

# The HEED FEBRUARY, 2017

Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



## SERVICES

10AM SUNDAYS

February 5

"Now Let Us Sing"

Carmen Buford-Paige

February 12

Rev. Mary Edes

February 19

"Walking on the Wheel"

Donna Pistole

February 16

"The Paradox of Privilege:  
Striving to live with integrity as  
a white person in a racially

unjust world"

Aron DiBacco

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Happy February everyone,

A belated thank you to everyone who gathered together for the Annual President's Christmas Party and Yankee Swap. I think it was a great success—especially the always-exciting swap. Thank you to those who contributed treats and joined in the fun!

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Monday , February 13 at 6:30. All are welcome to attend and it's always nice for the Board to see new faces at our meetings. Please join us!

We have already been discussing some items that will be brought up at the Annual Business Meeting later in the spring. We will be setting the date and time and informing all members well in advance.

Thank you, Marjorie Wolfson

### DUUF Solar – First Year Summary

The DUUF solar panels began generating electricity on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. The one-year milestone reached last month presents a good opportunity to remind our members and friends of the setup and to report a summary of the system’s performance. In short, it works as advertised.

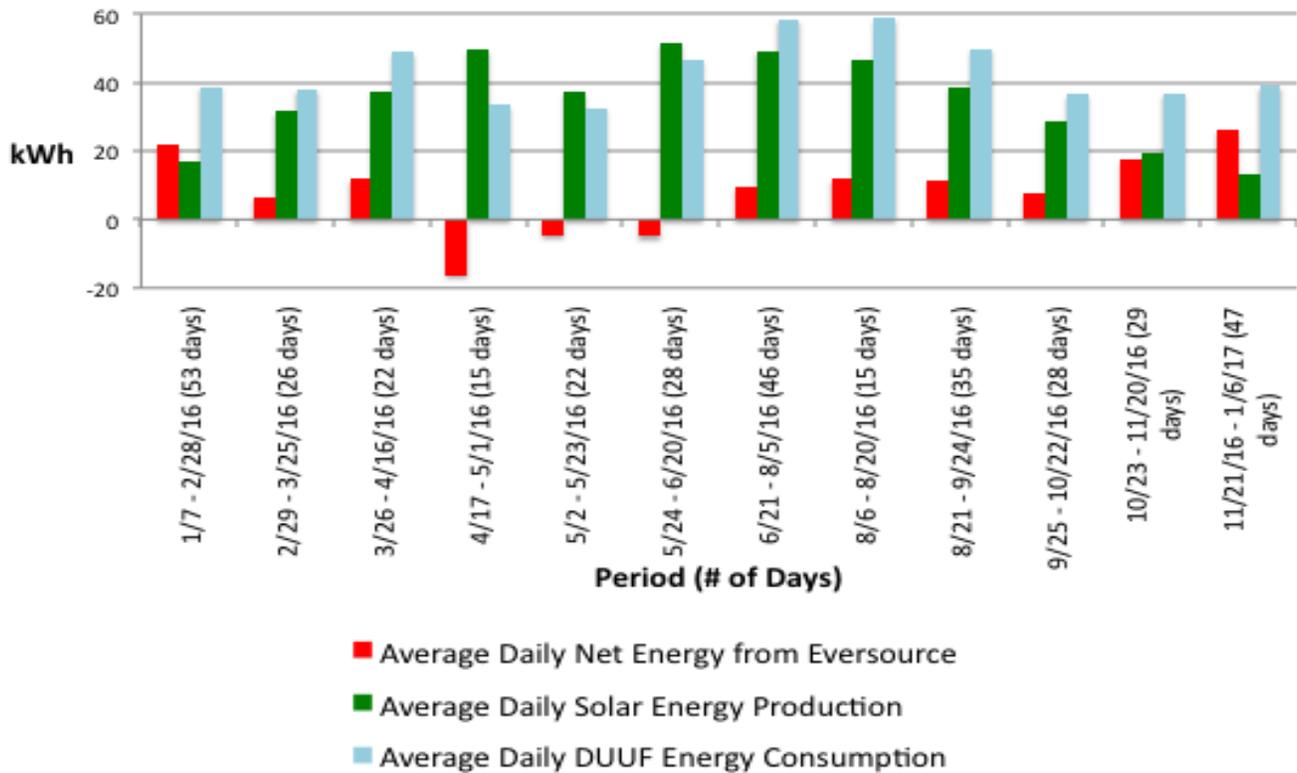
**The Setup:** The installer, Barrington Power, owns the DUUF’s solar power system. DUUF, under the terms of a Power Purchase Agreement, pays Barrington Power for all the electricity it produces. Under a separate agreement called “net metering,” DUUF sells the energy generated by the panels that is not consumed in the Fellowship house to Eversource. Over the course of the year I recorded the Eversource and Barrington Power solar panel meter readings and, as treasurer, received and paid monthly invoices to each.

**Performance Comparison:** The table summarizes comparisons of 2015 and 2016, the years before and after commissioning of our solar installation.

	2015	2016
Total Electrical Energy Consumption	15,429 kWh	15,862 kWh
Energy Production from Solar	0 kWh (0%)	11,818 kWh (75% of total)
Net Energy from Eversource	15,429 kWh (100%)	4,044 kWh (25% of total)
Total Cost	\$2,817 (\$0.183/kWh)	\$3,147 (\$0.198/kWh)

Measured solar energy production matches Barrington Power’s 12,000 kWh annual projection. DUUF’s total electrical energy consumption was very similar in both years. In 2016 the solar installation generated 75% of the electrical energy consumed. The cost per kWh in 2016 was 8.7% higher than in 2015. Eversource fees and rate changes account for the difference.

**Average Daily Electrical Energy Generation and Consumption (kWh)**



**Seasonal Variation:** The bar chart provides some seasonal detail.

**Interpretations and Suggestions:** I find it interesting that consumption as well as solar power production peaks in the summer months. This suggests that if we can find ways to reduce summer consumption we should be able to extend the period during which DUUF sells more energy to Eversource than it purchases from it like in the April through mid June period where the red bars are less than zero. I'm happy to provide the raw data to anyone interested and invite you to share your interpretations and suggestions for making our sanctuary even greener.

Yours,

John Macri, on behalf of the Green Sanctuary Committee

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### Pop-up Book Club

Although the DUUF reading group is no longer formally meeting, several of us would like to read and discuss Paul Beatty's *The Sellout*. We'll be holding a pop-up book discussion of this book after Fellowship on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> (with a snow date of March 5<sup>th</sup>).

*Paul Beatty* recently won the prestigious Man Booker prize for the *Sellout*; Beatty was the first American author to be so honored. It is a very funny and very serious critique of American attitudes toward race--reviewers have called it sharp satire, akin to the work of Jonathan Swift. The book opens with the narrator before the Supreme Court, on trial for attempting to reinstitute segregation (and slavery) in his South-Central LA community of Dickens, a community recently removed from LA maps. Living on a farm in Dickens, the narrator grows scrumptious grapes and satsumas (as well marijuana), while caring for (and reluctantly enslaving) the last living Little Rascal, Hominy Jenkins. The book almost defies description as it challenges nearly all of our assumptions about race and American society. Kevin Young, writing in the *New York Times*, points out:

"This is, we're regularly reminded, a California story, one of prospecting and migration and pain, set in that place old maps once depicted as cut off from the mainland. "To this day, when the census form arrives in the mail, under the 'RACE' question I check the box marked 'Some other race' and proudly write in 'Californian,'" the narrator tells us. California is a state of mind, in which the -re-segregation of a school might somehow make the ballot as part of a progressive measure."

Here's a link to the full *New York Times* review of the book: <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/12/books/review/paul-beatty-sellout.html? r=0>

If you would like to join us in a discussion of this very funny and very serious book, please let one of us know. Hope to hear from you. Thanks, Deb Johnson & Jan Roberts

### Fellowship Financial Summaries

Fellowship members can find current status and interesting – to me at least – history of DUUF's financial situation in the form of a Balance Sheet and an Operating Fund Summary posted on the MEMBERS PAGE of our Web site: [uudurham.com](http://uudurham.com). Ask our Webmaster, Brett Gibson, for the password. I update this periodically so that committee chairs and interested members can see the latest. I've also posted information on the DUUF's Special Funds: Descriptions, Purposes, Goals and Guidelines. This is part of how, together, with mission in mind, members plan and prepare for the Fellowship's future. As such, it warrants our review, discussion and, decision making at our next Annual Business Meeting in May.

Yours,

John Macri, Treasurer [john.macri@unh.edu](mailto:john.macri@unh.edu)

**OYSTER RIVER FOLK CONCERTS**

**Presents Lissa Scheckenburger, traditional New England fiddler and singer with guitarist, Bethany Waickman.**

**Saturday, Feb. 4th at the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

**Tickets cost \$12 for adults; \$5 for students. All tickets purchased at the door and doors open at 6:30.**

**Saturday night, Feb. 18th is targeted for Circle Dinners. We will pass around a sign-up sheet during the service for anyone wanting to participate, as well as for anyone willing to host. This tradition is a great time to share a meal and get to know each other better in a smaller setting.**

**THANK YOU**

My beloved sister, Mazella, died on December 7th at the age of (nearly) 89. She was an extraordinary woman whose kindness and strength of character truly enriched and empowered those whose lives she touched. Her goodness changed the world in humanizing ways, and those ripples will enlarge and endure.

Thanks to all of you at DUUF for your thoughtfulness in e-mails, letters, cards and phone calls. Many thanks to Ann Windsor of the Caring Committee for the special delivery of a beautiful plant (pictured at right) I will nurture its growth as a tribute to Mazella's resilience and beauty.

Edna O'Sullivan

**From Socials Committee:  
Reverend Mary Edes will be speaking to us again on Feb.12th and there will be a pot-luck following the service on that Sunday.**



## **2016-2017 DUUF Officers & Committees**

### Officers:

President      Marjorie Wolfson                      Vice President    Joyce Sheehan  
Treasurer      John Macri    Secretary          Rachel Legard

### Committee Chairs:

Program: Susan Bullivant (Chair)

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Music Committee: Carmen Buford-Paige (Chair)    Green Sanctuary: Mike Fleming (Chair)

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## **Our Mission Statement**

The real test of our religion is the way we live our lives. The Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship affirms the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism:

We seek to be a place in which each person's unique worth and beliefs are acknowledged and respected and where each person's voice may be heard – a place in which each may freely explore his or her own spiritual path.

We join with others in reaching out to make the world more just, and commit ourselves to caring for the earth and all that makes up the web of life.

We strive to be a source of inspiration, a forum for intellectual exchange, a wellspring of comfort to those in need and a nurturing, supportive community for each other and our children.

### **Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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