

# High Desert Dispatch: October 2021

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.**

**UUFSC Safety Protocol: We will not be serving food or drinks in the building until further notice. Masks will need to be worn in the building at all times. We will continue to serve refreshments on the patio, weather permitting.**

**Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Heidi Ogas “Blessing of the Animals”** The program your pets have been waiting for! It will be held on the patio & you're welcome to bring your critter family. Please make sure they are safely contained & controlled. The service will be a bit shorter to respect the anxiousness of our pets. **Moderator: Heidi Ogas**

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Mike Sheffer – “The 8th Principle”** UUA has proposed adding an 8th Principle which calls us to examine racism in ourselves and our institutions. Join us for a look at how this Principle developed, and what it means, followed by a discussion. **Moderator: Pat Sterling**

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Wendy Graves & Jane Riger - “Words Matter, Rethinking our Mission/Vision Statement”**. As previously discussed, this program will not be advertised outside of the UU Fellowship. **Moderator: Ron Gabioud**

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Marty Eberhardt – “Light Literature Needn't be Flighty: writing DEATH IN A DESERT GARDEN”**  
Marty has written a debut novel, a murder mystery set in a botanical garden. Although traditional murder mysteries tend to be light literature, Marty will discuss how she wove some weighty issues . . . water conservation, climate change, & racism among others . . . into the whodunnit format. She will read excerpts from her book & have copies available for sale. **Moderator: Ted Whittemore**

**Oct 31 – Jeff Goin – “Undoing Racism”** *Undoing Racism* is a racial justice, racial equity campaign launched by Lotus Center in response to the murder of George Floyd last year. Lotus Center's executive director, Jeff Goin, will discuss the genesis of *Undoing Racism*, its objectives, and Lotus Center's vision for the campaign's future. **Moderator: Nancy Stephens**

## Board Members

Carol Morrison, Board Chair  
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Susan Price, Sec.

Paul Michaud

Susan Golightly

Kris Neri

## Membership

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## Facilities

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## Newsletter

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## Programming

Ron Gabioud

## Social Justice Committee

Open

## Office Coordinator

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## Adult RE

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## Family Programs

On hold

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## Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office coordinator [uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:uufellowshipofsilvercity@gmail.com) for scheduling.

### **NUUs From The Board:**

The Facility report from Paul Michaud was impressive. Several tasks have been completed on building repairs. New weather stripping has been replaced at the front door to stop the rainwater leaks. Paul has hung 3 new windsocks, which I might add, gave us festive color at the Labor Day picnic. Paul has constructed a new plywood seat for the patio swing that has no seat. New ceiling tiles have replaced the water stained/damaged tiles. One new tile was again water stained by a roof leak in the last rain, so Paul climbed up on the roof and replaced screws in the area of the leak. We are so grateful for all you do, Paul!

The Nominating committee is actively looking to fill the vacating volunteer positions for 2022. Please contact Stephanie Smith or Carley Preusch to step up & help out in the coming year.

The Board reviewed the Covid Protocol and the updated guidelines from UUA. It was voted to offer no indoor refreshments, but to continue outdoor refreshments after the Sunday service.

**Reminder** from the Board to Members and Friends: Please do not post "discussion" topics on the List-serv: [silvercityuu@googlegroups.com](mailto:silvercityuu@googlegroups.com), as it is reserved for UUFSC business only. This would include announcements from Social Justice Comm & other UUFSC volunteer groups.

For discussion & comments, please use the Forum list-serv. Contact John Mooney ([jmoonsilver@gmail.com](mailto:jmoonsilver@gmail.com)) to be included on that google group.

Susan Price, Board Secretary

**Notes from your Chair:** I am an optimist, but it is hard to be excited when our Governor extends our public masking restrictions thru at least October 15. I am thankful that our Fellowship honors each other by willingly supporting our Safety Protocol. Let's hope our generally sunny weather cooperates into the Fall months for outside refreshments!

It has been a true pleasure to work with our UUFSC Board members thru these tough times. Absolutely no complaints & amazing flexibility describe the way they have worked to keep the Fellowship open, even when closed!! My thanks to Stephanie Smith, Susan Price, DeAnna Mooney, Kris Neri, Paul Michaud, & Susan Golightly; also to Zoey Cronin for serving last year.

The Board will be meeting one more time on October 21st, 3:30 p.m. at the Fellowship to create the agenda & identify topics for our Annual Meeting of the Fellowship & election of officers on November 21th. If we're not able to have our usual brunch at the annual meeting, we'll at least celebrate with coffee, tea & a continental breakfast on the patio (weather permitting!). Carol Morrison, 575 223-8972, [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com).

### **Here's a big shout out for our October babies!**

October 4 Paul Michaud

October 20 Debbie Bonney

October 26 Susan Price

If you'd like to include your birthday in the months ahead, please send an email to [carolmorr@gmail.com](mailto:carolmorr@gmail.com).