

High Desert Dispatch: February 2022

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.**

UUFSC Safety Protocol: We will not be serving food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks will need to be worn in the building at ALL times. We will continue to serve refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.

Feb 6th Kris Neri "Journaling Your Way From the Darkness to the Light"

With Covid having made things harder than we expected, not to mention whatever personal troubles we struggle with, the challenges we face and the uncertainty of the future, can make life feel grim. UUFSC board member Kris Neri will share how the techniques developed by Julia Cameron, author of *The Artist's Way*, can be employed by, not merely artists, but by everyone to put the doldrums behind them, so they can bring a brighter spirit to a darker time. A handout will be provided. Kris will sell and sign copies of her books after the service. **Moderator, Jane Riger**

Feb 13th Pam Weber "Silver City's Elizabeth Warren"

Pamela has always considered Elizabeth Warren to be a strong figure in the history of Silver City. She did not let adversity bring her down and always found a way to make lemonade out of lemons. Pamela will speak about Elizabeth Warren, painting a picture of what Silver City was like during the time that Elizabeth lived here and how she coped with life events and made her own way in a man's world. **Moderator, Nancy Stephens**

Feb 20th Azima (via Zoom) "Living in the Great Heart of Compassion" the Rev. Azima Lila Forest will offer reflections on perhaps the most essential and universal quality of the world's religious and spiritual traditions. **Moderator, Nancy Cliff**

Feb 27th Lynne Zotalis "Hippie at Heart" Lynne will discuss her book about finding true love & your soul mate during the late 60s/70s amidst the drug deluge and sexual revolution. "Nick and Anne's" life of family/friendship, loyalty and devotion turns nightmarish when tragedy strikes. Weaving thru the mystery of her husband's bizarre death, spending thousands of dollars fighting the Mexican authorities, this powerfully poignant story of survival is armored with the tenacity and strength of the human spirit. **Moderator, Carol Morrison**

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Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com for scheduling.

Feb 6th contd UUFSC member Kris Neri is a multi award-honored author of novels and short stories. She teaches writing for the Writers' Program of the UCLA Extension School. Locally, she is also member of the steering committee of the Southwest Word Fiesta, and one of the founding members of the Borderland Writers Co-op

Feb 13th contd Pamela Weber was born in Bisbee, AZ and moved to Silver City when she was 5 years old. Although raised in Silver City, she did not realize what fascinating local events had taken place throughout the course of the area's history until her eyes were opened when she lived in Amarillo, TX as an adult and read "Black Range Tales". From that point on, her interest in Southwest New Mexico history was insatiable. Pamela has served on the Silver City Museum Society's board of directors and was the local Westerners Chapter "Drummer" (program coordinator) for nine years.

Feb 27th contd Lynne Zotalis is an award winning author placing 1st in the creative nonfiction category from Firebird Book Awards for Hippie at Heart (What I Used To Be, I Still Am). She also has won awards for her short stories and has had her poetry published in many publications. Saying Goodbye to Chuck, a daily journal helping to enunciate the readers' personal grief process along with her other publications are available on Amazon. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08DC6GZ7T>

Notes from your Chair: As we all know, the only constant is change. And the UUFSC is getting pretty darn good at it! So, we shut down in March 2020; began to offer zoom programs in the late summer/fall of 2020; reopened in-person programs in July 2021; and now in January of 2022 we have begun another format to serve our ever changing needs. Thanks to the "tech team" and Nancy Stephens for getting us up and running for our new hybrid (in-person and zoom) Sunday programs. And, we are hopefully restarting our family program in May, with our youth taking on a leadership role. I think we all miss our young people and their participation in our Sunday services as well. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering in our Family Program. Carol Morrison, Board Chair (575-223-8972) carolmorr@gmail.com.

Here's a big shout out for our February babies!

If you'd like to see your birthday here, please send an email to: carolmorr@gmail.com.

21st Beatriz Giraldo, **28th** Lynda Aiman-Smith & **29th** Mairi Cronin (Zoey's daughter will be two)

News from the Board: The Board met Sunday, January 16. The primary topics covered were: Kris Neri reported on Social Justice activities, including Barbara G.'s migrant support activities and Ron G's with the hospital worker food project. Kris Neri has drafted a UU Service Opportunities handout. Please see Kris or any Board Member to get involved. Also on January 16th, many of you attended the successful launch of our Sunday Hybrid/Zoom programs, which provides us with the opportunity to participate in a way that best meets our needs.

The Board is developing the new 2022-23 budget, which will be presented for approval at the Semi-Annual Meeting in April. We are beginning to develop a new Children's Program to be launched this spring and will be looking for a Program Coordinator for indoor/outdoor activities.

A number of new protocols were discussed, including the decision that except for service dogs, dogs will no longer be allowed in UU buildings or on the patio except for special occasions, such as the Blessing of the Animals. Of course, if you have a dog in the car, feel free to walk them around the grounds as needed. We love our dogs, but the safety and comfort of all comes first. Our next meeting is February 20 at 11:15. Please join us!