

# **High Desert Dispatch: February 2016**

**Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City**  
**Join us at 3845 N. Swan Street, 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City is a diverse group of religious independents seeking knowledge, spiritual sustenance, fellowship and opportunities for service to others. Our programs encompass humanism, liberal Christianity, earth-based spirituality, Buddhism and many other traditions. The members themselves plan and present the Sunday programs. **Please join us.**

## **Sunday Programs**

(All Sunday Programs begin at 10:00 unless stated otherwise)

**Feb. 7: "Freedom From Religion"** Elaine Carlson recently attended the 38<sup>th</sup> National Convention for Freedom From Religion Foundation. She will give a report of what she learned there and attempt to tell why their constant fights to preserve separation of Church and State are so important.

**Feb. 14: "Life's Amazing Changes"** Heidi Ogas will speak about life's amazing changes on Valentine's Day, sharing a chapter of the book, *The Wild Within, Loons and Lessons of Love*. Using nature, it explores what love is and the Beatles' *All You Need is Love* as a fun sing-a-long.

**Feb. 21: "The Medicine Buddha"** Jeff Goin will introduce us to some teachings of & meditation on the Medicine Buddha. In the Mahayana Buddhist tradition, the Medicine Buddha occupies a special place in the hearts of practitioners. The Medicine Buddha is called upon for spiritual & physical healing. Jeff Goin is a practicing Mahayana Buddhist & has been teaching/ leading non-denominational meditation on a volunteer basis for 8 years.

**Feb. 28: "Conversation: The Gift of Giving"** We'll discuss the psychological/emotional/moral factors that trigger the why, when, how and how much of our charitable contributions. UU's don't tithes. How do we decide? Discussion moderated by Jane Riger.

**Mar 6: Rev Chris Jimmerson**, Minister for Program Development, First UU Church of Austin, TX, is coming here to talk about Immigration & Sanctuary. (more info to come)

## **Calendar of Building Events**

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Coordinator – Harriet Rogers)  
**Silver City Camera Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

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### **News from the Board:**

From the Treasurer -- December report reflects not much rental income and no collection at the Holiday potluck. The fifth Sunday collection for November was deposited in December. Members are reminded to make 5th Sunday donations by check [payee as UUFSC and memo line to the organization] if they intend to use as charitable donation for taxes. Barb sent out tax statements for 2015.

Facilities: Because his workshop is unheated Paul Michaud was not able to finish the kitchen cabinet until the last weekend in January. We really appreciate Paul's hard work and diligence in getting this project done. Thank you, Paul! Also, Paul will be changing the combination on the front door. If you try the old one and it doesn't work, call a Board member or Paul for the new one.

Program Committee: We've been treated to excellent programs in January, and we anticipate similarly insightful and informative presentations in February. Thanks to all who serve on this committee. It meets the third Monday of the month at the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pam Page for more information or to suggest programs.

We appreciate Mary Harwood's taking on the idea of our contributing to pay for bus passes. Remember, the envelopes for same are on the front table.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 10:30. Please get agenda items to the chair by Monday February 8. This will be Nancy's last meeting as chair. George Ruebelmann follows. And thank you to Carol Morrison for making the Quonset hut more user friendly by clearing out surplus, and repurposing book shelves.

Last but not least, thank you to John Mooney for your tireless work on this newsletter!  
Nancy Cliff acting Board Chair

**The Immigrant Justice Network** now meets every three months. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 10, 3 p.m. in the UU Community Room. Jane Foraker-Thompson of the Friends Meeting is our new Chair. One item to be discussed is that of possibly providing Sanctuary in Silver City. Please join us!  
Fran Browne

**Remember** to bring non-perishable foods & other helpful items for the Food Pantry distribution. Please place in the baskets by the front door.

**Sat Feb 6, 12 - 1 PM** - During Chocolate Fantasia the Fiddling Friends and Big Ditch Crickets will play dance music at the **Hub** by the mural. (6th and Bullard St) The Big Ditch Molly's will dance. It will be a fun "street magic/flash mob" type of event.

Call 575-534-0298 for more info or [bayouseco@aol.com](mailto:bayouseco@aol.com)

**Tues, Feb 9** - Bayou Seco and Friends will play the Annual Mardi Gras Party at Diane's Parlor, 510 N Bullard St. Silver City 6 PM till whenever. Great Cajun/New Orleans food and come in costume!!!!  
**BON TEMPS ROULER!!!!!! NO COVER CHARGE**

**Friday, Feb 19** - Bayou Seco and Friends - Mardi Gras Contradance at la Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla NM 7:30 - 10:30 PM \$6.00  
[for more info - http://www.snmmds.org/](http://www.snmmds.org/) or call 575-522-1691