

Rumblings from Olympus

The Craze for Machinery

By President Bob Mahaffy

In looking forward to the new year I have resolved to try to learn from some of my mistakes of the past year. This past year I ignored the maxim inscribed at the Oracle of Apollo at Delphi, “Know thyself.”

I didn't listen to my inner voice and instead succumbed to pressure to get a computer. My goal for this year is to see if I can extricate myself from this vile machine and return to the state of bliss I previously enjoyed.

Gandhi said “What I object to is the craze for machinery, not machinery as such,” which in turn reduces the whole of human experience and all the lessons of the past to an Internet encyclopedia filled with facts.¹

The great Roman statesman Scipio Africanus the Elder said “I am never in such good company as when I am alone—I am never so busy as when I have nothing to do.” ☺

Barn Dance

Barn Dances at Green Acres Grange happen from about 7pm to ten or eleven on third Saturdays during the nine months of the school year. ☺

¹ Fears, Rufus. (2007). The Wisdom of History. Lecture 36.

Among UUs

SCUUF founding member Marcella Fox (aka Mary Barker) is working hard at getting her new business off the ground; she reports that she feels she may be “ahead of the times” by offering to help create and lead transitional ceremonies for those wishing to mark major passages in their lives with meaningful ritual. Since her business is currently slow, she is applying for the position of Office Administrator at the UU Corvallis Fellowship.

SCUUF president Robert Mahaffy and Barbara Taylor attended the Pacific Northwest District Annual Meeting in Tacoma on Feb. 29 – Mar. 2.

In January, Robert Mahaffy & Barb Taylor represented SCUUF at the ceremony to dedicate the Florence UU Fellowship's new sanctuary. They are leasing a space right on Hwy. 101, for the next three years. FUUF has about 40 registered members. ☺



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UUseful Links

SCUUF (Includes SCUUP online!)
www.scuuf.pnwd.uua.org
(Hyperlinks work in SCUUP online!)

Pacific Northwest District
www.pnwd.uua.org

The Unitarian Universalist Association

www.uua.org

Panel Discussion

Currently we are planning to have a panel of three individuals representing different viewpoints as to “Environmental” problems and proposed solutions for our 2008 Earth Day program (in April).

Curt Clay, of Coos County Alternatives To Growth and Envision a Healthy Planet has volunteered for what may be the “radical ecocentrist” position. We could use YOU to put forth alternative ideas such as “How technofixes (i.e. hydrogen, wave energy, etc.) will ‘save us’” or more conventional “environmentalist” views (such as “recycling more paper bags and aluminum containers will ‘save us’”).

Warning: If YOU don't feel like being on the panel, it may just consist of Dennis arguing with Curt, that “nothing else matters if we don't halt and reverse human population growth.” ☺



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Visit SCUUF online at <http://scuuf.pnwd.uua.org>

**South Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Mar - Apr 2008 Calendar**

Unless otherwise noted, programs are from 3:00 to 4:30 pm at North Bend United Methodist Church, 2289 Meade Street.

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| March 2 | Peak Soil |
| March 9 | Friederich Nietzsche |
| March 16 | Gardening |
| March 23 | Spring Equinox Celebration 3 pm at Sunset Bay State Park kiosk. Rituals of the season; bring instruments for music. Potluck follows. |
| March 30 | Peak Water & The World Without Us |
| April 6 | April Fools Bring Humor to share. |
| April 13 | Hike and Cook Out in Myrtle Point 3 pm at Dick Root's ranch. Call Dennis (888-8234) or Dick (572-5390) for more information. |
| April 20 | Earth Day Panel (and membership ceremony) Three perspectives on permanently reducing our global human ecological footprint. |
| April 27 | Friendship Village A Coos County Vet returns to Vietnam to make peace. |

