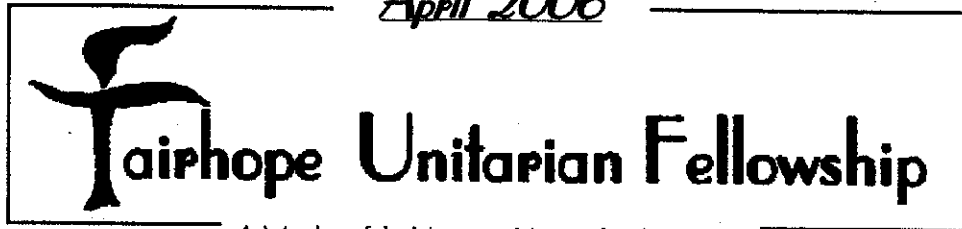


April 2006



A Member of the Unitarian Universalist Association

JUDGE LANGFORD FLOYD: "A View from the Bench"

Come hear some observations from our Circuit Court Judge, who has served in various court venues.

Apr. 2

Introduction: Wilma Albers
Greeter: Bonnie Holt
Cookies: Hospitality Committee

IRENE EVANS: "Update on Madagascar's Communities and Culture"

A citizen of Madagascar living in Mobile, Irene Evans is here with her family and Olympic winner husband who is now head track coach at USA.

Apr. 9

Introduction: Her son
Greeter: Katherine Thompson
Cookies: Pat Smith, Ruth Geraci, Thelma Topper

MICHAEL PATRICK: "Frances Perkins: Champion of the New Deal"

The fourth presentation in our series on Alabama Liberals focuses on the first woman to serve in the cabinet of a U.S. President. Perkins served as President Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor, advocating for legislation that established the Social Security Administration, child labor laws, the 40-hour work week, workmen's compensation, and fair labor practices.

Apr. 16

Introduction: Helen Herring
Greeter: Jule Moon
Cookies: volunteer needed

FRANCES ROBB: "Tallulah Bankhead: A Southerner Looks at Prejudice"

This slide presentation on Tallulah and her activities to protest racial discrimination in the performing arts and in American life will showcase a little-known area of the outspoken actress's life. Frances Osborn Robb is a museum and archival consultant, specializing in historic photography. This presentation follows the Tallulah Bankhead Film Festival Saturday, April 22 at the Fellowship.

Apr. 23

Introduction: David Robb
Greeter: Ruth Geraci

The Fourth Sunday potluck will follow the program. Please bring a dish to share.

KAREN GRAFFEO: "Let Us Now Praise the Roma"

Karen will share photographs taken during her frequent visits to the European gypsies of Kosova Bosnia and the former Yugoslavia, encamped now in Italy. She is teaching the Roma to do needlework for sale.

Apr. 30

Introduction: Pinky Bass
Greeter: volunteer needed
Cookies: Laurie Pike, Pam Perkins

Sunday Service, Religious Education Classes 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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www.fairhopeuu.org

April 22 Special Event: Tallulah Bankhead Film Festival

A Tallulah Bankhead film festival is scheduled at the Fellowship on Saturday, April 22.

The 1944 Alfred Hitchcock film "*Lifeboat*" by John Steinbeck will be shown at 4:30 p.m., starring Tallulah Bankhead and William Bendix.

After that film we will break for a light supper: sandwiches, chips, veggies, etc.

The rarely seen 1932 film "*Devil and the Deep*" with Tallulah Bankhead, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, and Charles Laughton, will then be shown.

Visiting from Huntsville to introduce the movies will be art & film historians David and Frances Robb. On Sunday, April 23, Frances Robb will be the guest speaker at the Fellowship service.

A contribution of \$10.00 is requested, which includes the light supper and movies. (\$5.00 without the supper.) Everyone is invited, no reservation necessary.

About the Films

Lifeboat is Tallulah Bankhead's best known film, for which she won the 1944 New York Film Critics Award in 1944. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock, who personally selected Tallulah for her role as a hard-bitten career photojournalist, it tells the dramatic story of a varied group of survivors, on a lifeboat, after their ship is torpedoed during World War II.

The film received Academy Award nominations for Best Cinematography in Black and White, Best Writing of an original story (John Steinbeck) and, of course, Best Director for Alfred.

Devil and the Deep is a rarely seen early talking picture, one of six films Tallulah Bankhead made for Paramount Pictures in the early 1930s, when she was at the peak of her beauty. In this submarine melodrama, set in the exotic North African Mediterranean, Tallulah has three leading men: Charles Laughton in his first American film, a very young

Gary Cooper and an even younger Cary Grant.

"*Tallulah Bankhead: A Southerner Looks at Prejudice*" is the title of Frances Robb's slide presentation at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Tallulah believed that talent has no color bar, and that all Americans are entitled to equal treatment and opportunity.

Never shy about expressing her ideas, she spoke against intolerance on street corners in Chicago, actively supported Harry S. Truman in his presidential campaign (which resulted in the racial integration of the U.S. military), and expressed her views in two articles published in the magazine *Ebony*.

Saturday Night Movie Club

At 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, the Saturday Evening Club will view

Peak Oil Imposed By Nature

This film sets out to explain the "peak oil" phenomenon, projected for sometime around 2007 or 2008, and indicates the possible consequences for mankind. This documentary informs us not just on the importance of what will happen when we run out of oil, but also what will happen when there is less oil tomorrow than there is today.

Admission is free; contributions will be accepted. Everyone is welcome.

Ed Lawrence

Survey Says: Your Opinion is Important!

A survey form is included with this newsletter. The long-range planning committee has developed this survey to determine the Fellowship's needs for the future. Please complete the form promptly and put it in the Survey Box on the cabinet to the left of the hall doors.

February 3 Fellowship Board Report

The meeting was called to order by Ed Lawrence, President. Other Board members present were Pam Perkins, Jon Leff, Diane Tracey, Diane Ehlers, John Raby, E.J. Campfield, Wilma Albers, and Ruth Geraci. Also present were Frank Laraway and Jule Moon.

- Soliciting quotes for sign: "Sunday Service 11:00 a.m."
- \$350 in budgeted contributions were disbursed.
- Chalice lighting should be one minute; reading no more than 3 minutes.
- We will remain with our current lawn company.
- We will ask for quiet before services when musicians are performing.
- Meditation minute will be left to the discretion of the presiding officer.
- Mithril ticket sales slow.
- Richard Bond replaced by Michael Patrick as chair of Long Range Planning Committee; Pam Perkins has joined that committee.
- There will be a survey distributed to the membership by Long Range Planning Committee.
- New membership form still in revision.
- Some members are not receiving *UU World*. (Please advise a Board member if this pertains to you.)
- Addition of another Board member discussed.
- We will look into fabric covering for walls to muffle sound.
- E.J. Campfield will work up a new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Pam Perkins, Recording Secretary

Concert of French Music April 2



The New Orleans Harp Ensemble will perform at the Fellowship Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m.

The concert features all French music. This tribute to the French is in response to that country's generous contributions of money, instruments and music to the New Orleans Chapter of the American Harp Society following Hurricane Katrina's devastation.

The harpists in New Orleans were so inspired by this outpouring of generosity that they decided to organize a concert tour using donated harps, donated music and donated funds.

A free-will offering will be taken during the concert, with contributions divided between the New Orleans Celtic Harp Ensemble and the Fellowship.

UU Meetings Coming Up



The Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship is linked to the regional and national Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) through our membership in the Mid-South District of UUA and the national UUA. Both organizations have upcoming conferences which members may find of interest.

The Mid-South UUA District Annual Assembly takes place in Atlanta April 28-30. The theme will be: *Living Simply, Living Spiritually, Living Sustainably*. More information, including registration, is available online at www.uua.org/msd.

The 2006 General Assembly of the UUA will be in St. Louis, MO June 21-25. In addition to a huge list of programs and exhibits on every topic imaginable, delegates will vote on the proposed Study/Action Issue to be addressed for the next several years by Unitarian Universalist fellowships and churches around the country. If you would like to be one of our delegates to the General Assembly, please talk to Ed Lawrence.

4 Your Involvement is Needed!

Resale Shop at the Fellowship Saturday, April 8

We've called it a garage sale, a yard sale, a boutique, a barn sale and a garden house sale...but this year we're calling it our Resale Shop. Start preparing now to donate those gently used items, clean and ready for their price tags. Please donate your sports equipment, electronics, and most clothing to Emmy's Thrift Shop, as we have little luck in selling them. Instead, find those interesting or useful objects you no longer need, and generously donate them to us. We'll accept donations on Thursday, April 6, at the Garden House from 8-10 a.m., but if that time doesn't work for you, or you need a pickup before then or on that day please call Tom Garbett (1-251 945 1295) or George Hinds (928 6526) who will pick up your large items. You know...that antique mirror, the walnut dining table, or that unneeded chair. We'll also be happy to take donations on Sunday mornings before or after the service.



Thursday morning, April 6, volunteers will be at the Garden House to receive your items and to organize and price them. We hope that you'll be willing to be part of that hardworking but fun-loving group. If you have nothing to donate and need to buy absolutely nothing, that doesn't mean you can't help the Fellowship by giving a cash donation or by volunteering. Saturday morning, April 8th, we'll open the sale at 7 a.m. and stay open until around 11. Those early bird shoppers will be waiting. If you want to volunteer, sign up sheets are available on the tables at the rear of the Fellowship auditorium. Or call:

Jean Lawrence, 928-4646

Celeste Hinds, 928-6526

Mary Ellen Hoffman, 928-2510

Sharon Spielmann, 928-9873.

We'll need sorters, pricers, cashiers, and cleanup people. Our sale is one of the biggest

fundraising events of the year. Help us to make it successful through your donations and purchases. The much-needed proceeds go to support our Fellowship building and our activities. Be a part of it all.

Jean Lawrence & Celeste Hinds

Mark Your April Calendar

Sat. Apr. 1: Saturday Evening Club, "Peak Oil Imposed by Nature". 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 2: New Orleans Harp Ensemble performance. 3 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 8: Resale Shop. 7-11 a.m.

Thur., Apr. 13: Book Discussion Group. Author: Gabriel Garcia Marquez. 9:30 a.m.

Sat., Apr. 22: Tallulah Bankhead Film Festival. 4:30 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 30: Lock, Stock & Barrel Bluegrass Concert. 3 p.m.

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Tuesdays: Choir rehearsal, 2:50 p.m.

Wednesdays: Simple Gifts, 2 p.m.

Back Porch Folk Singers, 3 p.m.

Thank You

Our sincere and loving thanks to all of you who reached out to us in our time of grief. You have no idea, perhaps, how helpful it is to know that you're embraced with concern, UU prayers, and love.

John and Debbie Jessup

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