

High Desert Dispatch: January 2010

Bulletin of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City
Join us at 3845 N. Swan Street, 10:00 a.m. Sundays

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City is a diverse group of religious independents seeking knowledge, spiritual sustenance, fellowship and opportunities for service to others. Our programs encompass humanism, liberal Christianity, earth-based spirituality, Buddhism and many other traditions. The members themselves plan and present the Sunday programs. **Please join us.**

Sat - Jan 9 - Bayou Seco Bande Grande and the Fiddling Friends play the Annual 12th Night Dance (see page 2)

Sunday Programs

(All Sunday Programs begin at 10:00 unless stated otherwise)

Jan 3 - Ethics in Government" with Bill McCamley, candidate for District 5 seat on NM Public Regulation Commission (Carol Morrison)

Jan 10 - Rev. Claudia Elferdink, minister of the Shoreline UU Society of Madison, CT, "Keep the Faith" (Silver Tabor)

Jan 17 - "Then and Now - Antes y Ahora" with lifelong Silver City resident Juanita Escobedo (Jane Riger)

Jan 24 - "From Here to Antiquity", a DVD sermon on UU history by Rev. Ronald A. Hersom, Assistant Minister, First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque

Jan 31 - Conflict Resolution, with Stephanie Smith

Calendar of Building Events

(Please note the schedule in the building and on the website.) Contact Lois Fuller cell (519-8498), home (575-539-2568) or the office (575-538-0101) for scheduling.

12 Step Recovery, AA, Tues. 7 a.m. Contact Jerry 534-4866, or Heidi 388-1004

Mogollon Mountain Dulcimers, 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. Contacts: Denise Parker (denise-parker@earthlink.net) and Mary Bourn (marybee@gilanet.com)

6:00 p.m. Qi Gong Thursdays, Jan and Feb
11:00 a.m. Tai Chi Saturdays, Jan and Feb

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NUUS from the Board

A "Happy New Year" goes out to all from the Board. The newly formed Board held a meeting on December 13th. Recent resolutions passed by the Board include Guidelines for Reimbursement of Professional Clergy and Guidelines for Visiting UU Board Presenters. For updates on these guidelines, contact a Board member. Issues discussed at this Board meeting included building rental fees, facility security, and installation of the digital projector/screen. A Board retreat is scheduled for January. The UUFSC sponsored a "Guest at Your Table" fund raiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Thanks go out to all that contributed to this worthwhile cause. Our total contributions tallied \$315.00 which was submitted to the UUSC. Best of luck in 2010!

JANUARY

Sat - Jan 9 - Silver City, NM **Bayou Seco Bande Grande and the Fiddling Friends** play the Annual **12th Night Dance** - 7:30 - 10:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall - 3845 N. Swan St. Fun for all Ages. Cajun 2-steps, waltzes, polkas, rancheras, the Broom Dance and more! All dances taught \$8 Adults, \$3 children (5-12)

BRUNCH/POTLUCK UPDATE: After service brunches can still be organized for 1st Sundays or whatever Sunday works. The best months would be Jan, March, & Aug since there is not already a picnic, dinner or brunch cong mtg. during those times. Let's try adding 2 dates for potlucks after services: Valentine's Day, Feb 14 and then Nov 14. I believe it would add to our getting to know new as well as not so new members & friends. Hey, it's delicious, too.

Food Basket: Don't forget to bring non-perishable, packaged food for the Food Pantry. With winter here, gloves, mittens and scarves are also appreciated. There are 2 boxes in the lobby where you can deposit the food & small items such as hand lotion, shampoo, soap etc. Thanks to Silver Tabor & Sandi Brito for their efforts.

Rummage, Rummage Rummage!

We have been blessed with some SERIOUS gifts to the Quonset hut, so we're already guaranteed an excellent sale in the spring. **AND**, a considerable amount of the home furnishings from our own Melanie Chifari's estate have been donated. Carol Morrison agreed to the task and accepted the gift on behalf of the UUs, with the goal that we would empty out and move any remaining furnishings by the end of the month of January. There is a possibility of having a sale at Melanie's home, 500 W. Yankie, mid-to late January. By having an estate sale at the house, it would move a significant portion of the goods and reduce boxing and transporting to the Quonset. As this task unfolds, any helpers would be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned on the list serve for further details, work days, and requests for help. If you're feeling like a good mid-winter project (to avoid your own projects at home!), contact Carol at 388-2358 or by email at carolmorr@gmail.com. This is a good way to beef up our budget; help pay down our mortgage, and recycle and reuse Melanie's beloved possessions, all offered to us graciously by the estate manager.