

# **High Desert Dispatch: January 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)

**Jan 3rd: Mary Harwood will present a video, "Understanding Islam"** hosted by Michael Bogart. It is a short and concise introduction to Islam.

**Jan 10th: Rev. Amy Beltaine "The Sixth Source"**

For millennia, Paganism and Earth-based Spirituality has been practiced and refined by hunters, farmers, indigenous people, and those who live close to the land and the sea. We will look at some of the rich theo/ologies, traditions, and histories from within the 'Earth-Centered' label. They have been shared, reinvented, and absorbed into all religions. What gifts do they bring to UUs? (see page 2 for more info about Amy)

**Jan 17th: Rev. Azima Lila Forest "What We Eat and Why It Matters"** The food choices we make affect our own health, the welfare of animals raised to provide food for humans and the health of our planet. We will look at hard questions around deciding what and what not to eat.

**Jan 24th: David Kent and Beatrice Giraldo "Parliament of World Religions"** David & Beatrice will speak about & share pictures of their experience at the Parliament of World's Religions conference they attended a few months ago.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Wayne and Lynette Brown and Lucy Potts "Opportunity in the Land of Eternal Spring"** Learn about the unique people and culture of Solola, Guatemala as well as new opportunities available to young Guatemalans through their non-profit called Friends of Forma ([friendsofforma.org](http://friendsofforma.org)). According to Lynette, in the highlands of Guatemala, many young adults especially young women are not able to complete their education beyond the sixth grade. Often they are trapped with scant opportunity to thrive and grow because they must concentrate all their energy on survival. This is a UU Dedicated Offering.

## **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

## **Board Members**

Nancy Cliff, Acting Chair  
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### **News from the Board:**

The Board met Thursday, December 10, at 10:30 am. The agenda included routine business as well as a bit of discussion. We had more business than anticipated, so the bylaw review was postponed until the next meeting which is scheduled for **Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 10:30 am**. All are welcome to attend. Agenda items should be submitted to Nancy Cliff, Board Chair, Secretary, by Monday, January 11, 2016 (ncliff49@gmail.com)

Paul Michaud reported on the status of the rebuilt kitchen cabinet. We approved spending the amount required to replace the faucet. The project should be completed by the start of 2016. We thanked Paul for replacing the mud mats in the front foyer. The next expenditure will be a new storm/screen door for access to the quonset. For reasons of safety the hinges of the two doors should be on the same side. You might also thank Paul for stabilizing the railings at the back steps.

We heard from Barb Gabioud, Treasurer, who presented a simplified report.

We decided that George Ruebelman will succeed Nancy Cliff as Board Chair (Feb-April), followed by Jane Riger (May-July). There was discussion of holding a special election of another board member when Nancy leaves the Board following her six-month term.

Gila Mimbres radio station (KURU) will be storing some equipment in the quonset for a few months. We have asked Kyle Johnson to give us a few more shout outs instead of paying any rental.

We discussed Sunny Yates' Publicity committee and its work. Pamela Page will be taking over Membership Committee duties. Mary Harwood is considering chairing the Caring Committee. The Program Committee will likely be requesting an increased budget to cover rising costs of visiting ministers and music.

Finally, results of the recent survey about Human Resources will be consolidated in a spread sheet for future reference. Thank you for doing this, John Mooney.

Nancy Cliff acting Board Chair

### **More about Rev. Amy Beltaine:**

She invites you to conspire with divine love to trust and live your HeartSong. More info at

[listentoheartsong.org](http://listentoheartsong.org)

Amy offers spiritual accompaniment, presentations and retreats. She is a graduate of Meadville Lombard School for the Ministry. She is also an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and nearly life-long earth-relating Process-Pagan, currently serving as the President of the Covenant of UU Pagans. Her current mission is to be a love ninja.

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