

# **High Desert Dispatch: January 2019**

**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**

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Reverend Amy Beltaine “What We Love Can Be Saved”** How are you the change you wish to see in the world? Step by step the longest march can be won. It takes many drops of water to turn a mill. The struggles around the world for justice, peace and against violence can be overwhelming. It is easy to feel small. Where do we find the strength to carry on? **Moderator: Lynda Aiman-Smith Childcare Available (cont'd pg 2)**

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Mary Alice Murphy - Why did I write “God’s Umbrella: Southwest New Mexico World War II Survivors?”** She began collecting interviews with World War II survivors and others involved in the war, when she was a reporter for the Silver City Daily Press. After the Press kicked her out, she kept on meeting up with or hearing about World War II veterans, so she kept talking to them and interviewing them. The book is a compilation of 81 interviews. **Moderator Elaine Carlson CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 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. **Susan Golightly** will be the moderator. Please keep your presentation to four minutes or less. **Childcare available**

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunny Kellerman** Have you ever wondered "Where DOES the time go?" or bemoaned a dream that never got fulfilled? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by all there is to do? Working from the principle that "only YOU can author your life and it's your only job," we'll look at a structure for bringing accomplishment, satisfaction, joy and balance to life on a daily, monthly and yearly basis. **Moderator Nancy Cliff CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

## **Board Members**

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
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DeAnna Mooney, Treas.  
Jane Riger, Sec.  
Paul Michaud  
Susan Golightly  
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Sunny Kellerman  
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Sandra Michaud  
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## **Family Programs**

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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** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month 7:00 pm

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

## **News from the Board:**

The Board met in December for a retreat at Barb G's house. We reviewed by-laws, financial reports & policies, perpetual calendars, UUFSC statements of Purpose, Covenant & Mission and welcomed Lillian Connelly as newest Member-at Large. We discussed committee needs, UUFSC strengths & weaknesses, and got a little silly with Ron's margaritas. Susan Golightly swaps places with Zoey Cronin; Zoey is now Vice-Chair & Susan a Member-at Large. We remain a strong board with DeAnna Mooney keeping her place as Treasurer, Barb Gabioud at Chair, Paul Michaud is a Member-at Large & Jane Riger will continue as Secretary.

The Holiday pot luck was a resounding success. Thanks to all who organized, brought food and set up/cleaned up. The children's program was fun and lovely. Thanks to UU protective spirits, they didn't set the building on fire!! Next Board meeting will be January 13 after the program. All are welcome to attend. Jane Riger, Board Secretary

## **BIO (cont'd from pg 1)**

Rev Amy Beltaine is a traveling Spiritual Director providing Sunday services, retreats and spiritual mentoring as a UU ministry. She's the recent Pres of Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) as well as involved in many other spiritual endeavors. When Hawthorne & Amy are not traveling, they live in Portland, OR with beagle, Zim & cat, Annie. She does one-on-one spiritual mentoring & her contact is [abeltaine@uuma.org](mailto:abeltaine@uuma.org) or see her website <http://amybeltaine.info>.

## **Family Programs:**

A happy and blessed 2019 to one and all! January in the UU Children's Program, we continue our exploration of intangible gifts. Our topic for January 13 is "The Gift of Helping" and for January 27th, "The Gift of Families". Giving children the "gift of participation" is a great way to start off the New Year... please join us!

**UU Social Justice Committee:** We will meet on Tues, Jan 8 from 6:00 -7:30 pm at the home of Sunny Kellerman. The first 30 minutes are devoted to refreshments & conversation; our meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Come help us design our priorities for the year and plan our next steps. For more info, call Sunny at 313-2200.

## **Misc:**

**Ivy and Angela** will both be dancing in this year's Conservatory of Dance's production of The Nutcracker. It is a full-length production at the WNMU theatre on January 12 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 & can be purchased from either girl on Sunday Jan 6. They have been working hard on their parts since September! It will be a great show. Thanks, Kirsten

The next **Chalice Circle group** will meet for 5 Fridays at 6pm (we decided to skip the 1st meeting to accommodate holiday travel plans): Jan 18, Feb 1 & 15, March 1 & 15. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others on a deeper level & explore ideas you may not think about often. Please plan to attend most/ all of the gatherings. Contact Zoey ([zoeyacronin@gmail.com](mailto:zoeyacronin@gmail.com))

**Sat Jan 12th - COMMUNITY DANCE** w/ the Big Ditch Crickets -Benefit for Gila Mimbres Community Radio (Silver City) 6-9:30 @ Old Elks Lodge 325 N Texas St \$6-10 suggested donation Children under 12 – Free For info, 575-535-2151

Joe Neri is offering **private guitar lessons**. For more info, contact Joe at [joe12bar@gmail.com](mailto:joe12bar@gmail.com)

I, **Jan White**, need a house mate to share my home (a double-wide). I am asking \$600/mo which includes utilities. I need help w/ yard work & keeping house, as well as a companion for some of my medical appointments. I have a dog, Enki & a cat, Sunny. Renter will have her/his own bedroom, bath & family room for private use. My future is not clear to how much help I may need in the future and not sure of the scale of escalation. My contacts for info: cell 928-526-1361 or [janlee.white57@gmail.com](mailto:janlee.white57@gmail.com).