

High Desert Dispatch: January 2018

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 7th – Open Sunday - This will be a loosely structured gathering that allows individual UU members to provide insight and inspiration on topics of their choice. The format can include brief talks, essays, poems, and even music. Please note: UU audio-visual equipment will not be available, except for the podium microphone. Chellee Chase will be the facilitator and handle the customary opening and closing ceremonies. If you wish to be part of the program please sign up that morning at the podium. First come, first served. Try to keep your presentation to four minutes or less. **Childcare available**

Jan 14th - Hugh Epping - “History of HIV/AIDS” Hugh will speak to the history of HIV/AIDS from a providers perspective and also the social issues facing not only those infected but also affected. Where we were then and where we are now both nationally and locally. (cont’d on p. 2) **Children’s Program**

Jan 21st – Rev Azima Lila Forest – “The Power of Intention” In this time of thinking about how we want to live in this new year and making resolutions, we will focus on setting intentions as a spiritual practice. We will be having a new member ceremony this day. **Childcare available**

Jan 28th – Karen Bendiktson – “3000 Cups of Tea” What should social justice and peace building programs look like? Inspired by the documentary "3000 Cups of Tea" Karen will share thoughts about how media, personal responsibility and organizational structure affect our opportunities to create change. **Children’s Program**

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Calendar of Building Events

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

PFLAG – 1ST Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

Silver City Camera Club – 1ST Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

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Hugh Epping was the past Executive Director of Open Door Clinic in Elgin, IL during the beginning of the AIDS Epidemic. The clinic immediately began addressing HIV/AIDS when the first article appeared in 1981. The clinic was on the leading edge in innovative care and coordination of services. After Hugh's retirement, the clinic continues to provide needed services with a variety of programs. Today, Hugh serves on the Board of Directors of Open Door Health Center of Illinois.

News from the Board:

The Board met in early December for a planning retreat at Barb Gabioud's house. We discussed bylaw changes, schedule changes to accommodate Family Programs, and congratulated ourselves and this Fellowship on the past year's accomplishments. We are all aware of the hard work and perseverance that has been necessary to make the progress we have made this past year. We've really been on a roll and I personally feel grateful to work with such a creative and dedicated Board. It's inspiring to work with people whom you like and admire.

Plans are being made for a dedication service of the new building in March when Claudia Elferdink will be available.

Next regular board meeting will Sunday, January 7th, after the program. All are welcome. Happy New Year!

Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary

Quonset Naming Contest:

Congratulations to Donna Guevara for winning the contest. The new name for the Quonset Hut is: **"QUU Hut"**

Family Programs

With the new year upon us, we're very excited to have a new *QUU Hut* in which to conduct the Children's R. E. Program. With the generous support of UUFSC members, we are in the process of adding some new furnishings and decorations to make our new space feel more like a home away from home. R.E. programming will continue to be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, while child care will be available on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. This month we'll pick up again with the *Sing to the Power* curriculum to explore the power of roots (that we are grounded in all that has shaped our lives) and the power of growth (the power to bring forth new life and nurture growth). We look forward to having your family join our programs.

Frank Guevara