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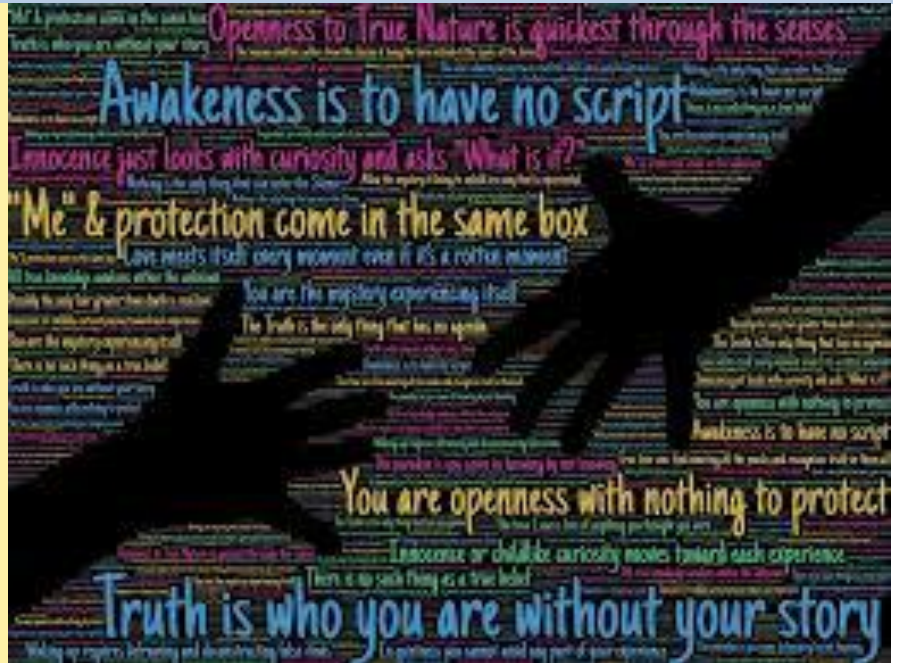
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Monthly Theme: Surrender, Let Go, and Trust

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Introduction to the Monthly Theme: Surrender, Let Go, and Trust

The Spiritual Practice of Letting Go by Rev. Dr. Barbara Merritt

The words “let go,” strike fear into the hearts of most Unitarian Universalists. We seem to have a congenital preference for illusions that we are the captains of our own ship: in charge and in control! Planners! Decision Makers! Movers and Shakers!

The words “let go” mean to abdicate control: to release, to surrender, to give up our sense of possessiveness, our definitions of “mine,” and “not mine.” Annie Dillard calls letting go, occupying the gaps, going into the mystery - leaving behind our itsy-bitsy statues, and savings accounts, and daily planners; and spending, freely spending, all of our time letting go of what we are grasping and clutching and holding onto, and entering into a much larger and spacious world in which we belong, in which we are held and carried and awakened to what sustains all life.

The poetry of “letting go” is lovely. But the cost can be steep. We will be asked to let go of our children as they become adults. We will be asked to let go of the walls we have so carefully constructed that we believe will protect us. We will be asked to let go of what we believe is right now in our possession - the “little we have.”

What exactly are we being asked to release?

Thomas A. Kempis, in the *Imitation of Christ*, puts it simply and eloquently: “The one who sees things as they really are, and not as they are said to be, or might be, is truly wise.”

We must let go of our preconceptions of reality - of all that we heard and believed reality ought to be, of all we perceived reality would be - and we must attempt to see things as they really are. At some point we cease to be at war with reality and relinquish our judgment as to what is wrong with reality and become curious, open, ready to receive what “is,” rather than what we thought we wanted or what we assume we had been promised.

We have to let go of all illusions of control, what the philosopher, Henry James called the “private convulsive self,” that self-centeredness that proclaims itself ruler of all it surveys; the inner tyrant that imperially pronounces certitude, entitlement, and the right to rule.

A modern theologian, Richard Rohr claims there are only three things we need to let go of: 1) being in control, 2) being effective, and 3) being right.

Topics for Upcoming Services

Jan. 05, 2020: *Releasing the Old, Welcoming the New*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker

As we enter the New Year we may take a look back over the year and decide to make some changes in our lives. This Sunday, we will release the old ways that no longer work for us and welcome in the new year and our future selves. Come play with fire (safely, of course)!

Jan. 12, 2020: *Leaning Back into the Water*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker

The snapping turtles in Walden Pond wait until you float on your back. Then they swim close, snap, and make it impossible to lean back into the water. How snapping turtles undermine efforts to surrender spiritually

Jan. 19, 2020: *The Eighth Principle*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker

The UUA is committed to becoming an anti-racist and anti-oppression institution. On this MLK, Jr Day weekend we will explore this process.

Jan. 26, 2020: *Worship Service with the Rev. Amy Beltaine*

UUCLV is happy to welcome back the Rev. Amy Beltaine. Reverend Amy Beltaine is a traveling spiritual director providing Sunday services, retreats, and spiritual mentoring as a UU ministry: Supporting helpers who worry about making a difference to learn and live their spiritual superpowers. When Hawthorne and Amy are not pulling their little home behind them, they are in Portland, Oregon with beagle (Zim) and cat (Annie). A graduate of Meadville Lombard School for the Ministry, Amy is on the steering committee of the UU Spiritual Directors' network. Amy is an accredited Spiritual Director, certified Transitions Specialist, nearly life-long earth-honoring Process-Pagan, and recent President of the Covenant of UU Pagans. Amy aspires to become a Love-Ninja.



January 2020 Sunday 50/50: Minister's Discretionary Fund

In January 2020 50% of all offerings not designated as pledge donations will be shared with the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The **Minister's Discretionary Fund** is used to assist members and friends of the Congregation and members of the larger community in meeting their basic living needs (such as shelter, food, utilities, medical) and other exigencies (such as transportation, fees). Funds may be given as a loan or a gift, depending upon the person's ability and the circumstances. The minister has discretionary and confidential use of these funds within guidelines.

Help nominate future 50/50 recipients by filling out [this form](#).



From the Boardroom

UUCLV Board of Trustees Minutes December 17, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Turner at 6:35 p.m. at the church. Also attending Keith McMillen, Kathy Espin, Dave Richards, Hilary Howarth, Nancy Czar, Stuart Webster and Rev. Rachel Baker. A quorum was met.

Agenda: No changes to the agenda

Chalice lighting: by Nancy Czar.

Review of Action Items:

Bruce

- Minutes approval - DONE
- Contact Nancy and Mark about Visiting Stewards - DONE
- Give negotiating committee approval of Ministerial salary and fill out paperwork - DONE

Keith

- Minutes approval - DONE
- Find Group Formation and Smoking policies - DONE
- Work on Policy Reorganization with Rev. Rachel and Kathy – IN PROCESS
- Format policies – IN PROCESS
- Post Financial Reports by Dec. 13 - DONE

Kathy

- Send appointments to Erma for inclusion in Directory – DONE
- Work on Policy Reorganization with Keith and Rev. Rachel – IN PROCESS
- Send minutes to approval committee and post by Dec. 13. - DONE

Dave

- Meet with Rev. Rachel and interested congregants about Religious Education - DONE

Hilary

- Research Home Stays program – DONE
- Develop a form for fundraising proposals - DONE

Rev. Rachel

- Minutes approval - DONE
- Work on Policy Reorganization with Keith and Kathy – IN PROCESS
- Meet with Dave and interested congregants about Religious Education. - DONE
- Post Minister's report by Dec. 13. – PRESENTED AT MEETING

New minutes approval committee: Dave, Nancy, Stu.

Consent agenda:

- Reports: President and Finance reports approved by consent.
- Pledging issues: Visiting Stewards training scheduled for Dec. 29 by Mark Bergtholdt. Meetings scheduled for Jan. 2020.

Old Business

- Fundraising
 - Hilary presented a form for fundraising proposals for approval. Approved with minor changes.
 - Research continues on the Home Stay proposal where members would host visitors in exchange for a donation to the congregation.
 - Congregation will vote on a name for the "camp" proposal on Dec. 29.
 - A brochure on the standing committees and other programs is in progress.
 - Kathy to present raffle idea on Dec. 20 to the Friday evening Seminarium for possible sponsorship.
- Faith Development – Report under New Business

New Business

- Family Promise
 - We have been approached by Family Promise about restarting the program. The board will investigate where there is support in the congregation.
 - Volunteers and additional resources will be needed.
- Ministerial Search Committee
 - To committee decided to make an initial salary offering of \$65,000 instead of the \$68,000 approved by the Board to allow room for negotiation.
- New Minister
 - The Board was made aware of additional expenses and issues related to signing a new minister
 - An installation ceremony and celebration could cost around \$3,000.
 - There will be taxes due on the moving stipend.
 - Any money left over from budgeted moving costs could provide a "signing bonus" for the new minister.
 - Issues will be discussed further.
- Executive Session – Discussion of personnel matters
- Membership – Responsibility for holding classes for new members has transitioned from Rev. Rachel to the Membership Committee.
- Rooftop Solar - Kathy Espin moved to approve up to \$500 to hire an expert to assess the repairs needed for the rooftop solar system. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Faith Development
 - Dave and Rev. Rachel met with Ariel Sublett and Rory Solomon who are interested in developing a new faith development program.
 - The members were given permission to go ahead with an eight-week program.
 - Content is from programs developed by UUA.
 - Program will take place concurrent to the weekly service.
 - Program will begin on Jan. 15.
 - Program will be reevaluated after the first eight weeks.
- Space Sharing – Stuart moved that the BOT president, or designee, be authorized to explore sharing our facility with other congregations, negotiate monetary and scheduling terms and other issues. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - Possible space sharing will be discussed at a Town Hall meeting and subject to Board approval.
- Cleanup Day
 - Discussion of a possible stewardship clean-up day.
 - Would be advertised to the congregation and volunteers solicited.
 - Stu will propose this as a project for his Chalice Circle.
 - Rev. Rachel will provide a walk through to identify problem areas.
 - Refreshments would be provided.
 - February Spring Cleaning date was suggested.

Board Member Action Items

Bruce

- Contact interested parties about space sharing.
- Respond to congregation contact about Family Promise questions.
- Visiting Stewards training.

Keith

- Post Financial reports by Jan. 16.
- Assist with reformatting policies.
- Visiting Stewards training.

Nancy

- Minutes Approval Committee
- Visiting Stewards training.

Kathy

- Present raffle idea to Seminarium.
- Edit and reformat policies.
- Post minutes by Jan. 16.
- Visiting Stewards training.

Rev. Rachel

- Provide names of Chalice Circle leaders to Stu.
- Provide names of members of the Black Lives Matter Banner Response Team for the directory.
- Post report by Jan. 16.

Dave

- Minutes approval committee
- Visiting Stewards training.

Hilary

- Meet with Fundraising Committee.
- Hold logo and name contest for camp.
- Develop Co-housing presentation.
- Visiting Stewards training.

Stu

- Propose sponsoring Stewardship Cleaning Day to Chalice Circle.
- Minutes approval committee.
- Research professional to examine the rooftop solar system.
- Visiting Stewards training.

Submitted by
Kathy Espin, Secretary



UU Weeklong Winter Escape Vacation in Las Vegas (Feb 20-27, 2021)

Hilary Howarth

That’s a mouthful and not very catchy! So, we are having a **CONTEST**; actually, **3 contests!**



1. **December’s contest is for a name.**
2. **January’s contest is for a logo.**
3. **February’s contest is for a souvenir idea.**

It’s simple! Put your name/logo/souvenir suggestion, your own name, And your phone number on a piece of paper. Deposit it in the church office in the little wooden church (looks like a bird house). Or, e-mail your suggestion to admin@uucv.org.

DEADLINES: noon on Sunday, Dec 15, Jan 19, or Feb 16 depending on which contest you enter.

Prize: Each contest winner will receive a “Chalice Tote” and our enduring thanks



January Calendar of Events



Erma Zurita

Wed. Jan. 1 and 15 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Chalice Circle
Rotating Locations in Members Homes	<p>Many members and friends of the congregation decide to join a Chalice Circle because a work schedule rarely allows attendance on Sundays. Chalice Circles provide a chance to tell your story in a unique, supportive environment and allow you to make deeper connections with other people within the Circle. For more information contact David Richards djrichards328@gmail.com.</p>

Sunday, January 5, 12:00 – 2:00 pm	1st Sunday Lunch Bunch
Desert Pines Golf Club 3415 E Bonanza Rd, "Las Vegas, NV 89101	<p>The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Sunday of every month at at the Desert Pines Golf Club. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Bleyle at Lbleyle@yahoo.com -Hope to see you all there!</p>



Wednesday, January 8 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Many Voices Storytelling
IHOP 9651 Trailwood Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134	<p>Join us at our monthly meeting of the Many Voices Storytelling group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. A a storyteller is nothing without a listener. All listeners are welcome, whether or not you choose to tell. If you would like to tell a 5-8 minute, personal, true- life story, pitch your idea at storytelling.uuclv@gmail.com</p>


Sunday, January 12· 4:00 – 6:00 pm	UU Christian Fellowship Meeting
Private Home e-mail Erma at admin@uuclv.org for the event location.	<p>Interested in a liberal understanding of Christianity? Or maybe you are looking for an eclectic interpretation of the gospel? Or maybe you are looking to heal from the wounds inflicted by a forced childhood dogma? If any of these piques your interest, please join the UU Christian Fellowship. Come see how UUs “do” Christianity!</p>

Wednesday, Jan. 15· 7:00 – 9:00 pm	UUA Webinar: Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities
UUCLV 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p>Stewardship and Sustainability for the Long-Haul Jan. 15 Third of four UUA webinars for small UU congregations. Contact Bruce Turner at betguynevada@gmail.com for more information.</p>

Thursday, January 16 6:00 – 8:00 pm	Learn How to Caucus
UUCLV & Off site	UUCLV is going to provide a trainer to teach you how to caucus before the upcoming Nevada Caucus' in February 2020. The trainer will cover both the Democratic and Republican method to caucus. For more information, contact Karin Metcalf at karinmetcalf@gmail.com

Saturday, Jan. 18 7:30 – 11:30 am	UUCLV Food Pantry
UUCLV West side of building. 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	We are requesting that 4 – 6 strong, younger members, arrive at 7:30 to assist in setting up the tables and hauling stuff out of our storage area. Open to members of the congregation, and to the larger community, Food will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, until supplies run out. No income requirements. Contact: Keith McMillen kgmcmillen@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 21 7:00 – 9:00 pm	 
Members' Homes For more information: bookiesuuclv@gmail.com	The UUCLV Las Vegas Bookies meet monthly to discuss books worth reading.

Sunday, Jan. 26 12:00 – 1:45 pm	
UUCLV Worship Hall 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	Bill Jacobs, Convener “Domestic Violence” affects more than 2 million women and 800,000 men every year. The prognosis of domestic violence can be quite negative if it goes on untreated, in that the emotional and physical consequences of continued abuse can be severe and even end in homicide. At our January 26th HUUMANIST Forum, Rachel Louise Snyder, will talk about her book: “No Visible Bruises”. Join us Sunday noon to discuss this serious health problem.



zoom In!

UUCLV now has its own Zoom Meeting account. That means you do not have to drive to meetings, you can conduct them online. Zoom can be downloaded as an App to your smart phone or accessed from your computer over the internet. Most people like to use their camera for teleconferencing; however, you can stick to just voice/phone. If you would like to use Zoom for your team, please contact Erma in the office or Karin at jkmetcalf@cox.net

A Day in the Week of the Minister...



Thursday: Music and Worship

by Mark Bergtholdt



This is the fourth installment of this seven-month exercise in describing what the minister does to help run our congregation. These writings will describe each of the six areas of our mission-based budget, culminating with the pledge drive kickoff and ending in April. Last month I wrote about Wednesday, Faith Formation, Adults. So, January will be Thursday. Music and worship are the biggest part of programmatic budget consisting of 36% of the budget.

Creating the service starts with the planning of the church year. We use various sources and sometimes pay for a subscription of monthly themes. These subscriptions help guide us by giving us themes to tie across the various groups and the larger congregation, leading to a more cohesive worship throughout the year. These subscriptions also provide us with photos, and other readings that we can use to make our communication materials more appealing. Once the themes have been set, creating a Sunday service is a multi-task project that requires many members helping out behind, in front and to the sides of the pulpit to pull off what seems to be an easy routine event. It starts with planning the church year. Much time is spent by not only the minister, but also the worship associate, the audio-visual person, accompanist, office administrator and others. Thursday is a great day for this topic as it is when our minister really starts the hard work of writing the week's sermon.

While ideas ruminate throughout the first part of the week by reading various documents along with contemplation and reflection, Thursday is day that pen is placed to paper. More on that process a little later. In the beginning of the week, the tone is set to create the service. Songs and readings are selected from the many available services and an order of service is drafted and sent to the person who is running the audio-visual in the back of the sanctuary, worship associate and accompanist.

As a side note, since Joy left us at the beginning of the summer, we have split her job between two people; an accompanist and a song leader/choir director. We now have a very talented accompanist (Nick figured out and played, without music, the little carol that we sang in December during the lighting of the third advent candle in under two minutes). We are in the process of finding a good fit for our choir director and song leader.

As the week progresses, as ideas bubble up through our minister's contemplation and reflection, she jots them down. It usually ends up being between two and ten pages of ideas. Usually, during this process, a personal story comes up that can be shared with the congregation. Sometimes it is some self-deprecating story so that we do not follow in her footsteps, or something uplifting. The story is just an example of looking at something from a different perspective but is an important part of the sermon.

The process of writing a sermon starts with a review of the order of service, reading the words to the selected songs, selected readings and ideas that were jotted down. Those things that resonate will be highlighted and included in the sermon. Creating a sermon is like writing an essay. Like essays, there are many models out there. In the classic essay model, there is the introduction, the thesis statement, three thesis paragraphs and a conclusion. One model for sermons can be summed up as; What, so what, and now what. The story forms the what and can take up to a third to half of the sermon. The so

what is what is going on and takes another third to quarter of the sermon. The now what sums up what is important and what changes need to be made. Once drafted, the sermon is reviewed and edited. It is then formatted for easy reading and delivering to the congregation.

On Sunday, our minister shows up, checks in with folks who are assisting the service, puts the finishing touches on the various parts of the service, then holds the worship service. As you can see, there are many moving parts and people that all work together to make an enjoyable service. Next month will be Friday and time to talk about Denominational Connection.



Learn How to Caucus Training

by Karin Metcalf

On Thursday, January 16th, from 6 pm to 8 pm, UUCLV will host a **Learn How to Caucus** training at the church for anyone preparing for election year.

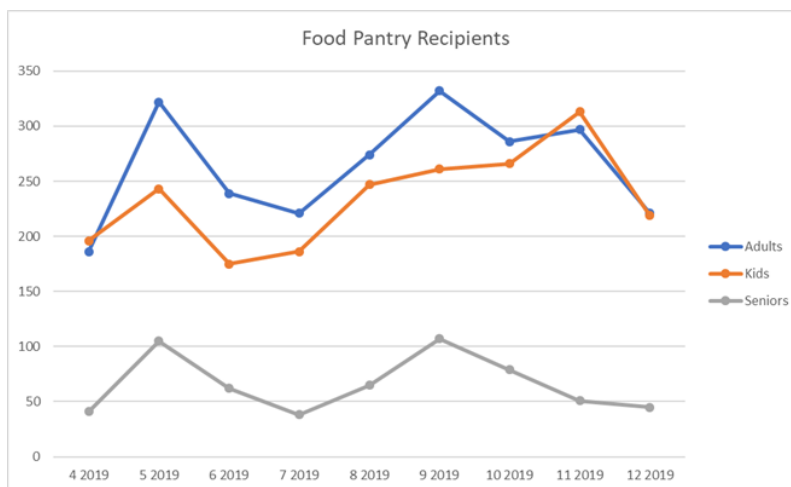
UUCLV is going to provide a trainer to teach you how to caucus before the upcoming Nevada Caucus' in February 2020. The trainer will cover both the Democratic and Republican method to caucus. Keep in mind you can only caucus for one party and the Republican Party has stated that they will not caucus in Nevada for this election cycle. The Democratic Party allows people to register with their affiliation up to and including the day of the caucus. More information coming soon, but please save the date on your calendar and tell your voting friends!



Food Pantry News

By Keith McMillen

The numbers are in. This last week was a little disappointing we served only 108 families for a total of 485 people. But still good!! For 2019 (we started in April), over 9 food pantry Saturdays we served a total 1118 families and 5077 people. That's an average of 124 families and 593 people each time! Well done everyone!!





Miracles Faith Development Program

Rory Solomon

“Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don’t even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child—our own two eyes. All is a miracle.” — Thich Nhat Hanh

This New Year we will be trying something new at UUCLV. On January 12, 2020, we will begin a Multigenerational Faith Development Program called Miracles. Sessions will be held during the worship service (10:30am-11:30am) on select Sundays in the Religious Education area. ALL are welcome to join. Because this is Multigenerational, please be sure that you have a responsible trusted adult who is attending with each child and oversees their safety.

This eight-session program invites a prolonged encounter with awe and wonder, one of the Sources of our Unitarian Universalist Faith. Stories from our Sources and hands-on activities engage a wide age span of participants to discern miracles, experience and express awe and wonder, and discover their own agency for miracle-making.

We will make a uniquely Unitarian Universalist inquiry—a religious search which simultaneously embraces the awesome truth of a miracle’s mystery and the “how and why” of rational explanation. We will explore different kinds of miracles, from the awesome, ordered beauty of Earth and all life on it, to our own capacity to transform ourselves and others to bring forth love and justice. Each week can be attended as a stand-alone, but they are also meant to build upon one another.

Each session provides an Opening, several activities, and a Closing which comprise the core, 60-minute session. One of the activities is a central story. Each session also provides Taking It Home activities that can be done throughout the following week on your own or as a family.

Session 1: 1/12/2020 Naming Miracles: Explore what constitutes a miracle and illustrate the subjective nature of miracles by sharing creation stories.

Session 2: 1/19/2020 The Miracle of Close Attention: Recognize the miraculous in nature and everyday life and learn how focused attention helps us find miracles around us.

Session 3: 1/26/2020 The Miracle of Transformation: Cultivate experiences of wonder and awe while demonstrating that both human-made and natural transformations can appear miraculous, regardless of whether they are scientifically explainable.

Session 4: 2/1/2020 It's All in the Timing: Explore the miraculous nature of scientific discovery and cultivate wonder and awe in playful appreciation.

Session 5: 2/9/2020 A Miracle Inside: Explore and posit that a personal, inner transformation can be a miracle, and introduce love, faith, and determination as tools for this personal transformation.

Session 6: 2/16/2020 The Miracle of Social Change: Cultivate experiences of wonder and awe and explore the transformative effect an individual can have on the wider community.

Session 7: 2/23/2020 Miracles We Can Make: Demonstrate ways in which Unitarian Universalism is a lived faith by lifting up connections between our ethics and the everyday choices we make, and look at our human effects and climate change.

Session 8: 3/1/2020 Still a Mystery: Share Miracle Moments, reflect on what we have learned, and explore phenomena that continue to lack scientific explanation.

Dates subject to change

More information about this program can be found here:

<https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/multigenerational/miracles/introduction>



Nevadans for the Common Good News

Karin Metcalf

UUCLV, member of NCG, is dedicated to educating and training citizens to participate in public life; to work to build relationships, find common ground on issues, and act in nonpartisan ways to improve our community.



Nevadans for the
Common Good

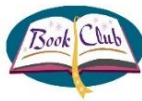
Please set aside time on January 9th, 2020 at 7pm for a Delegate Assembly, we're asking each of you to attend to vote on the next top three legislative topic areas for NCG, and to meet the new lead organizer.

We had such success in 2018 and want to keep the momentum going. March 21st NCG is hosting a Financial Fair and we're going to want to get the word out. The Fair will unveil a loan product that replace payday lending loans. At this moment it looks the loans will charge interest rates under 25% in comparison to payday loans that start at 100%. There will be second-chance debit card accounts and education on how to rebuild credit scores.

NCG has some new initiatives for the opioid crisis and slum landlords in addition to maintaining efforts for senior citizens, people with disabilities, public education, housing and immigration. For specifics, please contact UUCLV member Karin Metcalf at jkmetcalf@cox.net

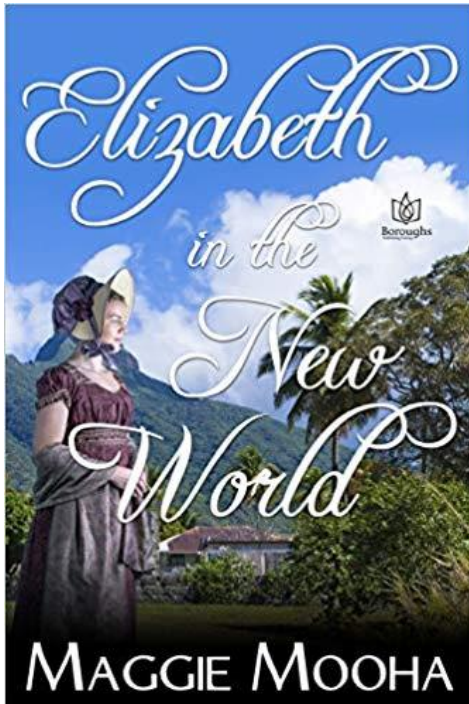


Las Vegas Bookies



Las Vegas Bookies will meet January 21, 2020 to discuss:
Elizabeth in the New World by Maggie Mooha

Moderator: Maggie Mooha Host: Binnie and Clay Wilkin



Jane Austen's most famous lovers, Darcy and Elizabeth, return in a tale of romance, adventure, and danger set in the heart of the Caribbean. **No Greater Love** Darcy's sudden, passionate kiss sweeps Elizabeth into a bliss she has never known...but their love is short-lived. On a field of honor, Wickham, once again, engages in an irresponsible act, which leaves Darcy mortally wounded and Elizabeth broken. Refusing to leave Darcy's side, the last vestiges of her reputation are shattered, and when Elizabeth sees Darcy in his coffin, she is ruined in more ways than one. Devastated and without hope, reluctantly she agrees to accompany friends to Grenada, a Caribbean island on the brink of revolution. Things are not what they seem. Darcy hasn't died, but Elizabeth is gone, and he fears it is too late to recapture what he has lost. As he struggles to recuperate, he must put aside his pride and his heritage in order to find the only woman he will ever love. Never before has Darcy sacrificed so much for a passion he fought against so vehemently. And never has Elizabeth's strength of character been stronger - it is the only thing standing between her and an end that doesn't include Darcy.

Amazon book review

Future Flash:

Feb. 18, 2020: *The Seventh Sense: Power Fortune, and Survival in the age of Networks* by Joshua Cooper Ramos, Moderator: Clay Wilkin, Hosts: Stu Webster and Barbara Gramenos

March 17, 2020: *The House of Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urrea Moderator: Binnie Wilkin



**HUUMANISTS
CLV FORUM**

Domestic Violence
– , Rachel Louise Snyder
Sunday, Jan. 26 12 noon
Convener Bill Jacobs

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WhaleCoast Alaska 2020

Experience a unique, awe-inspiring Alaska tour !

- National Parks Tour - June 13-23, 2020 — \$3,346
- All-Alaska Tour - July 10-22, 2020 — \$4,034

Our 27th Year!

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- Spectacular travel on the Alaska Railroad
- Alaska UU homestays and dinner parties
- Hiking, canoeing, kayaking, rafting options



Website: WhaleCoastAK.org

Tour Director: Dave Frey, Fairbanks UU & Alaska travel enthusiast

E-mail: dfrey@whalecoastak.org

Hurry! Each tour sells out when 40 guests register

Another Way to Donate to UUCLV:



Did you know you can donate 0.5% of allowed purchases just by using your Smith's reward card every time you shop?

***If you were enrolled in the previous donation program through Smith's and haven't already re-enrolled, please re-enroll using the instructions below:**

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- Visit <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/communityrewards>. Click Sign in. Enter your email address and password.
- Click on your name under Welcome back! To View Account Summary.
- In **Account Summary** – the last option is **Smith's Inspiring Donations**.
- Click on **Enroll**
- Enter our NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number (**BE260**), or a few letters of the organizations' name then **Enroll**
- Select an organization from the list and click **Enroll**
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the organization's name on the Account Summary page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your rewards card and link to an organization. Members must swipe their registered Smith's rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Smith's rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Ministerial Search Committee

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Anyone wanting updates on the Ministerial Search can check that page on the UUCLV.org web site or contact a member of the Search Committee. Keep in mind there will be no major news until February 2020.



Final Thought

