

DIALOGUE

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

A publication of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito

Inspired by our UU principles, we are a vibrant, intentionally diverse congregation that models and promotes both locally and globally: love, spiritual growth, service, right relations and sustainable living.

HAPPENINGS AT UUFSD

*National Thirty Days Standing on the Side of Love
January 19, 2013 - February 17, 2013*



I Stand on the
Side of Love
WILL YOU?

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The UUFSD Social Action Committee partnered with Border Angels on an ongoing immigration reform project. The project involved an Immigration Reform Forum (41 people in attendance) and a Photographic Art Exhibit. In addition, our youth painted memorial rocks to be delivered to the Holtville Cemetery, for undocumented workers who perished in the deserts or mountains in their effort to come to this country to make a living. Other activities involved partnering with UURISE and Border Angels the establishment of a Legal Counseling Program at UUFSD. We petitioned the Obama administration, our US Senators and our elected House of Representative members demanding humane immigration reform. We will be offering legal counsel to undocumented workers seeking a path to citizenship and the DREAM Act twice monthly. We also started a bi-weekly food and assistance project for day laborers in the San Dieguito area. The Fellowship will celebrate "Children's Day" in Mexico with a vigil to the border wall at Friendship Park. The Social Action Committee is sponsoring "Social Justice First Monday Night at the Movies," with movies relating to immigration issues.

January 12, 2013, *Graying Gracefully* A workshop presented by Rev. Tom Owen Towle

A workshop for senior women and men who wish to balance solitude and quest, joy and service, surrender and legacy as we navigate the final laps of our life-journey. There was a presentation, group discussion, and dyadic sharing on the rich themes of finishing life well. Forty four people were in attendance. Followup sessions are being planned for later in the year.



Interfaith Shelter Network, January 27-February 3

UUFSD hosted the annual Interfaith Shelter at St. James Church in Solana Beach the week of Sunday Jan 27- Sunday Feb 3rd. UUFSD Interfaith Shelter Volunteer teams prepared dinners and provided overnight chaperons. It was a great opportunity to give back to our local community!

Farewell and thank you Gianna, welcome Andrea Newell

Gianna is leaving us after a remarkable two years of leading the choir. We're so grateful for all the efforts Gianna and hard work that Gianna put into elevating the choir to new heights. The creation and nurturing of our children's choir will be one of many legacies Gianna leaves behind. Thank you Gianna!!!! Welcome Andrea.



Celebration Sunday, February 24, 2013

On this day members and contributing friends turned in their FY 2013-2014 pledges. It is called "Celebration Sunday", because it is truly a celebration to reaffirm our financial commitment to our beloved Fellowship. Of course, there was food and music to enliven the celebration, as well.



emma's revolution in concert, March 22, 2013



emma's revolution is the duo of activist musicians, Pat Humphries & Sandy O. emma's revolution creates new standards in the art of social justice. This was another extraordinary performance attended by 120 members and friends. Thanks to Lisa Shaffer and Vicki Newman for coordinating the concert.

Passover Seder, March 30, 2013

We had 60 guests at our 3rd annual wonderful Seder celebrating freedom for all . Good fun, good food, some songs and new friends. Thanks to another fantastic effort by Bev Conner, Alejandra Hoffman-Chan, Pamela Parker, Linda Louise, Robin Sales, Renee Grieg, Lisa Kruse, Kristen Magnuson and Charles Dodson.



“STARRY, STARRY NIGHT”

All Fellowship Fundraising Auction

Enjoy an Evening of - van Gogh



Starry, Starry Night

Auction & Party

Saturday, May 4

5:30 p.m.

Until the

Music Stops

It's an Auction Party you won't want to miss!

Starry Starry Night
Saturday May 4, 2013
5:30 p.m.

There will be delicious French Provencal food masterminded by our very own Chef Maria Penny.

You'll sip some marvelous wines that complement our dazzling array of appetizers.

Your feet will soon be tapping to the great live music, and you're dancing!

This year we're focusing on auctioning just "soft goods" including

- * fantastic dinners,
- * gift certificates,
- * tickets, raffles,
- * hikes,
- * trips,
- * you name it*!

UUFSD

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Free Appetizers

Dancing

Wine/Soft Drinks

Fun and Laughter

Coffee and Sweets

Child Care

“STARRY, STARRY NIGHT
All Fellowship Fundraising Auction
Saturday, May 4, 2013
YES, I AM MAKING A DONATION

Please submit by 4/15/2013



Starry, Starry Night
Auction & Party
Saturday, May 4, 5:30 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito
1036 Solana Drive, Solana Beach, CA 92075

Offered by Name: _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Donation Title _____

Quantity: _____ (number of people who can be accommodated at event, or number of same type of item you are willing to donate, e.g., 2 guided hikes in Anza Borrego for groups of up to 4 persons)

Estimated retail value (each): _____

Minimum Bid: _____ or Fixed Price: _____

Date of event: (mm/dd/yyyy) **required***: _____ Time: _____

Description: _____

***For dinners and other group events, it is imperative that you set a date NOW between June 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013. Trying to set a date after you have a guest list is an exercise in futility. You may want to give several alternatives, as Saturdays in the Fall tend to fill up fast.**

Image: Circle if you have a photograph you will email to Betsy Gilpin (betsygilpin@yahoo.com) by 4/15/13.

Questions? Contact Betsy Gilpin (760-230-2515, betsygilpin@yahoo.com)

YES, I AM VOLUNTEERING TO HELP AT THE AUCTION

Please check what you can do to help make the auction a success.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check people in | <input type="checkbox"/> Live auction pointer | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kid Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Roving Beverage server | <input type="checkbox"/> Check people out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorate | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up silent auction tables | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean up |

Thank you for your support,
Stewardship

2013 Auction - Starry Night Donation Guidelines

If you are hosting/sponsoring an event, we absolutely must have the date, time, and number of people that can be accommodated. Events must be scheduled between June 1 and December 31, 2013. It is imperative that you set a date NOW. Please do not hope to set a date later – it just doesn't work. If possible, give several alternatives, as Saturdays in the fall tend to fill up fast. Please avoid changing the date later - this inevitably means someone who has paid will not be able to attend and will be very unhappy. For silent and live auction items, please give us an opening or minimum bid, and if appropriate, an estimated retail value. For instance, for an hour-long massage, the opening bid might be \$30 and the estimated retail value \$75.

DONATION SUGGESTIONS

- Dining: Host an ethnic cuisine party or feature standard gourmet fare. Or be more casual and host a make-your-own pizza party, build your own tostada party, or host a backyard BBQ or picnic at the park
- Events/Tickets: Host a sing-a-long, movie night, poker party, scrabble night, garden tour. Or maybe you have some Padres tickets, theater tickets, Zoo passes, etc., that you can spare.
- Trips/Tours: Maybe you have a time-share or cabin to donate for a week/weekend. Or perhaps you might like to lead a hike around Lake Hodges, a tour of the backcountry, or a day in Julian.
- Family Fun: What about tide pooling, kite flying, or taking some kids on a special outing such as apple picking in Julian.
- Services: Provide rides to the airport, portrait photography, handyperson work, mending, yard work, garage clean out, catering, lessons, classes, workshops, tutoring. Share your expertise!
- Gift certificates: Do you have any certificates lying about that you probably won't use? Can you get your favorite merchant to donate one? If all else fails, buy one yourself and donate it.

Pick up a merchant donation kit at the table in the core area

Save the Dates

UU ORIENTATION CLASS & COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON Sunday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.

RSVP deadline April 11 * Childcare (with snacks) available by reservation. This interactive session provides an opportunity to learn UU history, philosophy, and world view. Selected members will share their own history and answer questions. RSVP to membership@uufsd.com.

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES by Eve Ensler! Saturday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation of \$15.00, \$10 for students. Based on interviews of women around the world, this play is a hilarious collection of lusty, outrageous, poignant, brave and human stories. This performance is a Social Action fundraiser for Community Resource Center's Carol's House, the El Nido Interfaith Shelter for victims of domestic violence. Tickets/ reservations at socialaction@uufsd.org.

UU 3rd Thursday Flash Mob April 18... and May 16... and June 20...It's an experiment about extending our community beyond what we already know, to what it could be. You could say this idea happened in a flash, a new monthly event for UUFSD community-building and socializing that will take place at a variety of community locations. Launched by Rev. D in March, it's the new "UU Third Thursday Flash Mob."d fun to do. Mark your calendars to keep the Third Thursday night of each month open and wait for an email from Rev. D. You can also get the Third Thursday location and information by calling the office at 858.755.9225.

Registration is OPEN for General Assembly 2013! June 19-23, Louisville, KY. All are welcome at this annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy through democratic process. UUA GA Service staff coordinate registration, housing, services to attendees, and the GA Program. Contact Stacey Dixon, GA Administrator at 617.948.6413, sdixon@uua.org or visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/>.

All Fellowship Campouts – A Fellowship Tradition – And a great way to get to know others better! May 24-27, Big Sage site, El Prado Campground / July 4-7, Hollyhock site, Horse Heaven Campers arrive after 2 p.m. the first day and leave by 2 p.m. the last day. We usually break even on the group site fee if families pay \$25, singles \$10 and day-trippers \$5/person. For questions, directions, or more information, contact Betsy 760.230.2515, betsyqilpin@yahoo.com.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Monique Kunewalder

by MB Taylor

Source materials provided by Monique Kunewalder and personal historian Anita Hecht

The path that led Monique Kunewalder to UUFSD crossed three continents over seven decades; it guided her through six countries and five states, through careers, children, marriages, loves, and losses. Monique's story could easily fill a book – and has. She began working on a memoir in late 2008, called My Life as a Page Turner. Although Monique says it's not finished, the book provides a unique look at her life.



Monique was born in Belgium in 1935, and spent her first few years in Amsterdam, Holland. The Friedler family was Jewish, but Monique says her parents rejected their heritage. As World War II loomed, her father arranged to move the family to North America. “When they could get out of Europe, my father put into all of our passports (that we were) Anglican,” says Monique. He never changed the designation to Jewish. “Throughout my life it's been pretending not to be what we were,” she says.

Monique, her brother John, and their parents settled in Mexico City. Home life was difficult; Monique says her parents were unhappily married and neither loving nor supportive. She turned to extended family, friends, and neighbors for support. Monique also looked for ways to fit into their very Catholic neighborhood. After two years of attending catechism, Monique says she finally begged her mother to let her convert to Catholicism.

“But no, I couldn't become a Catholic, and, no, I couldn't become an Episcopalian, and no, I couldn't be a Jew,” says Monique. “So what could I be? I had to wait until... I got here.”

If Dutch was Monique's first language and Spanish was her second, then you could say music was her third language. She began studying piano at around age five. Monique had many piano teachers, but two of her most beloved were Toni and Rosi Grunschlag. The sisters were accomplished pianists who had played Carnegie Hall, and taught at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Monique's parents sent her away to the Ethel Walker School when she was 12. She didn't speak English, and at first, she was the only Jewish student. She found comfort in her piano lessons from the Gruschlag sisters, who were also Jewish. But, they were tough. “My piano teachers didn't allow me to do any sports, because of the hands,” Monique says, “and because there were competitions left and right. And... I won.” After high school, Monique attended Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music for two years. Then she headed to Switzerland to study music at the Geneva Conservatory and language interpretation at the University of Geneva. This laid the foundation for Monique's career as an interpreter, working for the Olympic Games and later, for the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

In 1958, Monique married Utz Kunewalder, an Austrian Jewish refugee who, like her, grew up in Mexico City. They had two sons, Nicholas and Tony, and settled down in San Francisco. Then, at age 40, Utz fell ill with Multiple Sclerosis. He died a year later, leaving Monique a widow at age 36. “So there I was with two growing boys in San Francisco, and I didn't know which way to turn,” she says. Monique finally decided to take the boys to Europe for a while. They later settled in Indiana, where friends introduced her to her second husband. Michael Kuttner was a conductor, violinist, and professor of Music at Indiana University. Unfortunately, the marriage didn't last long. Monique moved with her sons to Maryland so she could find work as an interpreter in Washington, D.C.

In raising her sons alone, Monique says she tried not to make the same mistakes her parents did. “I made a conscious decision to be totally creative with my sons,” she explains. “I had such fun... They were athletes, they were competitive, they pushed me with them. 'C'mon – ski, Mom, you can do it. C'mon – surf, Mom, you can do it. C'mon – skateboard, Mom'... all that.”

It was the loss of her son Tony that brought Monique to California in 1995. Tony died in a house fire in Hollywood when he was only 32 years old. Nick lived in Encinitas at the time, and convinced Monique to move here from Washington, D.C. She found an apartment near the beach and took in Tony's dog, Barney.

What initially drew Monique into UUFSD in 1997 was simple proximity. After a year in Encinitas and another year in Del Mar, she found a place that's just up the street from the Fellowship. She soon found a lot to like about UUFSD. "When I saw there is an amphitheater, that there's an outdoor keyboard, that there's a piano indoors, that there's music, that there are people of all ages, that there's **tolerance**, that there isn't the hypocrisy I grew up with, and people have values and live by them," says Monique, "Here I am, kids, I will join your group!" It seems Barney, Tony's dog, liked the Fellowship, too. Monique recalls, "He would sit next to me while I played, and he would walk through all these benches and say hello to everybody." Barney kept Monique company and kept Tony in her heart for six years.

These days, Monique keeps very busy playing in trios and quartets as well as accompanying the Fellowship choir. She is a page-turner for three different groups, and tries to keep a sharp eye on her godchildren, Sarah and Alex Severinghaus. She sees reaching out, and involvement, as an important part of the Fellowship experience. "It's up to each one of us to give more, to participate more, to be more connected to each other – not just to those few with whom you have a lot in common."

“Memory’s Room”

by Barbara Blomgren, Memorial Wall Committee

“It is right to remember the names of those who gave us strength in this choice of living.” Kathleen McTigue

As UUFSD approached its 50th anniversary, members felt increasing need for a cohesive way to commemorate loved ones who were no longer among us. The intent was to enhance our unique site; to provide visible expression of love and remembrance of those who have gone before; and to include space for gathering and meditation. The memorial was envisioned as a walkway or courtyard with walls of sculpted clay murals incorporating individual plaques.

The Design Review Committee spearheaded the effort, and sufficient money was raised to match a \$25,000 grant from the Spirit Level Foundation. The Fellowship Board approved a policy statement on eligibility and procedures.

The favored design was that of San Diego ceramic artist Gerald (Jerry) Thiebolt. Jerry designed five walls to form a "room of memory" around a path of textured handmade bricks. Our James Hubbell sculpture would be restored, renamed "Remembrance," and installed atop an obelisk in the center of the pathway. The murals would feature images from nature and excerpts from Byrd Baylor's poem "When Clay Sings."

By June 2008, permits were secured from the relevant Solana Beach departments and the Coastal Commission. Chris Kolb, long affiliated with UUFSD, was contracted for site preparation and construction of the walls and their connecting retaining walls and benches. Much consideration was given to landscaping.

In early 2009 Jerry began sculpting the first mural. The process was arduous. He prepared an enormous amount of special clay by hand, and mounted the clay base on a huge plywood wall. He then cut and sculpted the individual pieces, and hollowed out the back of each piece to reduce its weight. Clay responds to variations in weather, and after a lengthy drying time, it takes many days to fire the individual pieces in the kiln. The mural was assembled on site, and each piece screwed into the wall. In the spring of 2010, the first mural was installed. Plaques were engraved, and the congregation held a dedication ceremony.

In late 2010 Jerry began work on the mural for the second wall, and it was installed in autumn, 2011. By autumn 2012, he had completed and installed the pathway, where the engraved poem was concluded with the words: "The river of life flows towards the eternal sea." The path includes a hundred bricks decorated by members of the congregation.

Soon the next mural will be ready for firing. It features a lotus blossom with a strong stem, around and over which hover a hundred plaques to honor those to be remembered. The theme here is connections to family across time. The strong stem of the flower signifies the unbreakable bonds of human love.

!GOOD NEWS! *reprinted from the Daily reporter* **THINKING "INSIDE " THE BOX**

In the past, when a container was retired from service in the shipping industry, it would end up discarded in a ship yard to be slowly consumed by rust. But now, the colorful steel boxes get a new lease on life by being transformed into apartments, art studios, office buildings and even restaurants.

HyBrid Architecture, based in Seattle, Washington, has been building housing from containers for nearly 10 years now and is credited with coining the term 'cargotecture' to describe this 'green' approach to construction. Homes and businesses pieced together out of the multicolored boxes which can be purchased for as little as \$2,500 each have been springing up from coast to coast in recent years.

In Detroit, a project is under way to build a four-story condominium complex consisting of 93 stacked cargo boxes. Dubbed the Exceptional Green Living on Rosa Parks. When completed, the condo building will be the first multi-family residence built from containers in the U.S. According to the plan, each unit will feature ductless heating and air systems, tankless water heaters and other energy-saving solutions.



The Office: The Box Office was constructed in Providence, Rhode Island, out of 35 stacked empty shipping boxes, making it the largest office building of its kind in the U.S.



Downsized: The Sunset Cargotecture cottage in Seattle comes in at only 192 square feet, but it is powered by solar energy and features a galley kitchen, a micro-bathroom, a transformer couch and folding bed.



Meals of wheels: The first Muvbox portable pop-up lobster shack sprung up in Montreal in 2006, but the idea have since spread to Toronto, New York and Paris.

Home sweet crate: A home made of shipping containers in Richmond California.



Shipping souk: The Dekalb Market in downtown Brooklyn is made up of empty containers where 60 vendors sell arts and clothing.



Camp de Benneville News

Fundraising Breakfast for Youth Camperships! Sunday, April 21, 9:00 a.m. Enjoy breakfast prepared by Pamela Parker and Alejandra Chan, assisted by Betsy Gilpin, Susan Miller and Christie Turner.

Summer Camp Sign-ups Sunday, April 21- Core Area - Register your children (or family) for youth/family camps by April 21 and receive \$35 off for one child, plus \$15 off for additional children from the same family.

Women's Retreat A Circle of Trust - Balancing Your Life. May 5-7, 2013 Sign up now to pamper your inner Goddess! Join with old friends and new for a bliss-filled weekend in the mountains! Treat yourself to Spring Worship.

For questions, directions, or more information, contact Betsy Gilpin 760.230.2515, betsygilpin@yahoo.com

BEHIND THE SCENES

UUFSD Kitchen Management & Luncheons Committees

Did you ever wonder how, on Sundays, come rain or shine, coffee, tea and goodies are laid out on tables in the core area for our enjoyment after the service? Or, did you ever wonder about how, while waiting in line on one our luncheon Sundays, all that delicious food appears for our gastronomical delight? Well the answer is that there is a dedicated group of members who slave away in the kitchen for hours so that we can partake of these pleasures.

On any given Sunday you will find members of the Kitchen Management team, Alejandra, Pam, Renee and Kristin working away for an hour prior to the service getting everything ready. And, those members that you see fleeing from the amphitheater or Founders Hall right after the sermon are your dedicated kitchen staff members that set up the coffee, tea, snacks and luncheons for us.

The Kitchen Management Committee is committed to keeping the kitchen in good clean running order with organization and supplies so that it can be utilized for all the functions of our community. Volunteers are recruited weekly to set up coffee, tea, beverages and snacks on the patio every Sunday. Alejandra Hoffman Chan and Pamela Parker are co- chairs of the Kitchen Management Committee

The Luncheon Committee coordinates the Sunday luncheons whereby all members of the Fellowship take turns contributing food dishes & coordinating the scheduled luncheons. Don't you marvel at the array of entrees, both vegetarian and for meat lovers, salads, and desserts laid out before us? These feasts require a great deal of coordination and organization. The luncheons are important because the proceeds go into the Fellowship's general fund and help to fund other committees and groups in the fellowship. Alejandra Hoffman-Chan is chair of the Luncheon Committee.

Your help on any Sunday is always welcomed and needed. The committee doesn't ask for much from us, and we get so much in return from them. Contact Alejandra Hoffman-Chan at: kitchens@uufsd.org



Pamela Parker & Alejandra Hoffman-Chan



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Kristin Magnuson

Preparation



The Feast



Clean-Up



Introducing Your 2013 Board of Directors



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GUN CONTROL PETITIONS (SAC Project)

Following the massacre of 20 children and six adults at the Sandy Hooks Elementary School on December 14, 2012, the Social Action Committee conducted Gun Control Petitions directed to the City of Solana Beach and Federal Government representatives. The purpose of the petitions was to make a statement and take a stand as a congregation, to advance the cause of reducing gun violence in our society.

Eighty five (85) members and friends signed the petition asked the governing body of the City of Solana Beach to:

- Join the association "Mayors against illegal Guns," or a similar organization.
- Revise the Solana Beach General Plan to restrict sales of firearms to a single business.
- Consider a buyback program with other North County municipalities and sheriff's department.
- Support the 22nd Agricultural District's responsible policies and extensive policing at gun shows.
- Work with the 22nd Agricultural District to eliminate gun shows in the future.

• **Eighty eight (88)** members and friends signed another petition asked President Obama, our U.S. Senate and House of Representatives officials to:

- Reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban.
- Close the so-called "gun show loophole."
- Expand and update the Federal background check database.
- Aggressively enforce current gun laws.

We sincerely hope that if you did not have the opportunity to sign our fellowship petitions, you were able to participate in other national efforts to state your support for additional safeguards for protecting everyone and especially our children from harm.

Thanks to Irv Himelblau for coordinating the petition drive, and to Lynne Talley for delivering the petitions.

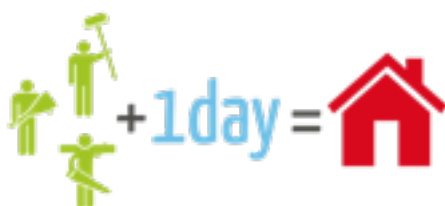
GENEROSITY SUNDAYS

January Generosity Sunday: *Border Angels - \$1120*



Founded by Enrique Morones in 1986, Border Angels is a non-profit organization supporting humanity. The organization consists of extraordinary volunteers who want to stop unnecessary deaths of individuals traveling through the Imperial Valley desert areas and the mountain areas surrounding San Diego County, as well as the areas located around the United States and Mexican border.

March Generosity Sunday: *Corazon - \$1069.00*



“Build a House in a Day”

is, without a doubt, one of Corazón’s most popular programs. Many participant families join the Corazon Community out of a need of a home, but they stay involved in the program for the numerous amounts of benefits and opportunities.

National Standing on the Side of Love Courageous Love Awards



Enrique Morones
Executive Director, Border Angels



Elizabeth Michels UUFSD
Victims of Torture



Kathy Faller UUFSD
Casas de Luz



Kathy & Ed Andrews
St James Catholic Church



Deacon Joe Santen
St James Catholic Church

As part of the National UUA Thirty Days of Standing on the Side of Love Month, the **Social Action and Worship Committees** presented five “National Standing on the Side of Love Courageous Love Awards.” The recipients, members of the fellowship and community leaders have demonstrated, through their actions, outstanding commitments to social justice.

Social Action Committee

UUFSD Standing on the Side of Love-Creating Partners in Our Community



Casas de Luz is an ongoing UUFSD Social Action program that brings volunteers together with families of need to build houses in Mexico.

Casas de Luz (CDL) has changed the lives of many families in Tijuana over the last 5 years, and now is looking to make a community impact. About 4 years ago, Casas de Luz (CDL) built a house for a man named Juan Cruz Salgado Barba and his family. Since then, he has been thankful and inspired to impact his entire community. He has created his own church of about 50 members, a breakfast club for the kids of the community, and now has donated some of his land for CDL to build a community center. After a successful community center build in Colonia Cañon de Carretas, we are excited to do another in Colonia Cumbres on Juan's land. It is sure to be an exciting process to fundraise, design this community center, and the actual weekend of the build and when the community is able to utilize it. **Thanks to Kathy Faller for her continued efforts in organizing the UUFSD-SAC home and community center builds.**

Immigration Reform Project

The Social Action Immigration Reform Project continues to gain momentum. We held an Immigration Workshop. We collected --- signatures on Immigration Reform petitions that will be sent to our elected officials. Our children and YRUU have painted rocks that will be placed on the graves of undocumented immigrants at the Holtville Cemetery. Partnering with Border Angels, we displayed a Photo Exhibit on Immigration, and, we presented the first "Courage Love Award" to Enrique Morones, Executive Director of Border Angels.

But wait, there is more to come!

- Starting in March, the Young Adults and The Social Justice Film Night Group will present films with Immigration related topics on the first Monday of each month.
- We will begin an intensive community outreach program in San Dieguito to organizations with ties to the undocumented worker community.
- Partnering with UURISE we will hold training for members of our congregation to assist in providing monthly information and legal workshops to local community immigrant workers and their families. Public session topics will include: "Know Your Rights," "Safety Planning," **The first public session is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, from Noon to 4 p.m.**
- We are planning a vigil at the San Diego/Tijuana Border to celebrate the Mexican "Children's Day" on April 28, 2013.
- Starting in May 2013 we will start a monthly lunch project for "Day Workers."
- The YRUU will participate in a "water drop" in the desert and visit the Holtville Cemetery.

Thanks to the SAC Immigration Team of Nancy and Roger Harmon, Livia Walsh and Irv Himelblau who organize and administer the project.

Destroying Myths About Immigration

First in a 7 part series

1. Myth: Undocumented Immigrants are getting government services for free.

Reality: Undocumented immigrants actually give more than they take. Over the past two decades, most studies that have tried to estimate the fiscal impact of immigration in the United States have concluded that the tax revenue generated by immigrants-both legal and undocumented-exceeds the costs of the services they use. Thus, an Economic Report of the President published in 2005 estimated that all immigrants, regardless of status, paid an average US\$80,000 per capita more in taxes than the cost of government services they were expected to use over their lifetime. Stephen C. Goss, Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration, said that by 2007, the Social Security Trust Fund had received a net benefit of somewhere between US\$120 billion and US\$240 billion from undocumented immigrants. That represented 5.4% to 10.7% of the trust fund's total assets of US\$ 2.24 trillion that year. The Social Security Administration estimates that two-thirds of unauthorized immigrant workers (about 6.5 million people) were paying into the system in 2007. Unauthorized immigrants paid a net contribution of US\$12 billion in 2007 alone.

Immigration Reform Petition

• One hundred four members and friends signed our Immigration Reform Petition. Copies of these petitions were delivered to the local offices of our U.S. Congresspersons and U.S. Senators and sent to President Barack Obama.

• The petition read:

• The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito calls on the Obama administration, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to reform our broken immigration system and promote comprehensive , humane immigration reform in 2013.

• **We ask you to:**

- **Create a process for undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship**
- **Keep families together**
- **Enact the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act**
- **Protect workers rights, including agricultural workers**
- **Place humanitarian values at the center of enforcement policies**
- **Protect refugees and migrant survivors of torture**

• *Thanks to Nancy and Roger Harmon, Livia Walsh and Irv Himelblau for coordinating this action.*

UUFSD COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

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