

# High Desert Dispatch: September 2016

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)

**Sep 4th "Labor Day Picnic"** Picnic at Little Walnut Picnic Grounds Starts at 11:00 Pot luck brunch.

**Sep 11<sup>th</sup> "Fifteen Years After"** Rev Azima Lila Forest  
How the world has changed since September 11, 2001

**Sep 18th "Nizhoni Potter" Romaine Begay** Well-known local artist Romaine Begay will discuss Navajo life influences on his pottery and how he fits into "American Indian Art"

**Sep 25<sup>th</sup> "A Westerners Look at the Koran" Michael Scherer**  
Michael Scherer is a retired construction manager who is a reader of world history including history of religions. He lived and worked in Egypt from 1985 through 1990, and had numerous Muslim friends and colleagues while there. The growing turmoil in today's world, some of it blamed on the Koran, has led him to do some of his own studies of that sacred book, along with Islamic tradition, to try to reconcile the good feelings he took away from Egypt with today's intercultural difficulties. Mr. Scherer presented his thoughts via a well-received course as part of the Western Institute of Lifelong Learning this past Spring, and he has continued to think deeply about these matters.

## Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact the office (575-538-0101) for scheduling. (Coordinator – Harriet Rogers)  
**Silver City Camera Club** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 7:00 pm

### Board Members

George Ruebelmann,  
Acting Chair

DeAnna Mooney, VC  
Barbara Gabioud, Treas.

Jane Riger, Sec.  
Mary Harwood, Van Smith  
& Susan Golightly

### Chairs

**Membership**  
Pamela Page

### Caring

Lorna Ruebelmann

### Facilities

Paul Michaud

### Hospitality

Sandy Michaud & Jerriane  
Jones

### Newsletter

John Mooney

### Programming

By Committee

### Social Justice Committee

Fran Browne

### Office Coordinator

Sandra Michaud

### Publicity

Sunny Yates

### Adult RE

Lynda Aiman-Smith

### Library

Jenell Scherbel

To subscribe to the UU listserv, send an email to [UUFellowshipofSilverCity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:UUFellowshipofSilverCity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line. Be sure to include the hyphen in the address.

### Website

[www.uufsc.com](http://www.uufsc.com)

email:

[Coordinator@uufsc.com](mailto:Coordinator@uufsc.com)

**P.O. Box 4034**

### **News from the Board:**

The Board is beginning preparations for the Annual Meeting of the UUFSC which will be held November 13, 2016. An important date for those members and friends who have not yet signed the membership roll (posted on the wall in the front foyer) is September 13, 2016. UUFSC by-laws require yearly sign in as a member 60 days before the Annual meeting as a requirement for voting. If you have questions, please talk to Membership Chair Pamela Page, or any Board member.

The Board continues to address various issues of governance, guided by the perpetual calendar. Discussion of a Covenanting process as well as the possibility of offering the UUA workshop "Serving With Grace" continues.

The Board has concern about the lack of a future Chair. To date no one has expressed willingness to follow George Ruebelmann in this position.

Sandra Michaud has begun duties as Office Coordinator. The Board welcomes her and thanks to Harriet for her years of service.

The next Board meeting will take place Thursday September 15, 2:00 pm at the Fellowship. Any interested UUFSC members/friends are invited to join.

Jane Riger, Board Secretary

**Remember** to bring non-perishable foods (esp. canned beans and tomato products) for the Food Pantry distribution. Please place in the baskets by the front door.

**EVERY Sat at 8-10 AM** on KURU - 89.1 FM - Roots and Branches radio show with Ken and Jeanie. Or on the web at [GMCR.org](http://GMCR.org)

**The First Annual Silver City Pride Festival**, Saturday September 17, Market and Texas Streets. At a continuation of the festival, the following day, Sunday September 18, I'll be performing at Yankie Creek Coffeehouse at 1 PM.

Joni Kay Rose, M.Div., CHT

**New books to read!** Thelma Moore, one of our UU friends who drives from Deming to attend the Fellowship, left two books for our library. One can make a Difference is a collection of stories about how simple actions can change the world. Authors include such diverse folks as Bridget Bardot and the Dalai Lama. This is a donated book. The second book is on extended loan, and is entitled Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement. It was written by Congressman John Lewis, and provides a rich written and pictorial history. Many thanks to Thelma, who brings her enthusiasm (and rocks for the labyrinth) with her from Deming on Sundays.

