

High Desert Dispatch: March 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)

Mar 5th Stephen Fox "Fifty Years Ago: Hispanic/Anglo Segregation and Discrimination in Silver City and Grant County." Stephen Fox is a historian from Boston. He and his wife, Alexandra Todd, moved here in 2008. He remains a devoted fan of the New England Patriots, who--by the way--just won their fifth Super Bowl.

Mar 12th Rev. Azima Lila Forest "Art in Action: how artists can serve the cause of justice and how art serves the activist" In the face of extremely difficult and dangerous times, people across the country and across the world are mobilizing in great numbers. The level of citizen involvement with their elected representatives is at an all-time high. Artists, too, can be a part of this massive movement, offering their talents in the service of peace and justice.

Mar 19th Jeff Goin (Lotus Center) "Ten Bulls" This Zen tradition illustrates the stages of a practitioner's progression towards the purification of the mind and enlightenment as well as his or her subsequent return into the world while acting out of wisdom.

Mar 26th Ardene Rickman "GRATITUDE - A powerful word" How one can change one's thinking.

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 – 1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board
Chair

Susan Golightly, VC
DeAnna Mooney, Treas.

Jane Riger, Sec.

Van Smith, Peggy

Spofford,

Paul Michaud

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News from the Board:

The board met February 19, 2017, for another productive session. Board Chair Barbara Gabioud is creating “institutional memory” by devising detailed monthly Perpetual Calendars for regular Board tasks, the budgeting process, Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings. We review these calendars at every meeting to make sure that each board member is aware of, and hopefully on top of, their particular duties every month and aware of various deadlines. The duties will remain fairly constant, with occasional changes and additions. Of course, the dates will change from year to year, but not the tasks. These calendars will be immensely helpful from here on out for future Board members.

Issues addressed at this meeting included reviewing the new brochure which is almost finalized and ready for printing, discussion of possible renovations to the Quonset hut for future RE use, lock codes to the building, adding more parking spaces, hiring lawn care on a regular basis, creating a “booth in a box” for Social Justice activities, the purchase of eleven new hymnals including a large print edition, signing an online letter to Governor Martinez opposing a border wall, and extending a warm welcome to Paul Michaud as an At Large Board member. Look for a **Pledge Letter** coming your way for the 2017-2018 budget year. We wouldn't let Barb tweet it....

A special Budget Meeting for the Board will be held March 12, 2017.

The next general Board meeting will be held **March 26**, 2017, at UUFSC after the morning program. All interested members and friends are welcome to attend.

Voting eligibility for the Semi Annual Meeting:

UUFSC bylaws require that members sign the Membership Roll (located on the bulletin board in the foyer) **60 days** in advance of an upcoming Semi Annual Meeting which will be held on April 23 at the UUFSC. If you signed up by **February 23, 2017**, you are eligible to vote at this meeting. If you are concerned that you won't be able to sign in time, please contact any Board member, including myself, and we can sign you up next Sunday (Feb. 26, 2017) by proxy. **If you are not able to sign up in time for voting, please attend the Semi Annual Meeting (SAM) anyway, and participate.** Make your voice and presence heard!!!

Thank you, Jane Riger, Board Secretary

Charlie King to Perform at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Musical storyteller and political satirist Charlie King will perform at the UUFSC on Tuesday March 7 at 7:00 PM. Suggested donation is \$10. The concert is being sponsored by the UU Fellowship.

Charlie King has been at the heart of American folk music for half a century. He sings and writes passionately about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. His songs have been sung and recorded by Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, and John McCutcheon among others. Pete Seeger once called Charlie “one of the finest singers and songwriters of our time.”

For more information, call Sunny Kellerman at (575) 313-2200.

Bayou Seco

Sat. March 17th, 7pm Ireland to Alamogordo via Alaska at the Flickinger Center. 1110 New York Ave, Alamogordo NM 88310. A St Patrick's Day Party with Bayou Seco, Ken Waldman, Steve Smith, Scott Mathis and Linda Askew, and more NM musicians. Tickets: www.flickingercenter.com

Sat April 1, Love Your Library Day at the Silver City Library 10:30-12:30 with Bayou Seco and the Fiddling Friends

Wed April 5 - Poetry Evening and Basque Music with David Romtvedt from Buffalo, Wyo.

A Benefit for KURU Radio. At the Church Of Harmony, 609 Arizona St, Silver City NM. 7:30 PM
\$10.00 suggested donation.