – Mexican Independence Day** - Local author & historian David Ellison will speak on the history of Mexican Independence day and the heroes of the revolution. Lynn Cleek will be the Service Leader.

**Sept. 26 – Jewish High Holidays** – This service will be a combined UU/Jewish Chavarah presentation to celebrate the Jewish High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Bryan Kaplan, Dee Dee Camhi, and numerous participants from the Chavarah will present the service. In an hour and a half, Chavurah Chapala and the Unitarian Fellowship take us from Erev Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, using the iconic liturgy and music to help us individually and as a community as we recognize and forgive our shortcomings and, listening to the still small voice within, become at one with ourselves, each other and the universe in order to face whatever the new year brings. Whether you've attended High Holiday services for years or are experiencing them for the first time, we hope you will understand and connect to them in a new and profound way.



We are also meeting on-line, at our usual time, Sundays at 10:30, using a service called Zoom. Here's how to get set up. We suggest you do this before the meeting.

To join via video on your computer, tablet or smartphone, please click the link below – you will be stepped through downloading a free app that will let you connect to the meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

Meeting ID: 233 941 792

Or, for audio, just dial-in by your location

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Elsewhere? Find your local phone number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/233941792>

We encourage you to try to connect early, to get things set up. However, you won't be able to join the service until about 10:00am on Sunday. But it's good to get set up early.



Newsletters (including Member Spotlights) from 2015 to the present) are now available on the website. From [lakechapalauu.org](http://lakechapalauu.org) select the menu tab **News**, then **LCUUF Monthly Newsletters**; or go directly via <https://lakechapalauu.org/lcuuf-monthly-newsletters/>. Newsletters are arranged by year with most recent on top. Click on the month you want to see. An index of Member Spotlights is at the end of this newsletter.



## MATT'S MESSAGE

I take some satisfaction in noting that I have now been here at Lake Chapala UU Fellowship for just over five years. I remember vividly our three-day drive out from the August heat and humidity of Houston, where we had spent a week with Rev. Daniel O'Connell and the staff at First UU Houston (FUUH), our partner church at that time. We drove down through the dry heat of south Texas, enjoying cooler temperatures in Mexico as we climbed in altitude, finally reaching Ajijic, and our rental house, where our first night's sleep was interrupted by the thunder and lightning of the legendary early morning storms of Lake Chapala. During my first year, we attempted to build a satellite relationship with FUUH. This was a vision of Rev. Daniel, and we were one of three fellowships working with FUUH. But the FUUH board disagreed on this model, Rev. Daniel left, and we ended the relationship in 2018. That relationship was good for me in that first year; I had peers and resources in Houston, and they could pay me in US dollars. We experimented with recorded video services from FUUH, and while they weren't so successful, that experience helped us when the pandemic hit. During those pre-pandemic years, we grew in attendance, membership, and financial generosity, to the point that we began investigating a larger facility.

Then Covid came. While many UU congregations, and for that matter churches of any type, suffered tremendously during the depths of the pandemic, LCUUF did remarkably well. We learned how to do online services and small group meetings. When it was possible to meet in person, we continued with a hybrid service format, both online and in-person. We continue to improve this hybrid format, because we realize that many of our people remain unable to attend in person due to distance, travel or infirmities.

It does feel that the pandemic is winding down, and we can begin to look toward our future. We will begin again with considerations about our meeting space, planning when we might need a larger space, what we can afford, and whether we might build or buy. I am happy that people are interested in more focused, hands-on social justice work in the communities around us. And my fond dream is that we will be in a good place to work with other UU congregations, small groups that meet, and individual UUs scattered around Mexico, and even Latin America, to promote our faith in these regions. I am optimistic for our future together.

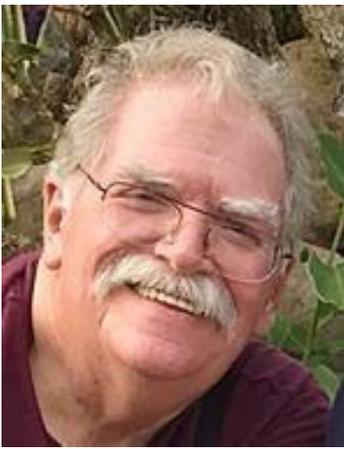


## BOARD MEMBER'S MESSAGE

Catherine Luria, M.A.L.

The Board of Directors reviewed the Covid situation in Lakeside, and decided to maintain the mandate to wear masks inside the fellowship. In addition, social events will continue to be on hold for this month.

We are delighted to welcome Cate Howell to the Board. Cate previously served on the Board from 2010-2015, spending four years as treasurer. She notes that there have been amazing changes over the 13 years that she has been a member of Lake Chapala UU. She has given presentations six times, and been Service Leader many times. After working as Service Leader on a couple of recent services, Cate joined the tech team to run the teleprompter. She notes that she has made some of her best friends ever since becoming a member of UU. Cate has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Lake Chapala Society, and for 10 years ran the LCS library. Prior to moving to Mexico she had three major varied careers - as the owner with her late husband Frank of a large pottery store and studio, as an executive director of many non-profit organizations, and in the data storage industry.



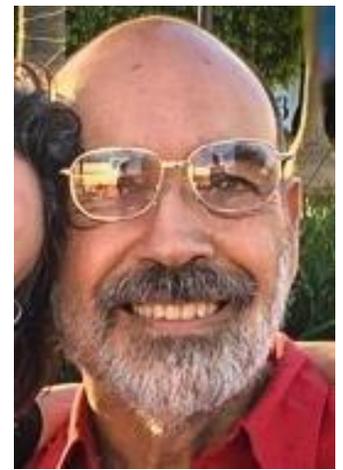
**Robert Barnett**



**Charlie Jacobs**



**Roy Haynes**



**Mario Pardillo**

## **Introducing Our New Facilities Operations Team**

Robert Barnett has agreed to be our Facilities Operations Team Leader. This is a new volunteer responsibility designated by the board this past spring. The need for this role was identified when the board recently found itself in the position of choosing paint colors and sign designs for our building, not the most efficient or effective use of the board or its time. And this is only a recent example. As Team Leader, Robert will be the point person for issues pertaining to our physical facilities; taking responsibility for addressing building needs and concerns that arise throughout the year. He will work directly with Sr. Fernando, who provides maintenance support for LCUUF; as well as Charlie Jacobs who keeps our electronics, security and other facility parts and pieces operational (on a volunteer basis).

In addition to facility maintenance and repairs, the Operations Team will also include an "Aesthetics Team". Roy Haynes has agreed to serve as the point person for all matters related to the aesthetics of our fellowship space. This includes things like updating the appearance of our altar space, adding or changing artwork, picking paint colors when required etc. Roy has some exciting ideas around seasonal designs as well as other ways to enhance and enrich the aesthetics of our facility. He is also looking for other volunteers to be part of this team.

Finally, Mario Pardillo has agreed to lend his horticultural expertise to help us upgrade and improve the plantings within our space. He has already provided an assessment and recommendations and we may soon see some improvements in this area.

Thank you to Robert, Charlie, Fernando, Roy, and Mario for lending your time and talent to insure the operational and aesthetics work of the fellowship meets our needs. And, if anyone has facilities maintenance experience please notify Robert Barnett, I am sure he would welcome additional help. Or, if you want to contribute to the aesthetics of LCUUF, you can contact Roy Haynes and he too will welcome your contributions.

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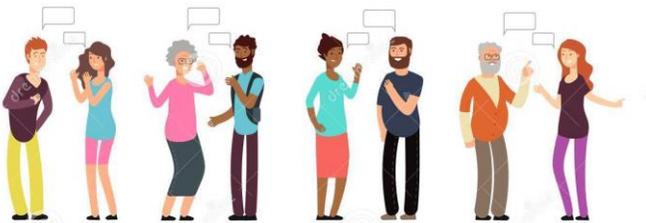


## HUMANIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The Humanist Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 at 4pm. Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86577912863>

Digital Nomads are people who work remotely around the world. It is estimated there are 35 million digital nomads in the world and 11 million in the US. The upside of being to work anywhere in the world has created a downside for local inhabitants in terms of social, cultural and economic values. This is true in Mexico City and even in the Chapala area. We explore local and world-wide implications

If you wish to receive the reading materials prior to the meeting and are not on the mailing list please contact Bob Koches at: [bobkoches@gmail.com](mailto:bobkoches@gmail.com)



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## Friday Conversation

Zoom get together for open talk. We never know what we are going to discuss, we converse about whatever is on people's minds. We meet every Friday at 2:00 pm. You are all welcome. If you have questions, email Richard at: [Richard@infinitepie.net](mailto:Richard@infinitepie.net) The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85190017215>



## SHARE THE BASKET

Our policy for Share the Basket, during the coronavirus crisis, has been: If we collect more than MXN 5,000 pesos in any month, the full amount will go to an organization providing assistance to low-income members of the Lakeside community. If we collect less than MXN 5,000 pesos in donations in any month, the balance will be subsidized from the LCUUF treasury, as long as this is financially feasible. If you pay your pledge or make a donation to LCUUF by PayPal, by Bill Pay, or pesos directly to Lorna Dean or David Hudnall, you may specify the amount that you want to donate to the Share the Basket program.

Tepehua Centro Comunitario is our recipient for Share the Basket donations in September, 2022. <http://tepehua.org/>



*Helping a Village to Help Itself*





## LCUUF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Member at Large	Susan Miller
Member at Large	Cate Howell



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05	Penny Humphreys	25	Annie Morris
09	Tonya Murphy	26	Lori Fjelsted
17	Heidi MacLennan	30	Nancy Jordan-Zanot
20	Terry Glenn		



The LCUUF newsletter is produced to provide LCUUF news to members and friends. Deadline for contributions to the October newsletter is September 25th and should be sent to Editor, Kathy Koches, at: [kkoches@gmail.com](mailto:kkoches@gmail.com)

## LAKE CHAPALA UU FELLOWSHIP MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

### **2015**

November Susan R. Kelley

December Francisco Uruza

**2016** NONE

### **2017**

Jan. – March NONE

April Mary Helen Montgomery

May NONE

June Norman Woods

July Sharon Woods

August Ellen McFarland

September NONE

October Kathy Koches

November NONE

December Els Abercrombie

### **2018**

January Jeanne Haley

February NONE

March Paul Bennett

April Carol Powell

May John Roam

June Mary Roam

July	Hugh Jenney
August	Claire Jenney
September	Doug Mattoon
October	Liz Moulder
November	Bill White
December	Helen White

**2019**

January	Val Marcum
February	Pixie & Bill Frayer
March	Janice Kimball
April	Bob Koches
May	Richard Clarke
June	Carol Johnson
July	Fred Harland
August	Mardele Harland
Sept.	None
Oct.	Roy Haynes and David Hudnall
Nov.	Jack Prinz
Dec.	None

**2020**

Jan.	None
Feb.	None
March	None
April	None

May	Charlie Jacobs - VP
June	Lorna Dean, Treasurer
July	Trudy Crippen
Aug.	Fred Koesling, MAL
Sept.	Eric Luria, MAL
Oct.	None
Nov.	None
Dec.	Susan Miller. Secretary

## **2021**

Jan.	Lew Crippen
Feb.	Marion Blackmer – in Memoriam
March	None
April	Kriss Gang
May	Cat Barnett
June	None
July	None
August	Hanna & Federico Frederick
Sept.	Donna Burroughs
October	Cate & Frank Howell
November	Sue & CB Kelley
December	None

## **2022**

Jan.	None
Feb.	None
March	None

April	Johannes Bjorner & Susanne Bjorner
May	Kathleen Pharris
June	D'Vorah Kelley & Colleen Berry
July	Sharon Woods, Norman Woods & Kathy Koches from 2017
August	Bob Koches, Fred Harland & Mardele Harland from 2019