

August 2009



Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship

A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Aug. 2 STEVE THOMAS: "The First Generation of the United States"

Fairhope resident Steve Thomas is guest historian for several National Park Service and Alabama Historical Commission properties. He will present a review of U.S. history for the period from 1783 to 1815, including expansion, land rights, factional in-fighting, world entanglements, and ending with an unpopular war in 1812 now easily forgotten-- but one that ended up creating the stable country that we take for granted today.

Introduction: Ed Lawrence

Aug. 9 BRANDON BUSKEY: "Working for Equal Justice in Alabama"

Brandon Buskey is Staff Attorney with the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, a nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system.

Introduction: Flo Schneider

Aug. 16 KARA LANKFORD and JULIE BATCHELOR: "Protecting Groundwater from Pollution in Baldwin County"

Kara Lankford and Julie Batchelor are Natural Resource Planners with the Baldwin County Planning and Zoning Department. They will discuss some of the problems that cause groundwater pollution, and offer tips on what we can do to protect our groundwater.

Introduction: Debbie Jessup

Aug. 23 JUDI PURCELL: "The Rural Culture of China"

Rev. Judi Purcell is a world traveler and retired minister currently living in Pensacola Beach. She and her husband make it a point to get off the beaten path of tourism and explore local culture wherever they go. She will present their impressions and understanding of the culture of rural China, sharing some of their extensive photography taken on their recent trip.

Introduction: Ruth Geraci

Aug. 30 DEBORAH BOWER: "They Were There: Women in Colonial Florida"

While a graduate student at the University of Central Florida Deborah Bauer won the Governor LeRoy Collins Award for the most outstanding essay or research paper on Florida history. She has been teaching at Seminole Community College, and has been accepted as a doctoral student at the University of South Florida.

Introduction: Robin Fabel

Everyone is invited to attend the Last Sunday of the Month Potluck following the Aug. 30th 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 each Sunday 11 a.m.-12 noon. Come join us!

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JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

At the July 10th meeting, your Board:

- Approved the minutes and Treasurer's report.
- Heard reports that the new sidewalk has been well received. Handicap signs to be moved back to prevent cars from blocking sidewalk.
- Discussed the need for a 16-foot stepladder, preferably under \$500.
- Discussed the upcoming auction of Henry Albers' paintings.
- Decided to post signs on exits to remind people of proper closing procedures.
- Learned that the children's education program is set to resume in August.
- Decided to combine publicity for the 10/24 "International Day of Climate Change" with the 10/25 Ken Sizemore "For Love of Earth" concert.
- Decided to display the American flag only during patriotic holidays, due to separation of church and state.
- Authorized investigation into programmable thermostats.

-Heard suggestions to turn off large speaker to improve feedback problem and leave some lights on during presentations so we can see the speaker.

-Decided to raffle our two tickets to the Bob Edwards program, splitting proceeds with Radio Reading Service.

—Submitted by Pam Perkins

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Since so many Board members will be out of town at various times during the month, it has been decided to cancel the August meeting. The Board will meet again in September.

Fellowship members are reminded that all Board meetings are open and any member is welcome to attend.

Anyone desiring to submit an agenda item may do so by contacting Michael Patrick.

—Submitted by Michael Patrick

Summary Financial Statement

June 2009

	Jun	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	1,962	19,761	21,000	(1,239)
Other Revenue	0	4,102	1,500	2,602
Total Support and Revenue	1,962	23,864	22,500	1,364
Expenses				
Building	2,626	12,276	15,235	(2,959)
Committees	694	5,513	5,865	(352)
Donations	450	900	1,400	(500)
Total Expenses	3,770	18,689	22,500	(3,811)
Net Operating Increase/ (Decrease)	(1,808)	5,174	0	5,174

—Submitted by Kay Seymour

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY **FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED**

Habitat for Humanity is having an Auction and Dinner fund raising event Friday, Sept. 11. There will be a cocktail and Gumbo hour, plus a silent auction from 6 until 7 p.m. Then dinner will be served and it is being catered by Lulu's. The cost is \$25 a person and seating will be eight to a table if fellowship members want to sit together, though we do not have to buy a full table. Please contact Pat Smith at 990-8690 if you have any questions.

—Submitted by Pat Smith



DONATION MADE TO LOCAL HABITAT CHAPTER

Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship treasurer Kay Seymour and Bert Brun, co-chair of the FUF Social Action Committee presented a check for \$900 to the Women's Build of Habitat for Humanity of Foley, Sunday, July 26. Joyce Burkhart, who is a worker on the Builds, and Pat Smith, an employee of the Foley Habitat group, accepted the check. The funds were raised in a silent auction of paintings by the late Henry Albers that were donated by his family. An additional group of his acrylics will be available at a fund raiser planned for September by the Foley Habitat volunteers.

The Albers family and the SA Committee thank all who helped in this successful project which is a sizable addition to our Fellowship charitable giving.

—Submitted by Wilma Albers

RAFFLE: TWO TICKETS TO SEE BOB EDWARDS

Bob Edwards is coming to Mobile November 12. He'll speak at Byrne Hall on the campus of Spring Hill College at 6 pm.

Because FUF joined together with the Mobile Unitarian Fellowship in sponsoring this lecture (you'll hear FUF and the Mobile UF mentioned on WHIL public radio station several times this fall) we have received a pair of tickets to the lecture.

The Board has decided to raffle these tickets as a FUF fundraiser. Anyone can buy a raffle ticket for \$1, or six tickets for \$5. We'll have the raffle tickets available **Sundays in September**. The drawing will be held at the FUF Sunday pot luck September 27. Participants need not be present to win. The pair of tickets will be awarded as a single prize. We are holding the raffle in September so that our summer escapees who should be back by then can participate, and so the lucky winner can plan ahead for the November 12 date.

Bob Edwards Weekend is heard on public radio stations nationwide and on 91.3 WHIL Saturdays at 9am, and features in-depth interviews with newsmakers, journalists, entertainers and other compelling figures.

Edwards hosted National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* for over 24 years, attracting more than 13 million listeners weekly. He joined NPR in 1974 and co-hosted the evening news magazine *All Things Considered* until 1979 when he helped launch *Morning Edition*. He is the author of two books, *Fridays with Red* and *Edward R. Murrow and the Birth of Broadcast Journalism*.

Edwards has won the DuPont-Columbia Award for radio journalism, a George Foster Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting, and the Edward R. Murrow Award for outstanding contributions to public radio. Edwards was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2004.

—Submitted by Ruth Geraci

AUTHORS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Authors Discussion Group, which meets the second Thursday of each month, has selected authors for the coming two months:

August 13: Ann Tyler (led by Joanne Rains)
September 10: Elizabeth Peters (led by Pam Perkins)

The group welcomes new members to its discussion, which starts at 9:30 a.m.

—Submitted by Diane Ehlers



NON-FICTION TWICE A MONTH

The Non-fiction Book Group meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30.

Bring a book you would like to share and give a ten minute report on it. Or just come and take part in the discussion of others' books. Or just come and listen. It's a favorite activity of those who participate. We invite you to give it a try—newcomers are always welcome!

—Submitted by Diane Ehlers

GAME NIGHT TWICE MONTHLY

Game Night is a great way to meet Fellowship members and friends — come join in the fun starting at 6:30 p.m.! We have a variety of board and card games, and new games are always welcome. New players are invited to learn a game or share one they know.

Game Night is held on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month.

For information contact Ruth Geraci, 251-970-3407 or uuruthg@gulftel.com.

—Submitted by Ruth Geraci

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tue., Aug. 4: Knitters' Group 1-330pm
Wed., Aug. 5: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Thu., Aug. 6: Non-Fiction Book Group 930am
Sat., Aug. 8: Game Night 630-930pm
Tue., Aug. 11: Knitters' Group 1-330pm
Wed., Aug. 12: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Thu., Aug. 13: Authors Discussion Group 930am
Tue., Aug. 18 : Knitters Group 1-330pm
Wed., Aug. 19: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Thu., Aug. 20: Non-Fiction Book Group 930am
Sat., Aug. 22: Game Night 630-930pm
Sun., Aug. 23: September newsletter deadline 5pm
Tue., Aug. 25 : Knitters Group 1-330pm
Wed., Aug. 26: Back Porch Folk Singers 3-430pm
Sun., Aug. 30: Last Sunday Potluck 12pm



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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.

Provide written copy or email to editor at:

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