

June 2010



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

June 6 DONALD PATTERSON: “*The Impact of Cars on American Culture in the 20th Century*”

Due to the vast and rural nature of our country, transportation needs created a fertile ground for the new auto industry following its introduction at the beginning of the twentieth century. Because cars have been a part of our lives, they are to us what water is to fish. The talk will consist of a photo-historical tour of how the U.S. became the land of the car and how cars have influenced our housing, leisure activities, food, music, and cities. Now that we have become so dependent on cars what will be their future?

Introduction: Bud Gardner

June 13 MAURICE GANDY: “*Famous Lost Words: Recording and Preserving Our Oral History*”

Maurice Gandy is a retired university English & creative writing instructor, currently teaching as an adjunct English instructor at the University of South Alabama. He has been writing articles as a feature correspondent for the *Mobile Press-Register* for the last 16 years. His specialty as a journalist is oral history, drawing on interviews with long-time residents, military veterans, and their descendants, to preserve stories, anecdotes and legends that would otherwise be lost.

Introduction: Michael Patrick

June 20 RICHARD D. HORNE: “*Verda Horne: Deeds, Not Creeds*”

The son of Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship founder Verda Horne, Richard will discuss his mother’s life and her philosophy. Richard was born and raised in Baldwin County, graduating from the Organic School in 1963. He graduated from Guilford College in 1967, served as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi 1967-1969. He received his Law Degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1976.

Introduction: Bert Brun

June 27 DAVID UNDERHILL: “*Steps Beyond Hiking*”

David Underhill serves as Secretary of the Alabama Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Chairman of the Mobile Bay Chapter. Originating in California over 100 years ago, the Sierra Club has expanded in geography and mission and today it is the country's largest environmental organization. Its members still go on hikes and other outings, but they are also active in local and national causes from conservation to clean energy to climate change to environmental justice to political campaigns and more. The Mobile Bay and Alabama Sierra clubs' roles in these matters will be described.

Introduction: Bayne Snyder

Everyone is invited to attend the Last Sunday of the Month potluck following the June 27th program. Please bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and conversation.

Sunday Service 11 a.m., 1150 Fairhope Ave.

Adult discussion group meets each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Children’s Fellowship is on hiatus for the summer; it will meet again in the fall.

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ASSETS	3/31	4/30	Net Change
Current Assets:			
RBC Centura Checking	10,592.66	11,251.53	658.87
RBC Centura Money Market	8,419.36	19,451.84	11,032.48
Total Current Assets	19,012.02	30,703.37	11,691.35
Long-Term Investments - Unrestricted:			
BB&T CD @1.85% Matures 12/7/2010	15,055.11	15,055.11	0.00
Bryant CD @1.25% Matures 7/6/2010	15,042.20	15,042.20	0.00
Long-Term Investments - Permanently Restricted:			
Community CD @2.05% Matures 7/9/2011	31,152.56	31,279.57	127.01
BB&T CD @2.25% Matures 9/9/2010	31,235.29	31,235.29	0.00
Merrill Lynch Brokerage Account	9,547.00		(9,547.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	121,044.18	123,315.54	2,271.36
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities:			
Payroll Taxes Payable	107.39	33.04	(74.35)
Total Current Liabilities	107.39	33.04	(74.35)
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted Net Assets			
Operations	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Reserves	33,209.78	33,398.91	189.13
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	43,209.78	43,398.91	189.13
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:			
Art Committee Fund	90.00	90.00	0.00
Building Fund		75.00	75.00
Charity Fund	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
Education - Children's Fund	153.73	153.73	0.00
Environmental Action Committee Fund	(1.00)	(1.00)	0.00
Gravel/Paving Fund	10,047.00	11,529.87	1,482.87
Grounds/Tree Fund	1,514.11	1,705.11	191.00
Hospitality Committee Fund	75.00	75.00	0.00
Memory Garden Fund	604.47	494.17	(110.30)
Movies/Audio Visual Fund	335.94	335.94	0.00
Music Committee Fund	71.91	71.91	0.00
Peace Activity Fund	50.00	50.00	0.00
SAC Scholarship Fund	298.00	689.00	391.00
SAC Donation Fund			
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	15,339.16	17,368.73	2,029.57
Permanently Restricted Net Assets:			
Endowment Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Accrued Interest - Endowment Fund	6,152.56	6,279.57	127.01
Capital Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Accrued Interest - Capital Fund	6,235.29	6,235.29	0.00
Total Permanently Restricted Net Assets	62,387.85	62,514.86	127.01
Total Net Assets	120,936.79	123,282.50	2,345.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	121,044.18	123,315.54	2,271.36

JUNE BOARD MEETING



The next Board meeting will be Friday, June 4th at 10am at the Fellowship. Agenda items are-

- I. Approval of the minutes from the March meeting.
- II. Treasurer's Report (Pat Smith)
- III. Old Business
 1. SAC report (Jeanine Normand)
 2. Building Maintenance Report (Stu Chapman)
- IV. New Business
 1. Program Committee (Burt Brun)
 2. Suggestion to ensure that there is time for questions each Sunday (Michael Patrick)
 3. Discussion of non-profit groups using the building.

If you have any other items for the Board meeting, please notify Michael Patrick or any Board member. FUF members are always welcome to attend all Board meetings.

--Submitted by Michael Patrick

SPRING YARD SALE REDUX

Now that the spring yard sale is behind us, it's time to look forward to the fall sale! Glutton for punishment that I am, I have spent several hours clearing out the old stuff from the shed (excuse me, Celeste--garden house) in preparation to receive more stuff! Please feel free to bring stuff any Sunday, and you are welcome to shop as well. If you have not been out to the shed before, you might want to come take a look so you'll know exactly how much space we have available to store things.

What to bring: Items in good condition, preferably small enough to fit on the shelves or hang on the clothes racks.

What not to bring: Electronics - NO computers, NO printers, NO TVs, NO VCRs, NO printers, NO electric typewriters - you get the picture.



By the way, does anyone have an abundance of plastic clothes hangers? We could use a few more so we can throw out those horrible wire hangers that get all tangled up and seem to multiply by themselves.

Thanks again to everyone for your help with the spring sale.

—Submitted by Pam Perkins

MAY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

At the May meeting, your Board of Directors:

- Approved the minutes and Treasurers report.
- Noted that the new gravel had been put down and partial payment made.
- Sent a \$25 contribution to the Fairhope Volunteer Fire Department.
- Noted proceeds from the yard sale were \$1385, and the bake sale \$391. Learned that Al-Anon/Al-Ateen do not accept donations.
- Noted the doorstops have not yet been installed.
- Discussed the state of the air conditioning in the classrooms.
- Heard a suggestion the program committee have a person on Sunday mornings to ensure the A/V systems are working as required.
- Discussed need for on-site storage of historical records.
- Learned of the donation of a laptop computer to replace the old one.
- Per Board vote, the projector will never be loaned out and exceptional circumstances are required for the old laptop to be loaned out.
- The Internet DSL connection will be upgraded.
- Chose not to repair or replace the old lawn sprinkler system.
- Discussed the possibility of allowing Covenant Hospice use of the building free of charge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

—Submitted by Pam Perkins

PLEASE NOTE!

The Board of Directors has voted that under no circumstances will any electronic equipment belonging to the Fellowship be allowed to leave the building without the express approval of the Board. If you have a need for such equipment, please approach any Board member to discuss your situation. The projector is never to leave the building.

Thank you for your compliance.

UNITARIANS IN HISTORY

Fellowship Chairman of the Board, Michael Patrick, along with other members, has suggested our monthly newsletter include short articles about famous Unitarians when space allows; your newsletter editor agrees. We all recognize notable Unitarian names like Clarence Darrow, Julia Ward Howe, Susan B. Anthony, Horace Mann, etc, but perhaps a periodic, quick refresher will keep us mindful of the achievements of these “movers and shakers” and even introduce us to accomplished Unitarians with less well-known names such as Frank Furness whose life is briefly outlined in the next column. The website www.famousus.net is a great place to find the names of prominent Unitarians in many fields. Some of those names are listed below. Please consider exploring the website or your local library to find out more about these individuals or other Unitarians and submitting a short article to nanpie@juno.com.

Vashti McCollum
 Arthur E. Morgan
 Elizabeth Parker Peabody
 Aurelia Henry Reinhardt
 Leland Stanford
 George D. Stoddard
 Robert Ulich
 Olympia Brown
 Florence Buck
 Maria Weston Chapman
 Frances Wayland Wood
 Angus Cameron
 Daniel Webster
 Paul Revere
 Horace Greeley
 Adlai Stevenson
 P. T. Barnum
 Bela Bartok
 Ray Bradbury
 Robert Fulgham

—Submitted by Nancy Martin

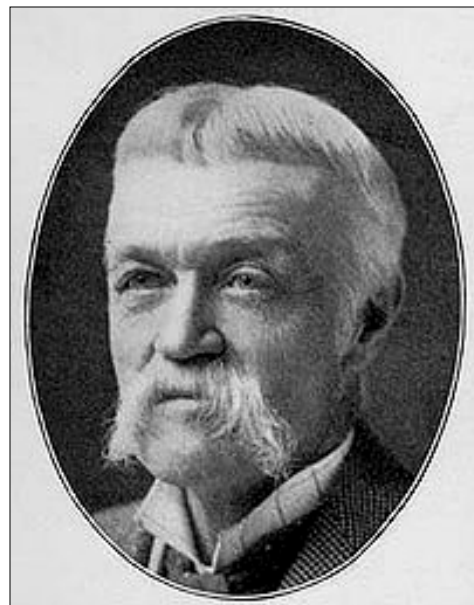
WAR HERO AND ARCHITECT

Frank Heyling Furness (1839-1912), the son of a Unitarian minister and a Unitarian himself, was a famous American architect of the 19th century designing more than 600 buildings, most in the Philadelphia area. He is remembered for his eclectic, muscular, often idiosyncratically-scaled buildings, and for his influence on the Chicago architect Louis Sullivan. Furness's first commission was the Germantown Unitarian Church (demolished circa 1928).

A Civil War veteran who fought with the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry at the battles of Brandy Station and Gettysburg, Furness became a Medal of Honor recipient for his bravery during the Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia. He is the only architect to receive this distinction.

Toward the end of his life, his bold style fell out of fashion, and many of his significant works were demolished in the 20th century. Among his most important surviving buildings are the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania Library and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

—Submitted by Michael Patrick



Frank Heyling Furness

THE UUSC AS DEFINED BY WIKIPEDIA.ORG

The **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)** is a non-profit, nonsectarian associate member organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association that works to provide disaster relief and promote social justice around the world.

UUSC was started in May 1940 as the Unitarian Service Committee by Rev. Waitstill Hastings Sharp, a minister of the Unitarian Church in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, and his wife, Martha. Its initial mission was to coordinate the rescue of European Jews and anti-Nazi political leaders from war-torn Europe. The Sharps opened an office in Lisbon, Portugal on June 20, 1940, to arrange for safe passage for those fleeing the Nazi war machine. For their efforts, the Sharps were posthumously honored by Israel in 2006 as the second and third Americans to be added to the list of Righteous among the Nations.

The organization's first board of directors was chaired by William Emerson, dean of the School of Architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Other board members included Harold Hitz Burton, mayor of Cleveland, Ohio and a future Supreme Court justice; Percival Brundage, senior partner in the Price Waterhouse and future budget director for President Dwight D. Eisenhower; Louise Wright, chairwoman of the voters department of government and foreign policy for the League of Women Voters.

Today, UUSC is active in coordinating relief efforts around the world and investigating reports of human rights abuses. Its recent activities have focused on the conflict in Darfur and organizing volunteers to help survivors of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. The organization is also active in lobbying corporations engaged in business with governments that it has identified as abusing basic human rights.

—Submitted by Nancy Martin

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK GROUPS

The Fellowship has two very dynamic, very different book groups that meet on a regular basis. Both welcome new participants to attend. Please consider joining one or both as your schedule allows.

NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP meets every other Thursday at the Fellowship at 930am. Bring any type of non-fiction and share a 10-minute synopsis with the group. For the month of June, the group will meet on the 10th and the 24th.

AUTHORS DISCUSSION GROUP meets the second Friday (no longer on Thursday) of each month at 930am to discuss various works written by authors previously determined by the group. June's meeting will be at the Fellowship on the 11th at 930am. This month's author is actually "readers choice." Bring a book by your favorite author.

—Submitted by Nancy Martin



2010 FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

President: Robin Fabel

Chairman of the Board: Michael Patrick

Vice President: Jack Gooding

2nd Vice President in charge of Programs:
Bert Brun

Recording Secretary: Pam Perkins

Corresponding Secretary: Jill Teumer

Treasurer: Pat Smith

YEARNING FOR PROGRESS

Let The Old Men Die

The young of the world
Desire to be free and long for the new.
If it would come, then let the old men die!

They wish to explore in unique places,
To be what they wish to be.
If it would come, then let the old men die!

They yearn for a new way of living,
They want it in their own way.
If it would come, then let the old men die!

They wish to rule themselves,
To be freed from the sins of their ancestors.
If it would come, then let the old men die!

For old men are like fossils
They desire rules and habits of an earlier time.
They stymie change at every turn.
They hinder progress in the name of virtue.
They send young dissidents to prison or exile.
They push young martyrs into the grave.

Let the old men die.
Only then can progress come.

—By Frank Laraway (*An old man*)



FUF Game Night is held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 6:30-9 p.m. Come join us at games like Mexican Train, Scrabble, Cribbage, or your choice.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tue., June 1: Knitters' Group 1-330pm
Wed., June 2: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Fri., June 4: Board Meeting 10am
Sun., June 6: Discussion Group 945-1045am
Tue., June 8: Knitters Group 1-330pm
Wed., June 9: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Thu., June 10: Non-Fiction Book Group 930am
Fri. June 11: Authors Discussion Group 930am
Sat., June 12: Game Night 630-930pm
Sun., June 13: Discussion Group 945-1045am
Tue., June 15: Knitters' Group 1-330pm
Wed., June 16: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Sun., June 20: Discussion Group 945-1045am
Sun., June 20: July newsletter deadline 5pm
Tue., June 22: Knitters Group 1-330pm
Wed., June 23: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Thu., June 24: Non-fiction Book Group 930am
Sat., June 26: Game Night 630-9pm
Sun., June 27: Discussion Group 945-1045am
Sun., June 27: Last Sunday Potluck 12pm
Tue., June 29: Knitters' Group 1-330pm
Wed., June 30: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm



NEWSLETTER

Submit calendar events or articles specific to the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship for publication one week prior to the last Sunday of each month **OR** as noted in the newsletter calendar section. For events, please include all pertinent information. Members and Friends are invited to submit poems, quotations or other brief words of wisdom to be published as space allows.

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