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Newsletter of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Upcoming Services in September (at 10 am)

September 8th: Welcome Back Service: The Water Ceremony. *Speaker, Susan Bullivant*

Our 2013-14 opening Water Ceremony service on September 8th will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Optimistically anticipating good weather, we hope to set up tables on our lovely enlarged deck. Bring along a favorite dish and your favorite summer stories to share with fellow DUUFers over lunch 'al fresco.'

September 15th: Always Having Our Feet Wet: The Creative Tension Between Conscience and Democratic Process. *Speaker, Tom Schram*

September 22nd: Music, Spirituality, and the Soul. *Speaker, Carmen Buford-Paige*

September 29th: Cultivating Civic Virtues: The Empowerment Gap and Other Challenges to the Creation of Citizens. *Speaker, Dr. Winston Thompson, UNH Professor of Education and Philosophy*

MUSIC AT DUUF

Now is your time to contribute to the music at the Fellowship. Potential adult choir members, Music Task Force members, and instrumentalists are asked to meet immediately after the 2013-2014 Opening Sunday service in the sanctuary (before the pot luck), so that schedules can be set up for meetings and rehearsals. The service at the Tucson, Arizona UU Church, where I served as guest musician on June 2, really opened my eyes to what is musically possible, and I hope to incorporate some of what I learned into our own Sunday programs.

There will also be a Music Sunday on September 22, and musicians, both vocal and instrumental, are encouraged to share their gifts. If you want to be a part of this service, please contact me on Sunday, September 8, after the service.

Carmen Buford-Paige, DUUF Musician

Oyster River Folk: Upcoming Concerts

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dr. Malcolm Smith, (603) 397-5781; or Malcolmsmith@comcast.net

All shows start at 7pm and end at 9pm.

Location: Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, at the corner of Madbury and Woodman Roads (20 Madbury Road) Durham NH



September 7th ***The Bombadils:*** The Bombadils are a ridiculous and kind-hearted bunch of rascals disguised as a four-piece folk band. Originating from Vancouver, Edmonton, and Halifax, they met in 2009 at McGill University's Schulich School of Music in Montréal, where they were pursuing their studies in jazz and classical music. These musical influences carry over into their love of folk music which includes Irish, bluegrass and Canadian and American old time. www.bombadils.com



September 21st ***Davey-O:*** It's no surprise that Buffalo, NY born and bred songwriter Davey O. has been described by Buffalo News critic Jeff Miers as having "a journalist's eye for detail and poet's ear for the well-turned observation". , Davey crafts pure Americana that is not of the social and political consciousness, but drawn from the deep well of experience and human emotion - no hackneyed story lines, no insincere polish, just an unflinching poet's look at life. The characters woven seamlessly into stories of which the song itself becomes the soundtrack for the movie playing inside the listener's head. - See more at: <http://www.daveyo.com/>



October 5th ***Deb Holland and Cidny Bullens:*** Deborah Holland took that old advice about lemons and lemonade seriously. In 2010, the singer-songwriter, who'd enjoyed considerable success as a performer and had later become a professor of music at Cal State Los Angeles, pulled up roots and moved to Canada (apparently one of her sons needed schooling that, for reasons not explained, he couldn't get in the United States). Relocated in a cold and rainy place, financial stress, romantic difficulties – for a lot of us, that's a recipe for deep depression, but for Holland it was inspiration for the excellent songs that make up her latest CD, Vancouver. - See more at: <http://www.deborahholland.net/>



RE Program Update: How to get involved!

The RE Committee is gearing up for the 2013/2014 year. With the retirement of our dedicated leader, Thomas Pistole, we are re-examining the needs of the program. We have an excellent group of teachers lined up for instruction of our Elementary and Middle School groups on Sunday mornings. This year, we are in need of support from other members of the Fellowship in two ways:

1. We need volunteers for the childcare room on Sunday mornings. At this point in time, there is only one child enrolled in the childcare program, but there may be occasional drop-in families in need of care. Hannah Legard, who has provided wonderful childcare support for many years, is moving on.

2. We need volunteers to serve as "floaters" for the RE program. The floater has no specific teaching responsibilities but may provide support to a given classroom, if needed. The primary purpose of the floater is to ensure child safety by not having children in class alone with one adult. Thomas has served this role for many years and we now need the support of the entire Fellowship.

Please consider volunteering an hour on an occasional Sunday morning to support the RE program! Contact RE Committee members Stefanie Griffin, Brad Kinsey, Jen Pavlik, or Shirley Zembruski if you have any questions.

EcoResource Fair

Sunday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m. at the Durham Community Church. This fair is being hosted by the Durham Community Church's Green Justice Team. Seacoast area vendors will be displaying information about environmentally sustainable products and services. Vendors will include NH Community Seafood, Revision Energy, Mr. Fox Composting and NH Funeral Resources among others! For further information, please contact Maggie Morrison, Environmental Steward at mgemorrison@comcast.net.

Future articles about the Past

It is my intention at some point in an upcoming issue of HEED to begin a series of occasional articles about past members of the Fellowship, in the hopes that these will be of interest to both newer members who may care to learn something of the people who helped form our Fellowship, as well as to longer-standing members who may enjoy an opportunity to reminisce. A logical place to start would be with our Founder Members, and I thought I would begin with the Hasleruds – George and Ethlyn, as their daughter Karen who is a current regular member of our Fellowship is able to help with input about them. I also thought that before I start, it might be a good idea to open up the input process to all members of the Fellowship who knew them and may wish to contribute their own stories about the former members in question. So, please, if you have memories of George and/or Ethlyn that you'd like to share, let me know, and either you can send me a write-up, or let me have the information and I'll include it, with due acknowledgement, in the article I shall be putting together.

Thank you! Chris Rodgers
(‘Pastoral Care’, MembershipCommittee)

ATTENTION, READERS!

If you have completed or are reading "In Search of Other Suns," which I highly recommended at the close of our 2012-2013 fellowship year, I'd like to get possible dates for discussion. I know there are at least 2 of you, and I hope there are or will be more. Please see me in the sanctuary immediately after our opening-of-the-year service on September 8.

Carmen the Bookworm

General Assembly 2013

Once a year—although there is talk about making them biennial—several thousand UUs from around the country and beyond gather to conduct the business of our association. This is the 52nd anniversary of the consolidation of Unitarians and Universalists, so it was the 52nd General Assembly. This year the meeting was held in Louisville, KY.

I attended my first GA in 1996 and have participated in most of them since. I am grateful to the Fellowship for allowing me to serve as a delegate to this assembly and for providing support to attend. GA for me is always an exciting time and this year was no exception. In this column I would like to give you one person's perspective of GA. In future columns I will focus on some of the specific aspects of this program.

After arriving at the hotel and getting settled into my room, I headed for registration. I had already registered for the GA so at that registration table I picked up my packet of materials. Next I stopped at the delegate booth. I turned in the form signed by Bob Pavlik indicating that I was a DUUF delegate. In turn, I received a voting card, a delegate room to attach to my nametag, and the official business program for the next four days. Finally I signed up for the GA Choir. I then headed off for our first rehearsal. In the evening I attended the New England Regional Gathering, along with folks from the four districts that comprise this region. The evening ended with the famous banner parade and the opening plenary session.

On Thursday I attended to morning worship followed by plenary. Plenary sessions are the business meetings. All can attend but only official delegates can vote. Following another choir rehearsal and lunch, I went to a workshop entitled "Lifelong Learning and Beyond," in which three religious educators presented information about lifelong learning networks. Quoting Maria Harris, a well-known and respected professor of religious education, "the congregational experience is the curriculum." More on this later. On to another plenary session, then an evening mixer for folks associated with the religious education and the music credentialing programs. It was great to connect with many colleagues and to meet some of the folks in the music program. Finally I attended a forum for the candidates for the position of UUA Moderator.

Friday was a heavy business meeting day, both morning and afternoon. At breakfast and lunch I met with colleagues associated with the LREDA [Liberal Religious Educators Association] Committee on Mentoring, for which this year I serve I chair. In the evening I attended the Ware Lecture, given by Eboo Patel. He is the founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core and he was excellent!

Saturday was another heavy business meeting day. I also attended a networking session for people interested and/or involved in adult religious education. It was good to see how many people this attracted. On several occasions we had to search for additional chairs to accommodate everyone. In the afternoon I attended a workshop that shared some of the highlights of the UU initiative Gathered Here, a program that invited people from all aspects of our faith community to share their thoughts on what gives life to our faith. It was eye-opening.

Sunday included the Morning Worship, at which the GA Choir sang, following by another marathon business meeting day. GA concluded with a Closing Ceremony, which also included the GA Choir. Some years ago I made the commitment that, whenever possible, I would take an extra day either before or after business trips to see the city. I was able to see quite a bit of Louisville and environs in that day.

General Assembly is an amazing experience. I hope others will consider attending and serving as our Fellowship's delegate (we are entitled to two!). Next year it will be held in Providence, RI. Single day registrations are available. Please do not hesitate to ask me more about GA.

In faith, Thomas Pistole

Final Financial Report of the Operating Fund Through June 30th of Fiscal Year 2012-13:

Thanks to an upsurge in donations over the last 6 weeks of the fiscal year plus higher rental / use of house income in addition to lower than expected expenditures across almost all accounts, I am extremely pleased to report the following:

- There is an operating surplus of \$1,150.71 for the twelve-month period through June 30th in Fiscal Year 2012-13.
- This result was significantly better than the budgeted **\$8,700 deficit**.
- Operating Fund Balance is \$8,922.01.
- Operating Fund Cash Balance is \$30,517.39 as \$21,595.38 from other DUUF Funds are deposited in the same bank account.

Fund Balances as of June 30th of Fiscal Year 2012-13:

- Operating Fund Balance is \$8,922.01.
- The remaining four (4) other active Fund Balances total \$31,595.38, bringing the total of all Fund Balances including the Operating Fund to \$40,517.39.
- \$10,000 from the Nest Egg Fund is on loan to the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund.
- The remaining cash for all five (5) Fellowship Funds totaling \$30,517.39 is being held in the Operating Fund's Advantage Checking Account, earning interest at the rate of ~.10% per annum.

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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.



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