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October 2016

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Oct 2 	Reverend Ann Fuller , UU Minister	"Doomsday"			Betty Allison	
Oct 9	Audrey Grayson , League of Women Voters	LWV: Issues We Support	Kathy Kelly	Donna Klamm	Barbara Kurtz	
Oct 16 	Reverend Beth Miller , Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship	Can We Get Beyond the Rancor?		Helen Bennett	Vicki Barlow	Ruth Rodgers Birthday Cake: Kathy Lees
Oct 23 	Reverend Bob MacDonald , Minister of UU Congregation in Stuart, Florida	The Bible and Politics			Kitty Linton	
Oct 30 	Reverend Beth Miller , Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship	We Rise Again?		Kitty Linton	Rosemary Stroda	

BRAD'S BEARINGS

Here are some highlights from our FFP Congregational Mid-Year Meeting:

- Helen Bennet was unanimously elected as CLC Secretary for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Donna Dalton presented the Treasurers Report. We received a \$150,000 donation from Chuck Hubbard for the construction of a social hall. We also received an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to apply to a new AV system. We have about \$18,000 in our checking account. The report was accepted
- The congregation voted to purchase a new audio visual system. Before the vote, the details of a proposed audiovisual system were explained by Kathy Kelly and Laura Petruska. They and Josh Richards solicited bids from multiple local vendors. The new system from SpaceCoast AV Communication, is the company that best meets our needs:
- It will be housed in a locked cabinet, controlled a single switch, have higher quality sound, improved assisted listening devices, improved video quality, a higher quality screen, improved microphones and will be controlled by an iPad.
- The system is digital, expandable, and internet connectable.
- There will be a screen at the front of the room for the congregants and a monitor at the back of the room, for the speaker and the choir
- SpaceCoast AV will provide training and tech support for a year.
- The cost for the system is just over \$17,600. We had \$8,000 allocated for the system. However, several members pledged a total of over \$3,000 during the meeting and the Congregation voted to use money from our contingency fund to complete the purchase. We accepted Donna Dalton's motion to approve the purchase by unanimous vote.
- Bill Scott discussed the proposed construction of a social hall. The next meeting will be held at Friendship Hall on October 1 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.
- Andy Petruska presented an overview of the Golden Memories video project, which was developed by Marshall Frank. To date, they have recorded interviews with eleven members of our congregation who are over 80 years old. Our three 97-year-olds have been recorded (Chuck Hubbard, Sid Sherman, and John Hemphill). More money for this project is needed. It costs \$100 per person to record and process an interview.



To conclude the meeting we watched an excerpt of a clip of John England's Golden Memories interview. It was the highlight of the afternoon.

Thank you,
... Brad ebaker0460_98@yahoo.com

**BETH'S BITS**

... the Reverend Beth Miller

By the time you receive this Friendship Flyer, I'll be on my way back to Sebastian following my snowbird routine of living in Carver, MA to avoid the FL heat July through September. In addition to Carver, near Dave's family, I spend quite a bit of time in Northampton, MA, two hours away, with my daughter, daughter-in-law, and grandson. This summer we also visited Cape Cod and Saranac Lake and Lake Placid in the Adirondacks, and I went to CA to see my son and to OR for the 70th birthday celebration of a dear friend. It's been a busy summer and as much as I've enjoyed family, friends and the travel, it will be great to be back to the routine and with all of you again. Here's a preview of what's coming up.



Oct. 16 sermon and discussion: With the election cycle as divisive as it is, I want to explore how we as Americans might get beyond the rancor and try to understand each other better. If you want to discuss this more deeply than our discussion time in the service allows, bring a lunch and plan to gather after coffee hour.

Oct. 30 sermon and sharing: The day before Halloween, the time when ghosts freely roam, seems a good time to explore the concept of reincarnation found in several major world religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism) and new thought movements (Unity, Religious Science (Science of Mind), Metaphysical Church). If you have had near death experiences, felt the presence of spirit guides, or experienced the sense of a past life, bring lunch and stay for a sharing following coffee hour.

For those of you interested in exploring and articulating your spiritual beliefs, I plan to offer the Credo class this fall/winter. It's been a couple of years and several people have asked that it be offered again. There will be six sessions. The first five deal with 1) experiences of spiritual awakening, 2) the divine, 3) human nature, 4) dealing with death and loss, and 5) life's meaning or purpose. In the sixth session, participants will share the credo statements they've written as a result of our explorations. Participants who wish to do so will have the opportunity to present their credo statements in a Sunday service later in the year. Participants need to sign up in advance and plan to attend each session, barring illness or other unforeseen conflicts. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Fellowship in October. You can call (617-893-1949) or email me (beth849@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up. The tentative schedule for the class is at 10:00 a.m. on these Saturdays: Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 7 and 21, and Feb. 4 and 18.

Yours in Faith and Fellowship,
... Beth

WOMEN'S CIRCLE RESUMES

... Laura Petruska



We met for the first time since May and it was a great meeting. With 14 in attendance we paid our \$15 dues and then got on with the program.

What do 14 women do when we get together? We share our lives with one another ... it is what women do ... share love and laugh together.




Today we shared a piece of our histories. Who did we come from, what was our stock ... our grandparents, our influential aunties and uncles. We learn from each other as we share.

Remember, you do not have to be a member of our Fellowship to partake in our Women's Circles ... you do have to be a woman!!

It was a great meeting. Next meeting will be 6 October in FELLOWSHIP HALL, not the Coffee House, at 10:30 AM.

October 2016

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Girl Scouts Sundays-Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2:00—4:00 PM Coffee House 		Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 				1
2 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	3 CLC Mtg: 6:00 PM, Friendship Hall	4	5 Fall Film Discussion Series: <i>The Brave One</i> (Dalton Trumbo's Academy Award-winning screenplay) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	6 Social Action Committee Meeting: “New Building” Friendship Hall 1:00-3:00 PM (Bill Scott) Women’s Friendship Circle: FH 10:30 AM	7	8
9 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Current Events: 9:15- 10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Charity: Aging Matters	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Current Events: 9:15- 10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Rev Beth Discussion: Following Coffee Break Social Justice Film Series: 4:00-8:00 PM, Friendship Hall (Kathy Kelly)	17	18 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM	19 Fall Film Discussion Series: <i>Blood and Sand</i> (classic bullfighting tale) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	20 Book Club Coffee House, 10:00 AM	21	22
23/30 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Current Events: 9:15- 10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Rev Beth Discussion: October 30 Following Coffee Break Music On The Hill: October 30 Friendship Hall 4:00 PM	24/31	25	26	27 Sierra Club Friendship Hall, 6:30 PM (Laura Petruska)	28	
				The Editor needs your November inputs by Sunday, 23 October (Sooner is Better)		

Rev Bob MacDonald: "WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY"

28 August 2016

The Reverend Bob MacDonald, visiting minister from the UU Congregation in Stuart, Florida, talked about the difficulty of trying to understand and explain when bad things happen—the times when there are no explanations and no words to offer those who are grieving. Beginning with a couple of humorous readings about death and hell, he then moved into a serious discussion of his topic. Coming from many years as a Methodist minister before becoming a Unitarian Universalist, he pointed out that God has most often been associated with fear and guilt, and his quest as a minister was to bring them around to thinking of God as love and affirmation.



In the past, anything that could not otherwise be explained was labeled "God's will," and whenever an unexpected or accidental death occurred (an infant, a child, a healthy adult) it was simply God's will. Carl Sagan, in his book *Varieties of Religious Experience*, pointed out that with all the advancements of science there is less and less for God to do, but people still seem to find plenty to attribute to God's will. If, said MacDonald, there is any verse of Scripture that he takes literally, it is a statement of Jesus, "It is not the Father's will that any of these little ones should perish."

Rabbi Harold S. Kushner, in his book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, concludes there is no way of explaining these events, and William Sloane Coffin, when he lost his young adult son to an automobile accident, wrote that of all those who responded to his grief, he was least comfortable with the response of the clergy who tried to explain it as God's will. Most comforting, he said, were those who brought food and did other things to help. While he was still a Methodist minister in New York, MacDonald recounted a funeral over which he was asked to preside when friends lost their young adult son to suicide, leaving behind a note blaming it on his parents. What do you say in such a situation? MacDonald did not know what to say, and he ended up talking about what those grieving parents would like to say to their son now if given the opportunity.

Counseling congregants is also a part of his work as a minister, and over the years most of his counseling has been situational (helping people through a rough spot in their lives such as a death or divorce), but he recounted one particular woman in New York who had sought his counseling for fifteen years. She suffered from depression and was seeing a psychiatrist, but she also came regularly to talk to him. He offered her suggestions, such as walking, and felt frustrated when she didn't take any of them. On the last session she attended, before he moved away from New York, she brought him a piece of paper containing a reading that said essentially, "When I ask you to listen to me and you give me advice, you haven't helped. Just listen. When you do something for me, I feel helpless. I can do for myself. All I want is for you to listen." His first reaction, said MacDonald, was "Why didn't you give this to me years ago when we began these sessions?" Perhaps this is why prayer works; God doesn't talk back or give advice; He just listens.

In the book *You Just Don't Understand*, by Deborah Tannen, men think they have to fix women's problems and once the problem is fixed, there's no more need to talk about it, but women just want to be heard. What we have to offer one another,

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Story For All Ages
Homily by Reverend Bob MacDonald
28 August 2016

concluded MacDonald, is presence. That is the greatest gift we have. We don't always have to know what to say.

Rev MacDonald related a story (Snopes calls it a folk tale) ...

Hell Explained by a Chemistry Student

A thermodynamics professor had written a take home exam for his graduate students. It had one question:

"Is hell exothermic or endothermic? Support your answer with a proof."

- Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:
- "First, we postulate that if souls exist, then they must have some mass. If they do, then a mole of souls can also have a mass. So, at what rate are souls moving into hell and at what rate are souls leaving? I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.
- As for souls entering hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Some of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to hell. Since there are more than one of these religions and people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all people and all souls go to hell.
- With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in hell to increase exponentially.
- Now, we look at the rate of change in volume in hell. Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in hell to stay the same, the ratio of the mass of souls and volume needs to stay constant.
- So, if hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter hell, then the temperature and pressure in hell will increase until all hell breaks loose.
- Of course, if hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until hell freezes over."

This student got an A+

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Dr. Tucker advises: "If It's a Date, DON'T BE LATE!"**4 Sept 2016**

Dr. Robert Tucker, Minister Emeritus of the UU Congregation of Lakeland, began with a short story: "You should have been here at 9 o'clock!" the boss yelled at the tardy office boy. "Gosh," said the boy, "What happened?" As Spike Milligan observed, "Some people are always late, like the late King George V." Most of us who are still alive are also late, all too often. One wisecracker defined "punctuality" as "the art of guessing how late the other fellow is going to be."



Continuing, he said that waiting on others when we should not have to is a terribly frustrating ordeal ... Everyone has experienced it, and most of us are the mercy of such reprehensible late-comers. Oscar Levant (d.1972), concert pianist, told of how he dealt with a woman who arrived late for one of his recitals and then proceeded to distract the audience as she walked down the center aisle:

"I stopped my performance of a Poulenc piece and began choreographing her walk by playing in time with her steps. She hesitated and slowed down—I slowed down. She stopped—I stopped. She hurried, I hurried. By the time she reached her seat, the audience was in hysterics and the matron in a state of wild confusion."

Dr. Tucker told us we all know that there are several serious problems with being tardy, and he is going to mention just three.

First, being late to a mutually agreed upon meeting is *insulting* to every other person who attends. If we have an appointment at 2:00 PM and you do not arrive until 2:15 PM, you have said, in effect, that you consider your time more valuable than mine, that what you are doing is more important than what I'm doing, and that you do not mind stealing fifteen minutes of my day to squander on your own purposes. Courtesy demands that we respect others' time ... being late amounts to stealing!

Skipping to the **third** major problem with being late is that it often ruins the preparations others have gone to, and it frequently deprives some or all of the people involved of whatever event they had expected to experience. Imagine if your partner said to you: "I'll come and make love to you at five o'clock ... if I'm late, start without me."

Emergencies happen, which make it impossible to be on time. Your flight is delayed, an accident on the freeway turns it into a parking lot, your kid starts throwing up just before you're ready to go out for an evening. There is nothing we can do to prevent them and no need to apologize for them.

There are people who make a habit of being late. Such people "choose" by an "act of will" to be consistently tardy. Most of us could put a name to that person, and a few of us are that person! People like that quickly get a bad reputation, no matter how glamorous they are. Marilyn Monroe, for example, was so notorious for her tardiness that movie director Billy Wilder said of her: "It used to be you'd call her at 9 AM, she'd show up at noon. Now you call her in May, she shows up in October."

But it was her own free choice, said Dr. Tucker, her own act of will because bad habits are not invincible. They can be overcome and replaced with good habits if we choose and will to do it.

The key to this whole issue of tardiness is the fact that time is the most valuable possession we have and we simply cannot afford

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**GUESTS**

We extended our Friendship Welcome to these guests ... and we encourage them to return again and again!

Elizabeth Hydan
Barbara Madera
Curtis Medve
Lynn Wyant
Victor Bakebois
Anda Allen
Terry Grosberg
Jane Crotinger & Micholas Hanel

Suntree
Humble, TX
Melbourne
Yaphank, NY
Edgewater, FL
Satellite Beach
Cocoa
Patrick Air Force Base



Story For All Ages
The Manatee by Third grade class
read by Sally Gourd 4 September 2016

to have other people steal it from us! Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanac* declared it: "Don't squander time, for that's the stuff life's made of." Modern advice givers, like Peter Drucker, are still telling people that "Time is the scariest resource and unless it is managed nothing else can be."

Time is everything, it is the inexplicable raw material of all that we do and create. Worse than that, time is a fixed income. Once time is wasted, you can never get it back. If we have any doubt that time is the "all precious gift" than let us be brought back to sober reality by the last words of Britain's Queen Elizabeth I: "All my possessions for a moment of time," she cried, and died.

As Benjamin Franklin observed, "If we take care of the minutes, the years will take care of themselves. Part of that care involves guarding our time so that it is not stolen by others through their tardiness."

Dr. Tucker's last point, actually the second, was that when it comes to tardiness, excuses don't help. Yet he did tell us that Jacqueline Kennedy was very late arriving at one of her husband's political rallies in Houston, Texas. In mock explanation to the crowd, John declared: "It takes [her] a little longer but, of course, she looks better than the rest of us when she does it."

The lesson we must learn from all of this, concluded Dr. Tucker, is that we must manage our time. Excuses don't work for one simple reason: everybody can tell time, and they don't need a watch or a clock to do it, either! Make undue noises in your high-rise apartment and there will be a banging on the wall and your next-door neighbor will scream, "Stop that noise! Don't you know it's 1:30 in the morning?" So, **the next time you make a date: Don't be late!**

... jce

SOCIAL HALL PLANNING COMMITTEE

... Bill Scott



The committee met for the first time on Thursday, September 15. Our task is to come up with recommendations for an addition to Friendship Hall that enable us to have the Sunday School Program on the hill, plus we need a kitchen and meeting rooms. At this meeting we went around the table asking member to give us their vision for the Social Hall. All felt that we needed the addition and that it should include a kitchen, meeting rooms, Sunday school room. Some felt it should be an extension of the Hall going east but most favored an extension to the South. Some felt it should be a separate building others wanted to have a direct connection to with the present building. There was some discussion on if we needed an architect or civil engineer. As you can see this was just the start of a process that we hope will end up in the building of a Social Hall. What ever our recommendation are we will certainly have to take into consideration of cost, Friendship Hall cost around \$900,000; the Committee is aiming lower than that.

If you have suggestions please come to next meeting at 1:00 PM on October 6 in Friendship Hall, we do welcome more members.

Committee members: Bill Scott, Alan Osborne, Sue Holland, Barbara Kurtz, Laura Petruska, Marcia Berry, Bill Horsfield, Josh Richards, John Hemphill, Ed Breakell.

BOOK CLUB NEWS ... for Everybody! ... Ruth Rodgers

I ♥ Book Club

On Sept. 15, the book club met for an enjoyable and stimulating discussion of the novel *Euphoria* by Lily King. Named one of the ten best books of 2014 by The New York Times Book Review and winner of the Kirkus Prize, the novel, which was inspired by an incident in the life of Margaret Mead, focuses on three young anthropologists working with native tribes in New Guinea in the 1930s when they become involved in a complex love triangle "that threatens their bonds, their careers, and ultimately their lives." The discussion, led by Ruth Rodgers, who had nominated the book as a book club choice, led us into the ethics of anthropological study and the uses and misuses of such research, the dynamics of abusive relationships, and the euphoria of our college years, of that first exposure to new ideas and ways of looking at things, on the cusp of new discoveries.

We are not a women's-only book club but are open to all who enjoy reading-both men and women-and reading choices are determined by the group. Members nominate books for consideration and then the group votes on those nominations. We are open to all genres of books, both fiction and nonfiction, new and old, on any subject area. The only requirement is that the book must be available in multiple copies in the Brevard County library system. The person nominating the book is the discussion leader. The selection for our October 20th meeting is *Flatland*, by Edwin A. Abbott. Nominated by Laura Petruska, who will be leading the October discussion, this mathematics classic gives a clear description of how 3-dimensional objects must be perceptible to 2-dimensional beings. It offers a very helpful technique for imagining and visualizing multi-dimensional forms such as tesseracts and hyperspheres. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the coffee house from 10:00-11:00 AM. If you have not been to a meeting before, please come and check us out, and if you haven't been for a while, we welcome you back. Our book choices are eclectic and always interesting!

**The POW/MIA Table**

... Bobbie Keith

The Missing Man Table began during the Viet Nam war to honor a crew member missing in action (MIA), a prisoner of war (POW) or a comrade killed in action. It has evolved since the table's appearance at Military Installations and Veterans' organizations throughout the United States.

Today, it is a highly respected tradition, with many significant heartfelt touches added to the table and script.

Small Round Table: Smallness represents frailty of life, roundness signifies everlasting concern for those still missing.

White Table Cloth: Symbolizes purity of motives when answering the call to serve their country.

Single Red Rose: Represents blood many have shed to ensure our freedom; reminds us of their families and friends awaiting their return.

Lighted Yellow Candle: Symbolizes everlasting hope we hold in our hearts for their return (alive or dead).

Black Napkin: Represents emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends.

Gold Star: Represents a family member who has lost a relative in war who can no longer be with us.

Slice of Lemon: Reminds us of their bitter fate.

Salt: Sprinkled on the bread plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of their families and friends as they wait.

Glass is Inverted: They cannot toast with us—or join in our festivities.

Chair: Against the table is the seat we reserve as we wait for their return.



MINUTES FROM MIDYEAR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Chair Brad Baker called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. Sid Sherman determined that we have a quorum so that the meeting could proceed.

Irene McDonald welcomed new members and said she would inform Bill Scott so that we could get their names on our tree. We average 65 people per Sunday and over four dozen letters have been sent out to guests. We will get UU stickers for our members who want them.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 20, 2016, were accepted.

Chairman's Report: Brad Baker told us that we need a new AV system and we are engaged in a Golden Memories project.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Dalton told us about donations from Chuck Hubbard for \$150,000 for a new social hall and an anonymous donation of \$5,000 for the new AV system. We have about \$18,000 in our checking account. The report was accepted.

Committee Roll-Call:

Committee Reports were copied and included in the packet given to everyone in attendance. In addition to the written reports:

Alan Osborne, **Buildings and Grounds**, reported that the septic tanks were examined and in good condition.

Helen Bennett, **Adult RE**, told the group of Beth Miller's proposed new Credo classes and discussion groups after some of her Sunday sermons. These will be announced in the Friendship Flyer.

Denominational Affairs: Jan Siren asked for someone who is willing to travel to take over the leadership of this group.

Publicity: Nancy Shacklette told us of the ongoing weekly ad in Florida Today.

Sunday Services: Bill Scott asked that our speakers be encouraged to tie their talks to our Seven Principles. Andy was applauded for getting a fine variety of UU speakers, including ministers, over the summer. We discussed whether we wanted political talk from the pulpit. The latter was controversial, as some did and some did not. Andy asked for speaker referrals.

Social Action: Kathy Kelly asked for new members for the group. She would also like to see committee meetings publicized.

Old Business: None

New Business: AV System

The new system was explained by the committee, which consists of Kathy Kelly, Laura Petruska, and Josh Richards. They diagnosed our needs, got multiple bids, and checked on doing it ourselves. We have chosen AV Communications, as that is the only company that meets our needs. Their system was demonstrated and explained to the CLC this past Monday. It includes:

Digital sound, new microphones, speakers in auxiliary rooms, a high-definition projector and two screens (front and back), and the ability to play CD music. We will also get hearing assist devices, and the sound will be much better than it is now.

The system will come in a locked cabinet and all those needing to know will receive instruction. It will be operated from an iPad. We will be able to stream web content after we get an internet connection. We will have free tech support from AV Communications for a year. The total cost for the system is just over \$17,600. We have \$8,000 and will have to raise \$10,000.

Several of our members pledged \$1,000 donations then and there. If we don't have enough in the end, we voted to borrow from our contingency fund. We accepted Donna Dalton's motion to approve this purchase. Our vote was unanimous!

Social Hall: Bill Scott told us that his group met with suggestions on where to build the social hall (either to the north or the east). The next meeting will be here on October 1 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Golden Memories: Andy Petruska told us about the progress of this project, which was initiated by Marshall Frank. We have already recorded eleven members over 80 years old. Our three 97-year-olds were recorded (Chuck Hubbard, Sid Sherman, and John Hemphill). We need more money for this project, which costs \$100 per person. Those interviewed are asked such questions as, "What is your greatest achievement? What are you most proud of?" etc.

We were then treated to a clip of the John England interview, which was a highlight of our afternoon.

There was no further New Business. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Brad Baker at 1:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bennett, Secretary

CIRCLE ROUND

... Sue Holland



We would like to again begin our tradition of getting to know our members better thru small gatherings hosted by one and participated in by host's choice of how many.

In the past these gatherings have been called "Circle Dinners" and transitioned into "Circle Lunches". We'd like to transition it further into Dinners, Lunches, Brunches, Coffees, Cocktails, Tail-gates, Picnics, Teas, whatever your little ole heart desires. The emphasis is not on the food but the camaraderie and spending some time with members (or perspective members) who you might otherwise only have the occasion to say hi to on a Sunday morning.

For those of you who have not participated before here are the expectations of participation: once or twice a year you'll be asked to host. The guest list will be provided to you by the committee. You can host in your home, in a restaurant, in your common room at your facility, at a park, on the beach, or wherever your creative mind takes you. When you host you generally take care of the entree which can be as simple as a plate of donuts for a coffee hour or cucumber sandwiches for a tea or a pasta salad for lunch, etc. You pick the date for your event, decide where you want to host, what kind of gathering do you want to host, and make any other necessary arrangements for the gathering. Remember that these may not be people you normally socialize with or people you may not even know but that's the purpose of these Circle Gatherings.

If you are an invited guest, ask the host what you can contribute. Each guest provides a portion of the edibles/drinkables. It might be bread, dessert, wine or an hors d'oeuvres.

If you'd like to participate in these "Circle Gatherings" there will be a sign up sheet in the back of the hall where all the other sign up sheets are found or email or call either:

Sue Holland ... suepholland@ymail.com 632-2845 or

Kitty Linton ... kittylinton@gmail.com 504-7217

It really is a lot of fun if you don't stress over "the food" but concentrate on the gathering together.

NEW COURSE STARTS IN OCTOBER: "JACKIE ROBINSON"

... Helen Bennett

Helen Bennett will present a class on Jackie Robinson based on the Ken Burns television series. Jackie was a hero to most of us as he broke the color bar in baseball in 1947 in the midst of hateful resistance. He also became an icon of the civil rights movement after his retirement. See the obstacles Robinson faced with grace when he was reviled and condemned by other teams and even his own teammates. He had promised to "turn the other cheek" and not fight back. These DVDs show interviews with his wife, other family members, and Robinson himself.



Discussion will be welcomed after each hour of viewing. The class will be presented in Friendship Hall on four Fridays from 2:00—4:00 PM: October 7, 14, 28, and November 4. Please try to attend at least some of these inspiring sessions. No need to sign up.

IMPACT OF WAR ON FLORIDA

by Dr. Ben Brotemarkle



Dr. Brotemarkle is the Executive Director of the Florida Historical Society. He teaches at Eastern Florida State College and writes a weekly column for *Florida Today*. On Sunday, September 19, he gave an interesting talk with a slide show about how Florida was affected by its various wars.

Dr. Brotemarkle started by saying that war has always been with us. For about 10,000 years, people have lived in Florida. Bones have been found that are about 8,000 years old. From an ancient skull the appearance of a Florida woman has been recreated. No violent deaths have been seen at Windover; the people cared for each other. The prehistoric people formed tribes, such as the Apalachee, Timucua, Ais, and Tequesta.

Ponce de Leon arrived in Florida in 1513 and named the state "Land of Flowers." He left and then returned in 1521. The Colusa attacked his settlers and killed him. He died in Cuba. The Spanish claimed Florida, but in 1549 the French Huguenots arrived and set up Fort Caroline. These French Protestants were opposed by de Aviles, who was sent from Spain to get rid of them. In 1565 St. Augustine was established; Father Francisco Lopez conducted mass. However, Sir Francis Drake from England attacked St. Augustine in 1566. It had to be rebuilt after its destruction. Castillo de San Marcos was then built to defend St. Augustine.

James Edward Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia, also attacked St. Augustine in 1740. Free black people were living there and defended the city. From 1763—1783 the British controlled Florida, and divided the northern part into East and West Florida. During the American Revolution, St. Augustine was a loyalist stronghold. In 1782 sixteen ships came down and were lost in a naval battle between the British and Spanish ships.

After 1783, Florida was back in Spanish control. In 1821, Andrew Jackson invaded Florida and the Seminole Indian wars took place in the 1830s. Cities were built around forts and still bear their names, e.g., Ft. Pierce and Ft. Lauderdale. During 1860—65, Florida was the third state to secede from the Union (after S. Carolina and Mississippi). The only significant Civil War battle to be fought here was the Battle of Olustee, which is reenacted each year to this day. There were 11,000 soldiers of whom 3,000 died.

Florida participated in World Wars I and II. There were 172 military installations in the state during the latter war. German submarines could be spotted off our shores, and we used blackout shades on our windows. There were POW camps here. After World War II, the population of Florida exploded. We have many veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars, too.

The Florida Historical Society is based in Cocoa Village, and the Rossiter House, run by a woman for decades, is included as a historic site. On Veterans Day, November 12, 2016, the Florida Frontiers Festival will be held. In 1917, its Annual Meeting and Symposium will be held on a cruise to Key West and Cozumel.

Currently, we are facing the "War of Terror," which is very hard to define.

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