

# High Desert Dispatch: May 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)

**May 6<sup>th</sup> - " Punished for Speaking Spanish: Maria and Elena tell their Stories" - Cindy Renee Provencio** conducted an oral history project to complete her master's thesis on the topic of racial segregation and discrimination in Grant County. Maria C. Dominguez and Elena G. Cisneros were two of the participants. Although they are more than 20 years apart in age, they both experienced physical and emotional abuse for speaking Spanish at the hands of some of their teachers while attending Bayard Elementary. (cont'd on pg 2)

**May 13<sup>th</sup> - "Finding the Divine Mother in all" Azima Lila Forest:** As we observe Mother's Day, let us turn our attention to signs of the Divine Mother in the people and the world around us.

**May 20<sup>th</sup> – Semi-Annual Meeting w/Potluck Brunch.** The main focus is on the Budget for FY 2018-19. Members & friends are invited. Please plan to stay until 11:30 or a little later. **Please bring your potluck brunch dish by 9:45** so food can be set up & the meeting can start on time at 10 am. Coffee, tea & juice will be provided. If you have a hot plate to keep your dish warm, please bring it also. We will light the chalice & have a few words, eat & then the meeting.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> - "Memorial Day Potluck Picnic"**

**Remember it starts at 11:00 am. It will take place on our Patio.** Bring a dish. The Fellowship will provide drinks. Bring an instrument if you'd like. Afterwards, head to Gough Park for the Blues Fest.

## 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

## Board Members

Barbara Gabioud, Board Chair  
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## **News from the Board**

The Board met recently with a few committee chairs and other interested folks to discuss the possible budget short fall for the upcoming fiscal year (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019). We're trying to think creatively and "outside the box" with financial suggestions. Next board meeting will be Sunday, May 6th, 2018, after the program. All are welcome

**Any late coming or additional pledges of ANY amount are, of course, always welcome.**

**Please plan on attending the Semi Annual Meeting on May 20th.**

**Jane Riger, UUFSC Board Secretary**

**Interested in helping the Program Committee** develop upcoming Sunday programs? The Committee could use a few more heads to help keep the **Brain-Storming fresh**. Talk to Ron Gabioud, DeAnna Mooney or Karen Murphy (current team leader). Or attend the next meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 at UU.

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> cont'd:**

Presenting with Cindy is Maria C. Dominguez to tell her story. Maria grew up in Bayard and Santa Clara. She retired from Western New Mexico University and has served the community in many capacities such as serving on the board of El Refugio.

Cindy Renee Provencio, also grew up in Bayard. She currently works for Upper Gila Watershed Alliance as the Gila Latina Community Organizer and is a candidate for County Commissioner, District. 2. Together Maria and Cindy Renee will honor Elena's memory as she recently lost her battle to cancer.

## **FAMILY PROGRAMS UPDATE**

On the second Sunday in May (5/13), the children will spend the session time working on Mother's Day crafts to honor those in their lives who've nurtured and supported them. On the fourth Sunday (5/27), the focus of the lesson will be on the Power of Fire: the power of shining light and passionate action. Participants will learn to activate their fire power to express their feelings and beliefs and make a difference, specifically in the face of bullying.

**Frank Guevara, FP Director**

**Please let Sandra Michaud** know of any **changes to the directory** (address, phone etc) **OR** if you would like to be included in the directory. Look for the clip board on the table in the foyer to actually write those changes or notify her by email: [uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com)