



CRAIG'S COLUMN

Like a skilled host at a party, one of the key roles of the pastor of a church is to introduce people to one another. I have learned that I can't assume that any two particular members know one another, regardless of how long they may have been a member or how active they may be.

As a result, I am always checking to see if everyone in a gathering knows everyone else. I always make it a special point to introduce newcomers, to, in effect, vouch for them in an attempt to help them find a home among us. It's hard to overestimate the importance of these simple social graces. Experts on church growth tell us that unless a new member makes at least six new friends in their first year, they will probably not stay.

All you have to do is to act as if you are hosting every church gathering you attend, whether it's on Sunday morning or Thursday afternoon. Whatever group you are in, make sure that everyone knows everyone else. When you discover that two people share a common interest, introduce them to one another and mention their shared interest.

When I lived in Fort Worth, Texas, every Tuesday I would go riding with my bicycle club, The Rusty Chain Gang. On a nice day, there would be about twenty to twenty-five of us. As we advertised the time and place of our rides, newcomers would often show up. I made it a point to always go up to someone new and simply say, "Hi. My name is Craig."

That's all I would do. I wasn't a designated leader in the club, it wasn't my role, and I didn't ask anyone how they found us or anything else. All I did was say hi and gave my name. But that simple act can pay large dividends.

I would like to ask that you do the equivalent on Sunday mornings here. Look around at coffee hour and other social occasions and introduce yourself to those you don't know. If you see someone you don't know, even if you suspect that they may have been coming for years, go up to him or her and simply say, "Hi. My name is ____." If we all did this, we would make everyone, not just newcomers, feel more welcome.

Although these are simple tasks, they can be difficult to practice. They are difficult because our natural tendency is to visit with the people we already know. They are difficult because we are tempted to use coffee hour and other unstructured time to discuss church business and social arrangements. They are difficult because we are afraid we will look silly if we introduce two people who already know one another.

We are a warm and welcoming community to those who feel like they belong. But no matter how warm it feels to those on the inside, it can feel pretty chilly to those who feel like they are on the outside. Let's all do everything we possibly can to make everyone feel included and welcome.

--Craig



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Community

For the past year I've been thinking a lot about "community" —more specifically—"community building."

My concern goes beyond our UU community. There has been a general malaise occurring among all sorts of organizations for almost two decades. Specifically, this sense of disconnection has been noted in many social and civic non-profit groups and, more recently, among churches. However, many for-profit organizations and businesses have also felt its sting. The hallmarks of its existence are declining members, declining interpersonal interaction/relationships, increasing self-centeredness, a sense of loss, of futility, eventually fear of the future and, not infrequently, "organizational" demise.

I have to admit that there have been times in recent years that I have had concern for our well-being as a community of religious liberals. While for me that concern never reached the level of a sense of futility or beyond, it certainly did for some.

Over the past three years, you—we, individually and collectively— have chosen a more satisfying, more productive and positive path. One way of describing that path is building community. And it is something that emerges almost magically among us.

Thanks to a few, we are all enriched by a growing and diverse array of mind and spirit expanding Adult Life-Long-Learning experiences. Others have started small groups that explore or address areas of interest or concern: Aging Sages, Connect Groups, writing groups, social justice movies, discussions, and action.

Simple community emerges when members just recognize something that needs to be done, organize themselves without fanfare, and "just do it" for the rest of us. A work party to maintain our building is announced, so members and friends show up to sweat and commune through the tasks at hand. A meal is prepared for a shut-in. Cards are sent; visits are made. A new website just seems to emerge from nowhere without fanfare – a gift to all.

All these are signs of caring about others and our environment; our love of life, living and serving; signs of our sense of and the health of our community. Thanks for all you do.

-- Bill

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

June 1, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "The Tooth that Nibbles at the Soul"

Emily Dickinson's poem # 501 ends with this line: "How do you seek to still the Tooth that nibbles at your soul?"

June 8, 2014— Rev. Scott Alexander, "May Your Pillow Catch Fire!"

One of the most important spiritual (and ethical) possessions any human being can have is active empathy for others. This has been confirmed by the social scientists who study altruism and compassion, especially the work of Dr. Samuel Oliner, an amazing holocaust survivor I have had the pleasure of knowing.

June 15, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Gifts of Our Fathers - A Participatory Service”

What did your father tell you, that has stayed with you throughout your life? Was there a lesson from him, a story, or a moment that helped to make you who you are? Join us as three members of the Society share stories about some of the gifts they received from their fathers.

June 22, 2014— Doug Hall, “The Value of Volunteering”

Volunteering and a willing attitude can lead to positive discoveries about yourself and the world around you. Blinded at 8-year-old, Doug retired after 29 years at the Dept. of Education; he’s now a full-time volunteer.

June 29, 2014 Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Upside and Downside of Getting Older”

Gail Sheehy’s wrote her 1976 book *Passages* when she was in her 30’s. She had difficulty then imagining life after the age of 50. However, now well over age 50, she has revised her sense of the stages of life.

SHARE THE PLATE --The Domestic Abuse Council

On Sunday, June 15th we will share our collection plate with the Domestic Abuse Council. This organization began in 1976 to help women, men and children living in crisis and unsafe conditions.

The Council offers temporary emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and their children —24-hours per day — every day of the year. The Council provides emergency food, hygiene items, clothing, beds and bathing facilities. In addition, staff and volunteers offer an emotional support and a safe environment.

Individuals who have been physically abused, threatened with abuse, who are frightened to stay where they are and have no place else to go are eligible for emergency shelter services. To access the shelter, victims may contact local crisis hotlines lines at 386-255-2102 or a state-wide hotline at 1-800-500-1119.



Our Alliance organization will also contribute to this charity. With the combined contributions, we will purchase much needed items on their wish list. Household items such as paper goods, laundry items, cleaning supplies and food staples will be just a few of the necessities they always need. Please be generous in your June 15th offering for those who need our support. Thank you.



**Domestic Abuse Council
of Volusia County, Inc.**

—Joyce Nelson

WEBSPINNER NEWS

We are happy to report that the new and improved UUSDBA website is now "up and running," "alive and well" and "ready for your reading pleasure." If you would like to see pictures of your new Board of Directors, find out what activities are scheduled, know what is scheduled for the Sunday Service and the topic of the next discussion group, read the current and past *Jotter* or the *Weekly Bulletin*, listen to a past sermon . . . and much more, then visit www.uuormond.org.

The Members Section sign in and password remain the same. Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

—Your Web Team: Judy Gordon and Joanne Kennedy

ALLIANCE NEWS

Now that the Share-the-Plate partners have been established for the 2014 year, the Alliance is taking its annual summertime hiatus. At our April outing, 32 people went to the Daytona State Café 101 Culinary Institute restaurant. Everyone seemed to have a great time, so another visit will be scheduled for the month of November. Our monthly Alliance meetings will begin again in October.

Our May meeting was held at Caribbean Jack's in Daytona Beach. We met on the veranda overlooking the river and enjoyed drinks and conversation before eating in a private dining room at the restaurant. It was a relaxing way to celebrate a successful year. Over the past twelve months we were busy planning our efforts to assist local charities, helping our church, and enjoying each other's company. At each meeting this year we talked about our seven UU principles, and the ensuing discussions were interesting and lively. It has been suggested that we continue exploring topics related to our religion.

Officers were elected for the coming year. All officers agreed to continue in their positions:

President— Jeanne Young

Vice President— Ellen Nielsen

Secretary— Joyce Nelson

Treasurer— Lorell Remington

To help with Alliance fundraising, Jenny Nazak has agreed to be the bartender for the potlucks during the summer months, where we raise a little money to donate to our charities. We look forward to having Jenny back in our fold! We have missed Jenny while she was helping out her mom during her recuperation. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

BELOVED MEMBER: Dee Bloom (April 26, 1929 - May 9, 2014)

If ten friends were asked to produce a vignette of Dee, the result would differ significantly because she was so multi-dimensional, yet so modest in every endeavor. She didn't make huge waves, but sent many positive ripples throughout her life. Educators honored her; conservationists awarded her; and Unitarian Universalists knew her to be the real McCoy. She was kind, generous, loving, and always helpful. Once, as secretary of our UU she said, "Listen, I cannot write down everything that happened, so what I write is what happened." Dee was Unitarian Universalist realist.



My personal relationship with Dee was close and spiked with humor. Dee enriched my life and was always game for an adventure. We could find joy in picking up debris on the beach, or tripping out in West Coast wine country. As we grieve, we are grateful that we once shared the life of this wonderful woman.

--Ann Awdey

PLANNING YOUR OWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Roshaven will offer a workshop on how to plan your own memorial service. He will go over the structure of a typical service, provide guidance on what you might consider when choosing music, hymns, readings, and what information you might leave for whoever delivers your eulogy. If you have a favorite reading or other resource that you'd like to have included in your service, please bring a copy. The program will take place on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

SENDING E-MAIL: Do's and Please Don'ts

We and about 100 other UU members recently received an e-mail with all our e-mail addresses listed in it. Our question was, "How did the sender get all of those addresses?" Evidently he collected them because some of us sent out e-mails with the addresses of our recipients listed as carbon copies (Cc)! The writer evidently collected our addresses either at one time or over time. But this wake-up call should remind us to be more careful about how we send out e-mails!

Would you give your friends' phone numbers out to everyone you call? Probably not. You wouldn't want your number given out to everyone – and surely they wouldn't want their phone number spread about either. Anyone might call them.

E-mailing lots of folks is similar. It's easy **NOT** to reveal addresses of the other recipients. Just list all those folks you want to send your e-mail to in the Blind carbon copy (Bcc) field or line of your e-mail. The Bcc line can hold lots of e-mail addresses, and no one else who gets your e-mail will see the other addresses.

Exceptions to sending e-mails Bcc: You may want to send out the same e-mail to a small group of committee members, or to friends you e-mail on a regular basis. Using Cc: gives everyone a chance to know who received what information -- and there are other reasons to Cc: a small group, say fewer than twelve people.

Good e-mail etiquette: But sending to large groups is another matter! Many folks do not want their e-mail address sent to people they do not know or do not know well. Using Bcc is a way to respect your recipients.

Another downside of sending out a large list of e-mail addresses is that any one of the recipients could be the victim of a virus or a spam-bot – which means then that all the e-mail addresses on the list are victims too. And remember *when forwarding an e-mail, if there are e-mail addresses contained within the text of the email it is advisable to delete them before forwarding.* Please protect the privacy of your friends and acquaintances by protecting their e-mail addresses — use Bcc.

--Judy Gordon and Joanne Kennedy, Your UUSDBA Web Team

OUR SEARCH BEGINS IN EARNEST

On May 23-24th committee members who have been charged with searching for candidates for a "settled" or permanent minister held a weekend retreat with Rev. Marni Harmony, our regional UU Ministerial Settlement Representative. To make the giant task of searching more manageable, it was divided up among team members—Chris Gruner, committee chair; Carolyn West, packet editor and distributor (of information about our UU); Tom Hilburn, arranger (of logistics, etc.); Beverly Berger, reference checker; Evan Rivers, secretary and communications; Dan Kennedy, survey coordinator, and Cliff Jackson, treasurer. (Cliff will also be our representative on the Negotiation Team, to be established later.) While each person has a specific responsibility, all team members will work to assist each other.

The team will begin by surveying the congregation to determine not only what characteristics we need and want in a new pastor, but also to communicate to candidates who we are—what kind of congregation we are. While some aspects of this job must remain confidential, (for example, the identity of the applicants) the team intends to make it a transparent process with lots of participation by the congregation. We hope all UU members and friends will take time to be involved in the survey and cottage meetings we plan for this fall.

--Your Ministerial Search Team

ARE YOU A NOTARY?

If someone in our congregation is a currently registered notary public, they might like to let Cathy Jackson know so that others can use their services. People would like to know someone they can call upon when they have a document to be certified.



A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At our last Fiscal Year 2013-14 Board meeting in April, we took a few minutes to look back to assess our year's work. Being our own worst critics, we thought of tasks we had not yet completed. As a result, we devised a new Action form to help insure that we follow up on items like these. After the meeting, though, I realized that we did not take time to assess what we DID accomplish through our own hard work on the Board, as well as through the exceptional work of committee chairs and members, church staff, our minister and many other members and friends of the congregation.

For example, with the 5th Saturday "work days," our stalwarts were busy cleaning and painting the inside of the building and the deck, as well as cleaning up the grounds outside. Our virtual presence has been enhanced: the ancient office computer was replaced, our network security increased, our website upgraded, and the weekly e-mail "This Week at UUSDBA" initiated. We searched for and hired our interim minister; we celebrated two significant anniversaries: the 60th of our founding and the 10th in the new building. Our fund-raising efforts paid off with the auction (\$10,000+) and two rummage sales (\$5,000+) -- not to mention our successful pledge drive. Not only do we have quality programs on Sundays, we welcome visitors and follow up with e-mail messages. We're a strong presence in the community with our participation in F.A.I.T.H. initiatives, social justice events, Family Renew Community, as well as Sharing-the-Plate with local charities.

I say "Well done."

--Ann Matteson

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS: Racism = Bigotry + Power

The infuriating news regarding the LA Clippers basketball owner's racist remarks combined with the ranting Nevada rancher -- the one with perverted notions of freedom for poaching on public land, who argues that slavery was a good thing -- is an appalling insult to human dignity. The bad news is that this is old news. The good news is it's not being put up with.

We Unitarian Universalists are sometimes glib when we invoke our 1st Principle regarding human worth. We should not be. This teaching is at the core of our theological commitment. It's the Universalist teaching: We are all -- all humans! -- children of the Divine and therefore worthy of being treated with respect. This stands in direct opposition to the Calvinist legacy: some people are saved (worthy) and others damned (unworthy).

Sadly, Calvinism, not Universalism, is the prevailing theology of American society. Everywhere you turn you can hear people dividing the world into two classes: those like me, who are good, and everyone else. I once knew a man who believed "There are two ways to do things: my way or the wrong way." It is hard to know how to be in the same room with such folk. It is even harder to live in a society where the habit is to play "I'm OK, You're Not!" games at every turn.

--Kenn Hurto, UUA Southern Region

June 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Recital: 1-5:30 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Crafts: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Caring Committee: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Membership Mtg. 5-6:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Recital: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>First Friday potluck: 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Recital: 3-4:30 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Worship Committee Mtg.: noon-1:00 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Finance Committee Mtg.: 1:30-3 pm</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Choir: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>NE Breeze articles due to Donna Jordan</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Subud Mtg.: 6-9 pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Crafts: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Planning Your Own Memorial Service: 4-5 pm</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board Meeting: 5-7 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jotter due date</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm</p> <p>Movie night: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>					

Pulpit Presentations for June 2014

Date:	Topic	Presenter:	Service Leader
June 1 –	“The Tooth That Nibbles at the Soul”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Renny Roker
June 8 –	“May Your Pillow Catch Fire!”	--Rev. Scott Alexander	--Denise Carter
June 15 –	Father’s Day participatory service	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Cliff Jackson
	Share-the-Plate-- Domestic Abuse Council	--Joyce Nelson	
June 22 –	“the Value of Volunteering”	--Doug Hall	--Carolyn West
June 29 –	“Upside and Downside of Getting Older”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Chris Ringue
July 6 --	What Patriotism Means to Me” [congregation participates]		



Dick Peppers—1st
Betsey Fales—2nd
Ellen Nielsen—9th

Maria Regeci—15th

Rindy Nyberg—16th
Dan Kerr— 17th
Ann Matteson—21st

June Birthdays





The Jotter

June 2014

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of the Daytona Beach Area

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, Minister: (817) 657-2976
 RE teachers: Debra Hanson/Mary Wentzel: (contact UU Office)
 Cathy Jackson, Office Administrator: (386) 677-6172
 Office hours: M/W—8 am to 1 pm. & T/Th—2:00 to 6:30 pm
 Sunday—9:45 am +

Bill Ternent, President: (386) 615-4616
 Carolyn West, Editor: (386) 672-9352
 Website: <http://www.uuormond.org>
 Discussion Group meets Sunday at 9:15 am

Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.