

# **High Desert Dispatch: February 2017**

**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 5th – “A History of & Working with HIV/AIDS” –**  
George Carr & Candice Burke have worked in the fields of law & social work related to HIV/AIDS. He will talk about the AIDS epidemic in Belle Glade, FL, the CDC’s actions, & how he met his wife, Candice. She will talk about the care & treatment of AIDS patients & the history of HIV/AIDS in the Orlando area & she may deny any knowledge of George Carr. Theirs is a love story built around HIV/AIDS.

**Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – “Magic has Consequences” - Rev Amy Beltaine**  
Pagan, indigenous, and earth-relating traditions offer healing messages and food for meaningful action. What can we learn from these spiritual insights and practices which are both ancient and new? (see page 2)

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - “How you can support change thru local government”- Alicia Edwards**  
Alicia's experiences with DAPL & being elected Commissioner will represent the following UU principles: The use of the democratic process within our congregations & in society at large AND the goal of world community with peace, liberty & justice for all.

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – “All about Mardi Gras” - Bayou Seco**  
There will be some masks, Mardi Gras capes and rhythm instruments to play for the younger Fellowship kids. We will have a Parade (costumes welcome) around the room or the outdoor space depending on the weather. This program will be a discussion about the medieval history, pagan customs (the return of SPRING) and the music of this world wide celebration including participation by attendees. It will be a glorious statement of this IMPORTANT time of year. (see page 2)

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## **Calendar of Building Events**

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the  
office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Office Coordinator)

**Silver City Camera Club – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm**

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

The board met January 9, 2017, for a very productive session. Board Chair Barb Gabioud led a discussion which included reviewing board member notebooks, the Fellowship Coordinator's job description, current lists of all committees and chairs, tax exempt numbers for purchases at Walmart and Foxworth, the perpetual calendar, door code access, purchase of a booth canopy and possible future vision/mission/covenant discussions to be held with Claudia Elferdink.

New business included discussion of recent attendance by young families and preparation of a religious education program for the children. Caron Morrison will be Family Programs Coordinator, acting as a liaison with families and the Program Committee for monthly participation and child care. The Board is looking for an at large board member, a Social Justice Chair and more committee members for the Membership Committee.

The next Board meeting will be held February 19, 2017, at UUFSC after the morning program. All interested members and friends are welcome to attend.

**Jane Riger, Board Secretary**

*Spiritual Accompaniment (one-on-one sessions)* - Spiritual companioning sessions available with Reverend Amy Beltaine, Spiritual Director. Are you curious about spiritual accompaniment but want to see what it is like with a UU first? Looking for "just-in-time" discernment or exploration of a spiritual question? Have a family member or friend who could use spiritual coaching? Inviting you to conspire with divine love to trust and live your heart song. Cost and appointment times visible on [listentoheartsong.info](http://listentoheartsong.info) (Sunday and Monday), or email Reverend Amy at [abeltaine@uuma.org](mailto:abeltaine@uuma.org).

### **Smells and Bells Workshop Feb 4, 2017**

Blessing oils have been used in a number of spiritual traditions – Hindu, Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, Pagan....“..anoint my head with oil, my cup runneth over”

In this 90 minute workshop we will discuss some of these traditions of blessing with scented oils. We will use pure organic olive oil and some essential oils (e.g. frankincense, balsam) to create our own small bottle of oil for blessing. Then we will charge them with sounds and bells, and be on our way with a small bottle for our own personal use.

We will hold two sessions of the same workshop, to make it easier for schedules, and to be able to have smaller groups. Please sign up so we know how many supplies to bring. Sign up for one time slot only.

When: Feb 4, 2017 - 10am-11:30am **OR** 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Where: UU Fellowship 3845 N Swan

Contact Lynda at [lynda\\_aimansmith@yahoo.com](mailto:lynda_aimansmith@yahoo.com) or [575-519-1680](tel:575-519-1680)

### **Mardi Gras cont'd**

Bayou Seco - Ken Keppeler and Jeanie McLerie, 20 years Silver City residents met in Eunice, Louisiana in Feb 1978 during the Mardi Gras celebration. They lived there for 2 1/2 years and then moved to New Mexico in 1980.

**"SAVE THE DATE!** Charlie King, musical storyteller and political satirist, will perform at the UU on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$10."

**Remember** to bring non-perishable foods (**esp. canned beans and fruit**) for the Food Pantry distribution. Please place in the baskets by the front door.