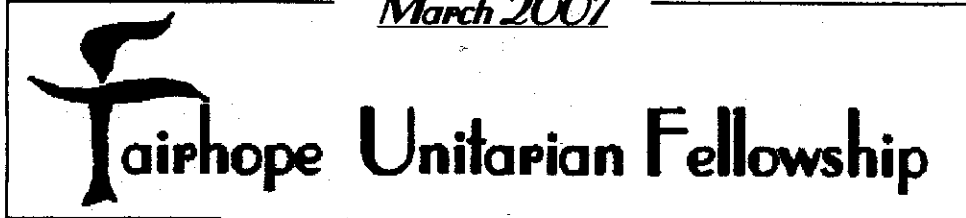


March 2007



A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

**ROGER BREWIN, Ph.D: "A Morning With Clarence Darrow"**

**Mar. 4** *Roger Brewin, a Unitarian Universalist minister, will portray the legendary attorney who represented Scopes after he was brought up on charges in the mid-1920s for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in a public school. Brewin, who serves the Unitarian Universalist congregations in Hobart and St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, Michigan, began portraying Darrow when he discovered the "defender of the damned" used to sit in the front row of his former Chicago Unitarian congregation during the 1890s listening to speakers such as reformer John Altgelt, suffragist Susan B. Anthony and agnostic Robert Ingersoll.*

Introduction: Pat Keoughan

**JEAN LAWRENCE & PINKY BASS: "Creativity"**

**Mar. 11** *Our Art Committee presents the work of Fellowship members and talks about the concept of creativity in general, the reasons it becomes lost as children grow up, and the ultimate desire of many people to create, often finding time for it later in life.*

Introduction: Henry Albers

**DAPHNE SIMPKINS: "Places of Change: Epiphanies, Revelations,**

**Mar. 18** **Metanoias and Dark Nights of the Soul"**

*Writer and teacher Daphne Simpkins of Montgomery has written a memoir, "The Long Good Night" in which she chronicles her family's experience of her father growing old too fast with Alzheimer's. Daphne is an active member of the Speaker's Bureau for the Alabama Humanities Foundation.*

Introduction: E.J. Campfield

**PRAD MATHUR, JD., LL.D., Ph.D: "Separation of Church and State"**

**Mar. 25** *Fellowship member and attorney Prad Mathur will address the origins of the prohibition of the church joining hands with the State, reviewing what the courts have ruled on issues arising before them in this area. He will further discuss the faith-based initiatives undertaken by the present Administration. A graduate of Stanford Law School, Mr. Mathur is a current member of the State Bar of Michigan.*

Introduction: Heather Nutting

**Everyone is invited to attend the Fourth Sunday potluck following the program. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and good conversations.**

**Sunday Service, Youth Fellowship and Toddler Care, 11 a.m., 1150 Fairhope Ave.**

Adult discussion group meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. Come join us!

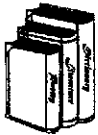
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## Notes from the Fellowship's February Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Ed Lawrence, Chairman of the Board. Other Board members present were: Wilma Albers, E.J. Campfield, Diane Ehlers, Terry Lindquist, Jule Moon, Pam Perkins, and new member-at-large Stuart Chapman. Also present was Frank Laraway.

- Wilma Albers proposed the formation of a support group for those experiencing loss of any kind. The Board approved, and such a group will be formed.
- Frank Laraway suggested a quiet time while musicians are playing before the Sunday morning service. The Board decided to discuss this with the Music Planning Committee.
- April 14 was chosen for the date of the next yard sale. Jule Moon moved that we use the Fellowship hall for the yard sale rather than the garden shed. The motion carried.



### Author Discussion Group

The Author Discussion Group selects one author whose works are read and discussed on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join us for stimulating conversations. Upcoming authors:

March 8: Amy Tan  
 April 12: Saul Bellow  
 May 10: Norman Mailer

—Diane Ehlers

### Nonfiction Book Review Group



The Nonfiction Book Review Group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Office.

All are welcome to join in the lively discussions and share favorite nonfiction books.

—Charlie Earl

- Ed Lawrence discussed the new Assistive Listening System. It involves a transmitter and four receivers. If it works, we can purchase more receivers.
- The Board agreed that the Fellowship would sponsor a concert on the fifth Saturday of the month for the four months that have fifth Saturdays. It was decided that we have Ken Sizemore return on Sept. 29 for a Saturday night concert and Sunday morning program.

—Diane Ehlers, Recording Secretary

## Fellowship Game Night X2!

Participants at our UU Fellowship Game Nights enjoy a variety of games including Hearts, poker, Scrabble, and bridge. New players and new games are always welcome.

Bring your own beverage, and a snack if you like. A voluntary collection is taken, in the form of a 50/50 raffle. Half the proceeds go to the Fellowship, the other half to a lucky ticket holder. Join us starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. on two Saturdays this month, March 11 and March 25.

—Ruth Geraci

## Entertainment Movie for March 17

The third Saturday of the Month Movie Night at the Fellowship will feature

### Throw Mama From the Train

This hilarious comedy features Billy Crystal as a creative writing teacher and Danny DeVito as his student.

The movie starts in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 17. No admission is charged, but donations are accepted.

—Wilma Albers

## Saturday Night Movies: TWO Documentaries March 3 — You Choose!

One of our documentary movies at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 3, will be co-sponsored by the Baldwin County League of Women Voters:

### ***Iron Jawed Angels*** (123 minutes).

It is a film about suffragettes Alice Paul and Lucy Burns and their fight for the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote. One of their first actions was a parade on President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration day. The suffragettes also encountered opposition from the old guard of the National American Women's Suffrage Association. The activists got arrested and went on a well-publicized hunger strike, where their refusal to eat earns them the title of "the iron-jawed angels." It is a 2004 HBO film directed by German filmmaker Katja von Garnier.

Jeanne Lacey, president of the League of Women Voters of Baldwin County, set the background for the movie: "In 1900, Carrie Chapman Catt (portrayed by Angelica Huston), founder of the League of Women Voters, succeeded Susan B. Anthony as the National American Women's Suffrage Association president. Catt wanted to get state-by-state support to guarantee passage of an amendment by Congress.

The United States' involvement in World War I began, but did not diminish the women's suffrage movement. With all the help and support women gave the war effort, people looked admirably at their accomplishments. The work done by NAWSA and Catt's inspiration created the organizations which became the League of Women Voters.

"Alice Paul (portrayed by Hilary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor) were two of the many women inspired by Catt's enthusiasm and passion for women's suffrage. Paul advocated tactics that were more radical and attention grabbing. Alice and Lucy picket the White House. Trauma builds and the audience must be

prepared to see brutality toward the end. You will come to understand the high price paid for the right to vote, and why the League feels so strongly about the vote."

In discussion following the movie, we might look for the outstanding qualities in each of these women. What did they have to overcome? What were the attitudes that enabled them to succeed? What messages can we pass on to our young people? What can we personally do for our state to cleanse the past and build the future?

Also at the same time Saturday (in the classroom at the west end of the lobby) we will show the previously announced film:

### ***Why Wal-Mart Works and Why That Makes Some People Crazy*** (2006, 72 minutes).

This is a pro-Wal-Mart film to balance the Wal-Mart film shown in the Fellowship documentary film series last year.

*"Near the beginning of the film, an on-camera Galloway [producer] says that 'there are two sides to every argument, and that's what we're trying to show.' Galloway's experts admit that Wal-Mart isn't perfect, but make a substantive case that, overall, the store does far more good than harm. Greenwald's film, on the other hand, [Wal-Mart: The High Cost of a Low Price] is self-righteous agitprop that recklessly hurls accusations against the retailer in hopes that one of them will do some damage. Much like global warming, the company has become an activist's punching bag — a handy mark on which to blame all the world's ills. — Peter Suderman, National Review Online, "Walmart: The Movies"*

No admission is charged for these movies, but contributions are accepted. Refreshments are served.

—Ed Lawrence

## Invitational Art Show at Fellowship March and April Reception for Artists, Friends and Families March 10

On Saturday, March 10 from 3-5 pm, an art reception will be held at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, honoring Fellowship artists working in a variety of media. The art committee has asked each of the artists, amateurs and professionals, to exhibit their self-selected works for the months of March and April in our building.

Included in the art show will be Ruth Pratt, Gail Gardner, Edith Hinrichs, Henry Albers, Pat Cameron, Betty Runnells, Pat Smith, Stu Chapman, Jule Moon, George Hinds, Jewel Lee, Stan Dowell, Mary Van Antwerp, Sharon Spielman and Joan Ross. The works will be diverse, including painting, drawing,

ceramics, fiber art, basketry, photography and sculpture. One of the goals of the show is to acquaint Fellowship artists with those of like interests, and another goal is to present an interesting and exciting exhibit. Unitarians consider the arts to be a very important part of life and of our Fellowship.

The atmosphere will be festive, featuring the Unitarian String Quartet as well as outstanding refreshments by our hors d'oeuvres wizard Joyce Burkhart. Friends and family of the artists are, as always, welcome, as is the general public. Please join us to meet the artists and to view the art.

—Jean Lawrence

### The Start of a New Fellowship Tradition

## The Fifth Saturday Concert Series Begins this Month!

In those four months of the year that we have five Saturdays, we will be scheduling a Saturday Evening Concert at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship. The first of these will be 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31, with the great bluegrass music of **Lock, Stock & Barrel**. A free will offering will be accepted, to be divided between the Fellowship and the performing group.

*Lock, Stock & Barrel performance last summer included (l to r) our own Heather Nutting and Pinky Bass, and Linda Noble, Harry Smith and Danny McCann.*



Future Fifth Saturday Concerts will include a concert to be announced for June 30, the very popular Ken Sizemore returning with more great folk music on September 29, and a pre-New Year's Eve big band on December 29.

—Ed Lawrence

For a Unique Vacation This Summer:

## UU Niagara Experience July 15-18, 2007

Unitarians in Niagara Falls, NY, and Ontario are offering UUs a four-day experience exploring Niagara Falls and surrounding attractions, such as the locks on the Erie Canal.

The local UUs will serve as guides and hosts. The cost for lodging, group meals, and entrance fees is only \$500 per person.

For more information go to [www.uunet.net](http://www.uunet.net).

## Primordial Sound Meditation Class to Be Offered in March at Fellowship Building

You may have seen on PBS the story of Deepak Chopra's Wellness Center in California and the technique of Primordial Sound Meditation that the school teaches. One of Deepak Chopra's students and certified instructors, Joe Zolnoski, happens to live in Pensacola, and will be offering the class at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship building in March.

The class will have three sessions: Sunday, March 11 at 3:30; Monday, March 12 at various individual appointment times starting at 5:30; and Sunday, March 18 at 3:30.

The class format will be as follows: Session 1: Introduction to the basic principles. In this 2 hour group session, you will learn the basic principles of Primordial Sound Meditation, the use of mantras, and the purpose of meditation.

Session 2: Individual instruction. (short session) In this session, you come at the appointed time to meet individually with the instructor. You will receive your personal mantra and will be instructed in how to use it. After instruction, you will practice meditation for 20 - 30 minutes.

Session 3: Perfecting the practice, and a vision of higher states of consciousness. During this 2 hour session, you will review the practical aspects of meditation, share experiences, ask questions and meditate with the group. This final group session includes a glimpse of future possibilities of growth on all levels.

The cost for the course is \$200; Mr. Zolnoski has offered a reduced rate of \$175 for members of the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship. For more information, or to sign up for the class, call Joe Zolnoski at 850-291-5522, or email him at [jazsg11@aol.com](mailto:jazsg11@aol.com).

For information on Deepak Chopra's Wellness Center go to: [www.chopra.com](http://www.chopra.com).



## Assistive Listening System Now Operational in Fellowship Auditorium

Thanks largely to Fellowship Member Katherine Thompson's son Charlie, the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship now has a Gentner Assistive Listening System installed. The transmitter and antenna in the sound closet transmits whatever is spoken into the microphones to receivers that can be used by those in the audience who have been having a hard time hearing.

At present we have three receivers available. If there is interest we can order more. If you would like to buy your own receiver with ear-plug the cost is \$99.95. You can exchange your own ear phones for the ear-plug if you wish. Talk to Ed Lawrence if you would like to buy a receiver for your own use, or if you want to contribute toward the cost of additional receivers for general use.

## Support Group Planned at FUF

A group aimed at providing support to those experiencing loss is to be organized at a meeting Thursday, March 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. The loss could be of spouse, significant relationship, child, job, money, confidence, and/or hope, current or still unresolved.

This group is intended to serve as a means of compassionate interchange and to reinforce the UU principle of "the worth and dignity of every person."

As our Fellowship includes a majority of Humanist members, prayer is not the refuge of many who are troubled. People are. We are people who are pleased to say we need people.

Those interested in this group should contact Wilma Albers, 929-0780.

—Wilma Albers

## Spring Yard Sale Coming Up April 14!

Our most successful fundraising activity has proven to be yard sales, so let's make this the best one yet. We have decided on April 14—should be good weather and so far there doesn't seem to be any conflicting event.

We will be sorting and pricing on the Thursday and Friday prior to the sale, and if anyone has anything to donate that they need help with, we can arrange to have stuff picked up. We will have signup sheets available in the coming weeks.

### We Need You!

Keep in mind we need pricers, sorters, cashiers, etc. Even if you can't do any of the heavy lifting or carrying, we will need people to sit in the Fellowship Hall and act as "security" during the sale, so there is something for everyone to participate in. (We will have some of the items displayed in the Fellowship Hall in order to alleviate crowding in the garden house and to mitigate the need to try to drag the items out into the pitch black parking lot at O' dark thirty.)

### We Need Your Stuff!

Also, please go through your closets and kitchen cabinets. A little spring cleaning will rid you of clutter and bring in dollars for the Fellowship. My motto is, "If you haven't used it in the last five years, chances are you don't need it!"

—Pam Perkins, Yard Sale Chairperson



## Mark Your Calendar

**Thur., Mar. 1:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Fri., Mar. 2:** FUF Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

**Sat., Mar. 3:** Saturday Night Documentaries, "Iron-Jawed Angels", and "Why Walmart Works & Why That Makes Some People Crazy", both starting at 7 p.m.

**Sun., Mar. 4:** Social Action Committee, 12:15 p.m.

**Thur., Mar. 8:** Author Discussion Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Thur., Mar. 8:** FUF Support Group organizational meeting, 7-8:30 p.m.

**Sat., Mar. 10:** UU Art Reception, 3-5 p.m.

**Sat., Mar. 10:** Fellowship Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

**Thur., Mar. 15:** Nonfiction Book Group, 9:30 a.m.

**Sat., Mar. 17:** Movie Night, "Throw Mama from the Train", 7 p.m.

**Sat., Mar. 24:** Fellowship Game Night, 6:30 p.m.

**Sat., Mar. 31:** Fifth Saturday Concert Series featuring Lock, Stock & Barrel, 7 p.m.

### NEWSLETTER

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