



# The Voice

## Association Sunday Oct. 2

This Sunday we will be participating with hundreds of other UU congregations Association Sunday. This year we will be celebrating Excellence in Ministries.

Association Sunday is an annual fundraising campaign of the Unitarian Universalist Association to promote growth and to reaffirm our connections as an association of congregations. Money given during the Offertory will be used for this purpose. The UUA recommends \$20 a person donation. Make checks payable to UUA.

Funds collected this year will be used to support Unitarian Universalist ministries in a variety of ways, including providing scholarships and continuing education grants for UU religious professionals and conducting a comprehensive assessment of UU ministries.

The UUA is partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, the UU Musicians Network, the Liberal Religious Educators Association, and other professional organizations for this year's events.

## Stewardship Kickoff Dinner Oct. 26

At UUCG we are off to a roaring start! The feedback from all three of our September services has been incredibly positive. Reverend Lynne Garner is proving to be a wonderful addition to our UUCG team and is planning many thought-provoking sermons and exciting ways to get us involved for good in our greater community. I expect we can channel

some of that vision and enthusiasm into our upcoming pledge drive!

Last year, UUCG changed its fiscal year to match the calendar year, so this year, instead of having our Stewardship Campaign in the spring, we will be having our kickoff on Wednesday, Oct. 26! Hats off to Toni Tennent and Meg Musselman for co-chairing this important, and ultimately enjoyable, event.

When you become a member of Unitarian Universalists of Coastal Georgia, you are invited to contribute your time and financial resources. Both are important. (See page 2 for Team opportunities.) Churches exist because friends and members do the necessary volunteer work and pay the bills. If everyone pledges his or her fair share, the church thrives. We know these are lean times, so while we are asking for your pledge we vow

to use it wisely. The Board makes every effort to continually evaluate the budget and trim unnecessary expenses wherever possible.

If everyone makes a responsible financial pledge our church can expand and grow, with new programs and community outreach and social justice programs. Your pledge is responsible for keeping the lights and air conditioning on, but it is just as importantly responsible for providing the curriculum for our children, music for our services, and ensuring that UUCG remains a safe haven for liberal religion in our underserved area.

Your financial pledge is a serious commitment to the place you have chosen as your spiritual home, the place where future generations of children will be educated in religious matters, and the place where you will continue your own search for religious meaning. Please be thoughtful of this when you are filling out your pledge card, and give joyfully and generously.

Gratefully, **Catherine Squire**



### President's Report

### OCTOBER CALENDAR SUNDAY SERVICES

◆ Oct. 2 — *The Rev. Lynne Garner, "Guilt by Association"*

— Association Sunday  
— 10:30 am, 1710 Gloucester St.

— First Sunday Forum, *Dana Roberts, on Selden Park.*

— 9:30 am  
◆ Oct. 9 — *Bruce Whitmore, "Honoring Diversity in the Golden Isles"* — 10:30 am

◆ Oct. 16 — *The Rev. Lynne Garner, "The Meaning of Life"* — 10:30 am

### Coming Events

◆ Each Tuesday — *Deliver food on Wolfe Street, — meet at 1 pm at O and Amherst Sts.*

◆ Oct. 5 — *Board of Trustees meeting, 5 pm*

◆ Oct. 5 — *Friends of Selden Park, 6 pm*

◆ Oct. 8 — *Unity in Diversity luncheon, 12:30 pm, 1209 Gloucester*

◆ Oct. 8 — *Southern Cluster meeting, Charleston, SC*

◆ Oct. 13 — *Social Justice Team, 5:30 pm*

◆ Oct. 26 — *Stewardship Kickoff Dinner, 7 pm, Art Downtown*



**Newest member:** The Rev. Lynne Garner (left) welcomes Amy Stark to membership. Amy, a chef, is the first new member since Garner became minister.

## Social Justice Report

### Coastal College Is Offering Multicultural Programs

I'm very excited about a series of multicultural programs being offered at the College of Coastal Georgia in the coming months. For example, on Monday, October 3, 7 p.m., Hispanic Poet Judith Ortiz Cofer will present a program in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. And on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m. award-winning documentary filmmaker, Mike Shiley, will present "Immigration: The Truth Is Out There."

For more details, just Google: "multicultural series at College of Coastal Georgia." I hope to see lots of UUs there!

Also, be sure to place on your calendar the following for the coming month:

◇ On Sunday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 am Dana Roberts will present a forum on Selden Park.  
 ◇ On Wednesday evening, Oct. 5 at 6 pm, the monthly meeting of the Genoa Martin Friends of Historic Selden Park Assn. will be held at UUCG.

#### Team Meeting Oct. 13, 5:30 pm

◇ On Saturday, Oct. 8 at 12:30 pm, the Unity in Diversity luncheons will resume. The new location is Brick House Kitchen (formerly Jay's Seafood) at 1209 Gloucester Street. Owners Manisha and Naren Shah, along with their partner, Dipk Patel, extend a warm welcome to our group.

◇ On Sunday, Oct. 9 at 10:30 am, Bruce Whitmore, of the Robert S. Abbott Race Unity Institute, will speak on "Honoring Diversity in the Golden Isles." You will learn all about plans being made for our 2012 Culturefest. After the service, our second Sunday ethnic lunch will be at La Estrella Mexican Restaurant (formerly Saigon Flavors) at 3350 Cypress Mill Road. Owner Sebastian Alonso assures me that he will have plenty of cooks and plenty of wait staff to serve our group.

Don't forget to bring your Sparrow's Nest donations to the October 9 service.

— Diane Knight

#### Where Are the Books?

Last year Barbara Sprose, Mary Freeman and Sandy Bonilla placed books in our library (on shelves in the meeting room) in honor of the 60th Anniversary of UUA. We wanted you to borrow them without checking them out, but if you did, please return them. Team of Rivals, Radical Hospitality, etc. They are inscribed. And bring more books that you think Unitarians should read. Lets fill those shelves!



**Sign Up Day:** DeLeon Peacock and Ginger Thomas sign up for teams after Sunday services Sept. 4.

## Be Part of the Action: Join a Team to Help Us Grow

Our church can go a long way but everyone needs to participate. UUCG has eight teams (call them committees, if you're old fashioned) that provide the gears that make the machinery work. After the first service of the fall year, Team Leaders made their spiels and then accepted signatures for those interested in joining their Team. If you did not sign up then, it's not too late. Just contact one of the Team Leaders listed below.

**Building Team:** (Bob Ingram) Oversees the maintenance of our building and coordinates with subcontractors when needed.

**Caring Team:** (Wendy McNair) Assists ill and injured members with transportation, meals, visits, sympathy cards.

**Hospitality Team:** (Tia Van Loan) Helps prepare coffee and serve snacks after church services, and helps with special events.

**Landscape Team:** (Sally Revoile) Helps maintain the plant beds around our church.

**Marketing Team:** (Bill Van Loan) Works to develop and implement ideas for promoting our church and obtaining new members.

**Membership Team:** (Sally Revoile) Serves as greeters at Sunday services and help see that new members are welcomed.

**Program Team:** (Barbara Sprouse) Works on Sunday programs. Includes following sub-teams:

— **Religious Education:** (Nancy Stewart) Assists the R.E. teacher to help children with activities.

— **Set Up Team:** (DeLeon Peacock) Arranges sanctuary for Sunday services)

— **Ushers:** (Sandy Bonilla) Hands out bulletins and handles collections.

**Social Justice Team:** (Diane Knight) Participates with local organizations on community betterment.

#### Church Anniversaries In October Noted

Happy Anniversary to those who joined UUCG in October: Ron and Onnalee Willnow (1998); Wendy McNair (2003); Hunter Key and Suzanne van Parreren and Elle and Sasha (2008), Ken McLaurin (2008)

#### Southern Cluster Meeting Oct. 8

Our Southern Cluster meeting is Oct. 8 at the Unitarian Church of Charleston. Featured speakers are Jim Key, President Southeast District, and Rev. Dr. John Buehrens, Past President UUA. Registration is \$30 before Oct. 1. Workshops include: "How We Got To Be Who We Are;" "Leadership Development; Membership Growth and Retention;" "Adult & Young Adult Faith Development;" "Starting a Parish Nursing Program," "What Works - Practical Solutions to Common Problems." See Barbara Sprouse if you are interested in attending.

**Volunteers Needed to Help With Selden Park Revitalization**

**W**e have a new acronym for you. It is GMFHSP. Don't know how you pronounce it but it stands for Genoa Martin Friends of Historic Selden Park.

Sandy Bonilla expected the Voice editor to know this in submitting material for this Newsletter. Well, he finally figured it out. So if Sandy comes by and asks you to chair one of the committees needed to accomplish the goals of revitalizing this historic park off Bay Street in Brunswick, tell her you do know what GMFHSP stands for and that you will volunteer.



Sandy reports that the group, which meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at our church is making good progress. The group has elected a full set of officers and is moving toward incorporation and tax exempt status.

You have two opportunities next week to learn more about Selden Park and the efforts to give a refreshing. You can come to that meeting on Tuesday, and you can attend the forum this Sunday where Dana Roberts, who is heading the Selden Park effort, will speak. The forum begins at 9:30 am.

**The Phillipes Send Their Thanks**

Nan and I want to express our thanks and appreciation for the many cards, emails and phone calls we received related to the death of my nephew, Rob Phillips. The UUCG members have been caring and loving to us. Several people requested information regarding making a donation to Rob's favorite charity---it is Big Oak Ranch a caring community in Springville, Alabama which takes in neglected and battered children and provides a home for them until they finish high school. To make a donation go to [www.bigoak.org](http://www.bigoak.org) or send a check to Big Oak Ranch, PO Box 507, Springville, AL 31546

Nan and I thank all of you for your expressions of love and support at this time of grief for our family.

With love, **Bill and Nan**

**Parents Review Film about Discussing Gay Issues**

Religious Education lead teacher Nancy Stewart reports that almost all RE parents have reviewed the DVD/guide "It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in School" and a date for a parent-teacher open discussion will be announced soon. She also has a copy of UUA's sexuality series "Our Whole Lives" for K-1 and 4-6 which she is reviewing.

**Minister's Musings**

**I** shouldn't tell you all this, but lately as I settle into my ministry with you, I have caught myself thinking, they pay me for this?!! It has been such a pleasure to share Sundays and meetings at UUCG that I feel I am especially lucky to have been called as your minister. Welcoming Amy Stark as a new member was a very rewarding experience, and I hope a sign of many more new members.



I have no doubt that this congregation will grow. We are well on our way to being a Welcoming Congregation, and are beginning the Green Sanctuary program. Speaking of green, as I write this column, Brunswick is getting a well-needed downpour. All in all, it may be autumn in South Georgia, but it feels like spring to me in so many ways.

Also, I have the sense that the members here will deal with potential controversy with respect and caring, in keeping with our UU principles. We live in difficult times, yet eventually the rain does come, and we are refreshed once again.

—Lynne Garner

**UUCG Members Attending Workshop in Valdosta**

Four UUCG Janet M. Wennik Social Justice Team members will attend a Community Organization workshop sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta on Saturday, Oct. 1. The featured presenter is Executive Director Ana Garcia-Ashley of the Chicago-based consultancy firm Gamaliel Foundation which offers a UUA-recommended approach to community organizing.

The Foundation guided UUC Valdosta in establishing its Accepting Difference Project, which brings together Valdosta community groups.

The Accepting Differences Project is one of the outreach organizations the Welcoming Congregation is reviewing for possible future UUCG consideration, but the organization's range covers all differences.

UUCG Social Justice Team leader Diane Knight, Sally Revoile, Mary Freeman, and De-Leon Peacock will participate as a team in the workshop Saturday.

*October Helpers*

**Lay Reader:** Bob Ingram

**Music:** Miguel Carbone

**RE:** Nancy Stewart, Kristin Samples

**Ushers:** Ken & Karla Trobaugh,

Onnalee

Willnow,

Mary

Freeman,

Patty Rankin, Amy

Stark, Patty O'Brien

**Song Leader:** DeLeon Peacock

**Hospitality:** Tia Van Loan

**Greeters:** Mary Freeman, Sarah McGettrick,

Sally Revoile

**House:** DeLeon Peacock, Ron Yost, Bruce

Beard

**Newsletter editor:** Ron Willnow



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