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Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Music on our minds

*Thomas Pistole,
DUUF choir member*

I invite all members and friends of the Fellowship with an interest in sustaining a music program and presence in our Sunday services to meet after the service on Sunday, Jan. 18. This is not a rehearsal but rather a frank discussion of how we might envision music in our programs.

Singers and instrumentalists are certainly welcome but so too are those who want to support such a presence in other ways. Please bring your thoughts and suggestions and join us for this meeting. It will last no longer than 30 minutes.



This concert was free and benefitted all Christmas Fair attendees. For more fair photos, see page 2.

February recital will benefit SFP

Two of the greatest musical minds in DUUF history will be joining forces for a benefit program in the Milne Sanctuary on Feb. 7. Maria Isaak and Carmen Buford-Paige will perform together.

“A Winter Bassoon Recital with Friends” will feature Isaak on bassoon and Buford-Paige on Piano. They will visit works written by Rachmaninov, Bach, Elgar and more. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Seacoast Family Promise. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Upcoming services:

Jan. 11 – Yoga and Ayurveda. *Speaker, Hannelore Moebius*

Jan. 19 – But What about Us? *Speakers, Carmen Buford-Paige and Time Wise*

**For a complete listing of this month’s Sunday services, see the January Calendar.
Find more information on this month’s programs on page 3 of HEED**

Wrapping up the fair

*Frank Rodgers,
Fair Committee treasurer*

In terms of funds generated, the Christmas Fair this year was not as successful as those in previous years. However, the camaraderie and general enjoyment everyone had in taking part seemed to make up for this. Thanks and congratulations go out to everyone who participated in any of the various aspects of the Christmas Fair this year.

A few comments on the numbers (2010-2013 are included for comparison):

- The café continued its decline from 2012;
- Soups-To-Go was up from last year but not as strong as in 2011 or 2010;
- Baked goods and preserves were about the same as last year but down from a high in 2011;
- White Elephant very much reduced achieving only half of its previously lowest amount in 2010;
- Jewelry and Scarves was down compared with last year;
- Children's table was down over last year (but this is always difficult to evaluate as it is organized a little differently from year to year);
- Swags and Greenery was down over 2013 and much reduced compared with its high of 2011;
- Books had its best ever year compared with each of the previous four years;
- Post-fair sale was way down compared with previous years (there may be a very small amount remaining to collect from members after this goes to HEED);
- After the floats (i.e. the amounts placed in each table money box from the fair account ahead of the Fair) were returned, the chart on this page outlines the exact figures and adds a yearly comparison;
- Overall, the revenue generated was 77.1 percent of that taken in 2013 and 78.2 percent of that in 2012.



Scenes from the 2014 Christmas Fair

*Photos by
Jim Nute*



And the proceeds go to...

The Fair Committee met after Fellowship has discussed the disbursement of funds generated from the 2014 fair. The following charitable donations totaling \$1,400 were agreed upon, and checks have been issued:

- Seacoast Family Promise, Capital Fund - \$500;
- Doctors Without Borders, Ebola Control Fund - \$150;

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Fair table	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Café	\$184	\$288	\$337	\$277	\$212
Soups to go	\$285	\$200	\$266	\$341	\$381
Baked goods	\$120.05	\$125.75	\$133	\$197	\$147
White elephant	\$78	\$170.58	\$191	\$183.46	\$154
Jewelry/scarves	\$196	\$275.75	\$233		
Children's table	\$52.75	\$107.50	\$42.25	\$127.91	\$35
Swags/greenery	\$175	\$235	\$220	\$273	\$203
Books	\$83.30	\$42.60	\$53.57	\$41.80	\$45
Post-fair sale	\$143.51	\$263.50	\$209.25	\$176.50	\$170
Total	\$1,318.11	\$1,708.68	\$1,685.07	\$1,515.16	\$1,350

Program notes**We revisit White Privilege**

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Sunday, Jan. 19, the second half of the Time Wise video *White Like Me* will be shown. Additional material will also be made available to those who expressed an interest in having statistics, information about the Youth Council, the NAACP, and more information about the issues raised in the video.

There will also be an extended discussion on the issues raised from both the Oct. 26 showing of the first parts of the video, what will be shown on MLK Sunday, and what we, as members of the Durham UU Fellowship, concerned citizens of New Hampshire, and Americans, can do to create and promote the elimination of racism, prejudice, intolerance, bigotry, and white supremacy in our country?

Please bring your questions and ideas to this day, plus any relevant materials that you might have. It would also be great to have a full house on this Sunday, so please bring all of your like-minded friends. Additional refreshments would be welcomed, I'm sure, so that we can munch on goodies while we talk about these vital issues and decide what we, both individually and collectively, can do. As Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Outtakes from part 1 of the documentary

Much of the discussion after the Oct.26 showing of Tim Wise's documentary *White Like Me* focused on the statistics presented in the first two sections of the film. It was suggested these would be good to have for an "elevator speech." Here are some of the statistics:

-- Between 1934 and 1962, 98 percent of FHA loan recipients were white

-- Barack Obama won the popular vote in 2008 but lost the white vote 57-43 and received only 10 and 11 percent of the white vote in Alabama and Mississippi, respectively.

-- In a 1963 Gallop poll, two thirds of whites responding believed whites and racial minorities were treated equally in matters of housing, education and employment.

From White Like Me, Tim Wise

The final Sunday program of the month will be on Jan. 25:

Why we do what we do. Speaker, Betty Crepeau.

Quote of the month:

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." R.L. Stevenson

(Submitted by Chris Rodgers)

Fair Committee announces plans to disperse funds from 2014 fair

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- The Mayhew Program - \$150;
- Families First, Homeless Program - \$150;
- Waysmeet - \$150;
- NH Food Bank - \$150;
- A Safe Place - \$150;

The balance of \$2, 720.92 remaining in the Durham UU Alliance account (Holiday Fair funds) will be transferred to the main Fellowship bank account via the Fellowship Treasurer. The Fair Committee indicated that these funds are to be earmarked within the fellowship account for (i) the purchase of a lavalier wireless microphone, (ii)

\$125, originally from the Harvest Fair Group, to be disbursed according to that group's wishes and (iii) the remaining funds to be allocated for

social action purposes. The Durham UU Alliance account, a subsidiary account of the Fellowship's main charitable IRS account, will then be closed.



This year's DUUF Café helped raise funds for a variety of causes.

In the round: Panoramic views of last month's Discussion Group meeting



There's room for discussion outside of Sunday morning service and coffee hour. Here are a few snap shots of the collection of DUUF thinkers at last month's meeting. The group will assemble again on Jan. 20.

How many hymnals?

The Board has decided to undertake a hymnal census, as no one seems to be sure how many hymnals we have in the sanctuary.

They were a scarce commodity, indeed, before 2012. Then, thanks to a generous donation from the estate of David Funk, a longtime DUUFer who died in 2010, we purchased a large number of hymnals (I can't remember exactly how many) making it much easier to find a hymn book before the

piano introduction ended.

For a while, at least. Some of the books have gone missing – perhaps taken home by people planning services or looking up the words or music to a favorite hymn.

If you have a guess as to how many remain, email it to your HEED editor. The person who has the most accurate guess at the number of hymnals in the sanctuary will get his/her name in the newsletter.

Book Group meets 1/26

The next meeting of the DUUF Book Group will take place on Monday, Jan. 26. The group will discuss A New Earth, by Eckhart Tolle. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place downstairs in the fellowship at 7 p.m.

For the extremely organized – or perhaps extremely slow – readers, the following two books and meeting dates have been announced:

On Feb. 23, the group will meet to discuss the book Behind the Beautiful Forevers, by Katherine Boo.

On March 23, Atol Guande's Being Mortal will be discussed. For more information contact Janice Roberts.

Call for interim HEED editor

This HEED editor is going away for a few months and is looking for someone to pick up the slack. It only needs to be an interim position. We'll be gone for the March and April issues. Anyone who can help out would be greatly appreciated.



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