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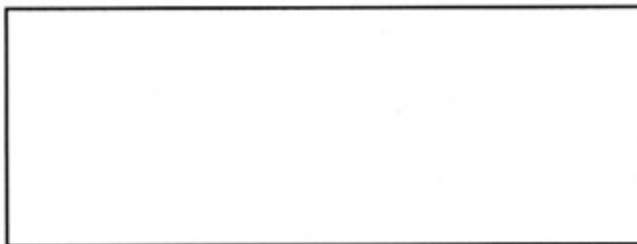
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Congregational Annual Meeting  
 will be held after Service on  
 Sunday, March 28. Plan to attend.  
 We'll elect CLC and Nominating  
 Committee members.



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March 2010

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Mar 7	<b>The Reverend Dr. John M. Higgins,</b> Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship at Pineda	<i>Civility In Public Life</i>	Arthur Urrows	Bill Dugger	Jackie Higgins	Mimi Dugger
Mar 14	<b>Dr. Robert Mroczkowski,</b> Card-Carrying UU, Graduate of MIT	<i>Pondering Our UU Principles and Their Sources</i>	Cathy Stanton	Tom Curry	Christy Good	Ruth Rodgers
Mar 21	<b>Neal Stannard,</b> Vero Beach UU, Radio Personality and Feature Reporter, Actor, and Member of the Indian River Democratic Committee	<i>Beer, Bourbon, and A Way Out Of Hell</i>	John Lees	Sally Gourd	Peggy Horsfield	Peggy Horsfield
Mar 28	<b>Al Rappaport,</b> practiced and taught Zen for 40 years, and is the Author of <i>Open Mind Zen: A Guide to Meditation in Modern Times</i>	<i>Improving Life and Health Through Meditation</i>	Shirley Works	Bill Horsfield	Betty Allison	Rosemary Stroda

**MINISTERIAL MUSINGS****The Reverend Dr. John M. Higgins**

This has been a busy month and much has been asked of us. We have been asked to bring items for sale for our rummage sale and have more activities to attend at Friendship Hall. In addition, we finally got out an opportunity for those of you who wish to donate to a local charity organization. The first collection was close to \$400 and will go to the Sharing Center which distributes food and help to those who are experiencing a bad turn in life. Each month on the first Sunday, those of us who wish, may fill out an envelope with what we care to give and the entire proceeds will go to a Brevard County charitable organization.



You are invited to suggest organizations to which you would like to see the funds sent. There are many programs in Brevard county that are overwhelmed by the needs they see. The downturn in the economy hurts many. If you use the envelopes, our wonderful treasurer, Morgan Ohland, will keep track of what you donate and put it on your annual statement of what you have contributed to the congregation. In my opinion, it is important for us as UUs to contribute to our community needs and it is important for the community to know that we care.

In addition, I have had more calls than ever before for help through the Ministerial Discretionary Fund. That fund is now less than \$900 and I am getting more and more calls for assistance for people who have utilities cut off and overdue rents. If you want to donate to that fund, please make out checks to the "Ministerial Discretionary Fund" which are deposited in a separate account. Those who receive help are not publicized but I screen requests very carefully. There are those who misrepresent their problems and I check as much as I can to see that no unworthy persons receive money that needs to go the truly unfortunate. Persons in our own congregation always come first but there are others who are desperately in need. The maximum help I feel we can afford is \$300 to an individual and that seems a lot except when one considers that \$700 a month is close to the minimum rent than anyone can find in our community. In one way it is a lot but in another way it isn't much for the most desperate. Often a person in dire need can get part of a rent payment from several sources and I have made out checks for real estate managing companies for partial payments of rent. That way I know the money goes to where it is owed.

I have heard that there are a few people who feel we are "always asking for money." I don't know of a denomination or congregation that doesn't hear that cry. I am **NOT** asking for money for these causes. I ask you to see an opportunity to help those in dire need. It is not a demand or a tithe. Only each individual can decide for him/herself what is possible to donate. It is calling for all of us who can afford any amount to take an opportunity to help the needy and, at the same time, get the recognition from our community that we are part of a caring congregation that wants to help create the Beloved Community—our UU ideal.

Many of us may have experiences hard time in years past—some, as children during the Great Depression or in our early

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**STITCHES****CLC Chair Barbara Kurtz****Collaboration Can Work!**

As Chair of the Congregational Leadership Committee I am an ex-officio member of all Friendship Fellowship's committees. Though I have no vote, I am allowed to speak up.

How very grateful I am that "the politics of no" is alien to our members. Instead, our committees work toward consensus. We collaborate as problems are solved, our facilities improved, and our programs—Sunday Services and all the rest—are enhanced.

This is not to say that we all come to the table with lockstep ideas ready to rubber stamp whatever the committee chair may have on the agenda. Unitarian Universalists have wide ranging skills, knowledge, and opinions that we are not timid about expressing.

Committee meetings can get lively. So many are speaking that no one can be heard. There are scowls and looks of puzzlement. Information isn't getting across. The committee chair brings us back to the task at hand. Everyone's ideas are heard. Facial expressions change. Heads shake. Heads nod. We listen. Positions are modified. Language is clarified. New ideas are triggered because we bring differing backgrounds to the work.

From this collaboration a plan emerges. Though it isn't perfect—not everyone agrees with every point—it is workable. Committee members take on assignments that fit their talents. The jobs get done. When the committee meets again the process continues.

Not every committee meeting works out this neatly. Differences remain to be argued again another day. Sometimes, Quaker style, one must "step aside" and accept the majority decision. This collaboration, as we work toward consensus, is a precious commodity. It is essential to the growth and health of our congregation. Nourish it at every opportunity!

And let's export some to Washington!

**JANUARY SILENT AUCTION (on UUs Got Talent Nite)****... Renay Coyne**

I want to especially thank all of the people who contributed items for the January Silent Auction. The total amount made on the auction alone was **\$652.00**. We did good!

stages in adulthood. I don't know how many of us had a hard time paying the rent or looking at foreclosure of a home but there are so many having this experience now that whatever we can do—no matter how little when we consider millions of those nearing desperation. But whatever we do will help someone or maybe many people from losing hope.

Do what you feel called to do. No one should judge you on the smallest or greatest donation. We are Unitarian Universalists. We believe in love. Our family is the whole world but we have near neighbors to care for too.





Fraternally,

Jack



# March 2010

## Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b> Spring Film Discussion Series: <i>Amistad</i> (historical film about a slave uprising on the high seas) Doublewide, 1:00 PM, moderated by Helen Bennett</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Just Us Girls Art Group:</b> Every Tuesday 9:30 AM–2:00 PM Coffee House -Pat Hemphill-</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>World Religions:</b> Every March Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 PM Friendship Hall, taught by The Rev. Higgins</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Women's Friendship Circle:</b> Coffee House, 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Campfire Group:</b> Every Friday in Coffee House 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Dick Conway Memorial Service:</b> Friendship Hall 11:00 AM</p>
<p><b>7</b> Sun Svc 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Political Illiteracy</i> <b>Welcoming Congregation:</b> 12:15-2:15 PM in Coffee Hse</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Building Your Own Theology:</b> Next ten Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM Friendship Hall, taught by The Rev. Higgins</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Non-Fiction Book Club:</b> Coffee House at 2:00 PM</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>The Reverend Higgins office hours-or by appointment:</b> Mon &amp; Wed, 1:00-3:00 PM Friendship Hall</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Bear Pit:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM (Renay Coyne)</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Philosophy: The Charlatan—Philosophy Betrayed and Philosophy Satirized—The Comic Lucian</b> Friendship Hall, 2:00 PM, moderated by John Lees</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Humanists of Brevard in the Coffee House . . .</b> at 10:00 AM </p>
<p><b>14</b> Sun Svc 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Current Events</i> <b>Denominational Affairs:</b> 12:15-12:30 PM <small>Daylight Savings Time BEGINS</small></p>	<p><b>15</b> Spring Film Discussion Series: <i>The Story of Three Loves</i> (beautiful movie from the '50s, stars Moira Shearer) Doublewide, 1:00 PM, moderated by Helen Bennett</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>CLC Meeting:</b> Friendship Hall, Monday, 7:00 PM <b>Dessert:</b> 6:30 PM <b>BYOT:</b> Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Single Men's Lunch:</b> 1:00 PM at Bob Evans on Wickham in Suntree (it is suggested you make plans with others to avoid lack of company)</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Welcoming Congregation:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Yard Sale 8:00 AM–1:00 PM</b> <b>Game Night:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> Sun Svc 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>The Elephant in the Room (what we do not speak of)</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>BYOT:</b> 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>PFLAG:</b> Coffee House at 9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Bear Pit:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM (Renay Coyne)</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Philosophy: Cicero—Philosopher as Politician and Seneca—Philosopher as Court Advisor</b> Doublewide, 2:00 PM, moderated by John Lees</p>	<p><b>27</b> </p>
<p><b>28</b> Sun Svc 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Current Events</i> <b>CONGR ANN MTG</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Spring Film Discussion Series: <i>Monsieur Ibrahim</i> (Omar Sharif as a Muslim storekeeper, with English subtitles) Doublewide, 1:00 PM, moderated by Helen Bennett</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>BYOT:</b> Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>The Editor needs your April inputs by Sunday noon 21 March (sooner is ok)</b></p>		<p></p>

