

The Acorn

March 26, 2017

This Week's Meetings
and Events

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Sunday, March
26

Stewardship
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yet received.



By Kristin Otte

UU Theology 101

Rev. Tamara Casanova Suzuki

We stand in the flowing river of time as we covenant to support not just this cherished community at Live Oak, but our larger and very proud faith tradition. On this Celebration Sunday, as we come together in gratitude for all we have found at Live Oak, we lift our eyes to see where we stand in the broader movement of our faith with its broad tent theology.

Sunday March 26

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Stewardship
Luncheon
12:00 P.M. OWL (C)

Monday March 27

Live Oak Office Closed
7:00 P.M. Covenant Group

Tuesday March 28

6:00 P.M. Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. Sangha (S)

Wednesday March 29

7:00 P.M. Social Justice
Movie and Discussion (S)

Thursday March 30

10:00 A.M. Covenant Group

Friday March 31

OWL Sleepover
7:00 P.M. Auction Item:
Painting with Light (S)
10:30 A.M. Hookers &
Needlers (C)

Saturday April 1

9:00 A.M. OWL

Sunday April 2

10:00 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Town Hall
11:30 A.M. OWL
Celebration Luncheon (FH)

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S=Sanctuary; FH=Fellowship Hall;
C=Cottage

Sharing our Joys and Sorrows



As a community we share in the following Joys and Sorrows

- * Ken Solter: shared the news of the passing of Lee Stone several months ago. Lee was a former member of Live Oak.
- * Roberta Weissglass: shared her joy in the musical presented at GVJH and urged others to attend. Lura Pearson has a role in the production.



March Half Basket Report

3/5/17

SB Rape Crisis Center
\$374

3/19/17

Islamic Society of SB
\$549

Children's Exploration

We've travelled the Universe and given perspective to lightsabers and the 7 UU Principles. Now it's time to get to know each other personally. This week we will share, get a sense of sacredness amongst us, and create Covenant together, and if we have time, create self portraits. Blessed be!!

Board News

Quiz question: How many of your Live Oak Board members can you name?

(Look below when you're ready.)

Your Board meets monthly, generally on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. These are open meetings, and any Live Oak members are always welcome to join us. Our next meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, March 28.

At every meeting, we hear a Minister's Report and a Coordinating Team Report from Reverend Tamara as well as a Treasurer's Report from Carrie Topcliffe. In addition to these reports, topics for this Tuesday's meeting include: the member mortgage loan program, Live Oak by-laws, and an update on the annual stewardship drive.

It is an honor to serve on behalf of the congregation!

Your Board of Trustees,

Jane Gray, Ron Kronenberg, Paul Mocker, Carter Morgan, Lars Poulsen, and Jim Wells

Live Oak UU Annual Stewardship Drive

Shining Brighter: Being a Beacon of Hope and Strength in an Uncertain Time

We are so excited to continue our Stewardship Drive! On this final weekend, we'll hear from one last "Pulpit Editorial," and there will be an update from your stewardship drive team. Be sure to mark your calendars for this Sunday, March 26, when we'll get together for a wonderful luncheon celebration to culminate our pledging. (Please contact Roberta Weissglass if you'd like to offer a hand.)



Your stewardship drive team would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those individuals who have already made their 2017-18 pledge for their generosity and commitment. As of last Sunday, we had received pledges totaling over \$110,000 which gets us on our way to our goal of \$220,000. Of the pledges received thus far, 80% are increases over last year! Of course, we still have a long way to go before we meet our goal. YOUR pledge is needed to make Live Oak shine bright as a beacon of hope and action in these uncertain times.

Sunday, March 26: Stewardship Sunday! After service we'll meet for salads, sandwiches, and desserts and turn in any pledges not yet received.

With gratitude for your good intentions and generosity,
Your Stewardship Drive Team: Jim Pearson, Jim Wells, Roberta Weissglass, Ron Kronenberg, Carter Morgan, and Wendy Morgan

Social Justice News



March 29 at 7:00 P.M. What Does it Mean to be White or to be of color, and what does race mean to each of us? Come explore these questions with others at Live Oak. All are welcome for these discussions. We will watch a couple of short films and then share our feelings about this topic to understand ourselves better and to understand systemic racism of our culture.

April 9, 12:00-1:30 P.M. Conversations about Race! After our soup we will meet together, have cookies and talk in small groups about our attitudes toward race and racism. We will offer our wisdom back to the whole group at the closing.

Social Justice News Continued



April 15 at 7:00 P.M. Honeysuckle Possums Concert at Live Oak to benefit ACLU, sponsored by the Live Oak Social Justice Ministry. Come and bring your friends! It is a great cause in these troubled times and you can enjoy great music and make a difference in our world!

Upcoming Social Justice Community Events

March 26, 1:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.: ERA MARCH FOR EQUALITY, hosted by Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, De La Guerra Plaza, Santa Barbara

<https://www.facebook.com/events/817046111775952/?ti=as>

April 8, 1:30-3:30 P.M. Casa de la Raza, 601 E. Montecito St., Santa Barbara (enter from Montecito St. to enter the larger common room)

Apr. 22, 11:00A.M.-2:00 P.M. March for Science on Earth Day. This is a celebration of our passion for science and a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. De La Guerra Plaza: Speakers at 11am. At noon, march down State St and back up, ending at Earth Day Festival in Alameda Park. Bring signs, lab coats. (Washington DC march. Los Angeles march will be downtown.)<https://www.facebook.com/events/241005116351627/>

Apr. 29, 11:00 A.M. PEOPLE'S MARCH FOR CLIMATE, JUSTICE AND JOBS:

Location TBA On Trump's 100th day in office, environmental and climate justice organizations are calling for this march in DC, NY, and around the world. A broad coalition of local environmental groups are organizing the Santa Barbara companion march.

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/peoples-climate-march-santa-barbara?referrer=&source=widget>

May 17 at 7:30 P.M. WOMEN & THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE with evening free lecture- **Environment: Connection, Collaboration, Creation**— featuring **Naomi Klein**: at the Granada Theatre.

Action Alerts: Putting our UU Values into Action For Your Information: Our Members of Congress

* Dianne Feinstein- LA office 310-914-7300, Washington office 202-224-3841
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* Kamala Harris- Sacramento 916-448-2787, Washington 202-224-3553
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Social Justice News Continued

* Salud Carbajal- Congressman-24th district, Washington 202-225-3601, San Luis Obispo office 888-202-8934, Contact through his site <https://carbajal.house.gov/>.

Supporting Our Members

IN RECITAL: Leslie Cook and John Ballerino
Perform Brahms Lieder. Saturday, April 8, 2017
3:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library. 40 E. Anapamu.

Live Oak is a liberal religious community welcoming all. Our generations join together to nurture spiritual growth and personal transformation, that we may be inspired to transform the world with love, hope, compassion and justice.

Happy Birthday to the following friends and members celebrating birthdays in March!

If you have not shared your birthday month/date with us and wish to do so, please contact Liz at elazok@gmail.com



Patricia Borgman 3/3, Michael Wittman 3/4, Hal Hill 3/4
Jim Pearson 3/5, Roberta Weissglass 3/7, Laurette Valentine 3/17, Lars Poulsen 3/22, Mary Ince 3/25, Christy Harter 3/25, Ken Johnson 3/27, Paris Psaros 3/29, Kristin Ingalls 3/29, Wendy Morgan 3/30