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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSP HOST	AV/TECH
Nov 5	Dr. Robert Tucker	Remembering William Cullen Bryant		Lorraine Hennig	Betty Allison	Sue Holland	
Nov 12	Col. Mike Lane	POW– Seven Years in Hanoi	Andy Petruska	Helen Bennett	Betty Allison	Rosemary Stroda	
Nov 19	Sabrina Taranboletti	Transgender Issues		Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	Birthday Cake: Kathy Lees	
Nov 26	Dr. Ray McKnight	UU's in Paradise	Susan Goldsworthy	David Peterson	Marcia Berry	Marcia Berry	

November 2017

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Girl Scouts Sundays-Oct 1,,8,15 22, 29 2:00—4:00 PM Coffee House</p> 		<p>Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall</p> 	1	2	3	4
<p>5 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— CLC Mtg: After the Service Friendship Hall</p>	6	7	8	9 Women's Circle— 10:00 Coffee House	10	11
<p>12 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i></p>	13 Fall Film Discussion Series: <i>Race.</i> Heroics of Jesse Owens at 1936 Berlin Olympics. Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	14	15 2:30 PM Reception: Stephen & Jazz Downnen.	16 Book Club Will resume in January 2018	17	18
<p>19 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i></p> <p>Creative Arts Fdn Auditions 3:00 pm Friendship Hall</p>	20	21 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM	22	23 Sierra Club Friendship Hall, 6:30 PM	24	25
<p>26 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Music on the Hill 4:00 Friendship Hall</p>	27 Fall Film Discussion Series: Supreme Court case overturns illegal interracial marriage. Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	28	29	30		

The Editor needs your December inputs by Sunday, 26 November (Sooner is Better)



Laura Petruska CLC President



As I write it is 68 degrees out my open window and the cool dry air is a pleasant change. Ah that word – it keeps coming up. change. We change with the seasons, we change with age and

we change as we learn and accept new things. But, change is scary. Remember the first mobile phone you got (have you even gotten one?). I remember being totally daunted by the oddity of being able to speak wirelessly. Now, I have the I-phone 7 and actually expect it to do even more ... Embrace change ... it is good.

We are evolving in our Fellowship. New faces and new ideas are coming in and we welcome this ... change is good. Yes, of course we are all comfortable in our “old familiar” ways but that is also stagnation and UU’s are anything but stagnant. So, when change is upon us whether in ideas, people, committees, or just within our own sphere, be ready to embrace change and work for the good of everyone. Let’s look at change in a positive way. We’ll all grow gracefully, we will learn, we will evolve into a modern and forward-looking Fellowship. Think about all the changes we’ve already seen in our Fellowship. We went from the Doublewide to a beautiful Friendship Hall, we went from 20 people to over 95 strong, we once had a strong teen program now we have a strong pre-school program, we didn’t have a proper piano, now we have a baby grand, we sing from two hymnals and have an actual choir director ... on and on and it is all due to change.

Let’s keep the energy flowing let’s embrace change and let’s continue to move forward.

PICNIC TIME IS APPROACHING THIS SUNDAY!

All UUs Come to attention! The Pavilion is reserved. Cindy Collins is the Picnic Chair. The date is **this coming Sunday**, October 29.

Fun is on the menu! Join with other UUs of Brevard County for Sunday Service at Futch Park, at A1A and Paradise Blvd in Indian Harbour Beach!

This is an **11:00 Sunday** Service, with hymns and music, followed by a pot-luck picnic, so bring food and drink and something nice to share with others. As usual, our All-UU Sunday collection IS FOR CHARITY ONLY (None of the churches makes a profit), and it goes to Daily Bread, along with any substantial leftovers.



The weather should be nice -- and you know you will be in good company. Join us for Fun and Food and Friends
Don't UU miss it!



THANKSGIVING DINNER @ FFP

Susan and Tom Goldsworthy graciously are chairing the Thanksgiving event at Friendship Fellowship. Thanksgiving falls on November 23rd. Susan and Tom will welcome all the help they can get – setting up and breaking down and coordinating food, etc. See Susan or Tom for a sign up and a volunteer position.

OCT. 8, 2017 — “LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF BAHÁ’U’LLAH” — DEAN MARTINEAU

October 21st of this year marks the bicentennial of the birth of Baha’u’llah, the founder of the Baha’i religion. One of its adherents, Dean Martineau, was our guest speaker on Oct. 8, giving us a brief summary of the Baha’i faith. Martineau, a native of the Seattle, Washington area, teaches adaptive computer technology. He has also run a training program for blind adults, served as a guardian *ad litem*, and trained mediators.

Founded in Persia in 1844 by Baha’u’llah, “Glory of God,” Baha’i is based on divine revelation received from the Creator, the “Essence of Essences.” This Creator, or God, has sent a number of divine revelations to humankind over time, each revelation geared to the time and place it was sent, according to the needs of those receiving it. The message received by Baha’u’llah is the most recent, meant for the maturity of mankind.

Baha’u’llah was born in Persia into a royal family and was given all the material comforts of such a life, but he turned it down to follow Bab, the herald of the Baha’i faith. Much like John the Baptist for Jesus, Bab was sent to prepare the people for the coming of a new religion. Baha’u’llah did not attend school but received messages of eternal truth from the Maid of Heaven and introduced many new spiritual teachings that previous religions had not addressed. Like other religious leaders before him, he was imprisoned for his teachings, but they continued to spread and attract new adherents.

Unlike Mohammed, Baha’u’llah named his successor before his death so that there would be no schism. He left behind over 100 volumes of writing, consisting of letters (or tablets) addressed to various people. He saw all the trappings of the world as being merely a façade that could be packed up into a box, for all earthly vanities pass into the grave.

The goal of the Baha’i faith is world unity. All humans are fruits of one tree—all humanity is one. Other religions divide people into two groups—the good and evil, or saved and unsaved—but the

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FALL FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

September 18—December 11, 2017

FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP AT PINEDA,
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ON US 1, JUST NORTH OF SUNTREE BLVD. (242-1117)

October 30: Labyrinth of Lies (2014) (In German, with subtitles)

This movie shows the unwillingness of many Germans to face the facts of the Holocaust and proceed with prosecutions of the guilty. Many former Nazis serve in the government and refuse to cooperate with the idealistic prosecutor. Nonetheless, Eichmann is tried in Israel. Fascinating!

November 13: Race (2016)

American film about the heroics of Jesse Owens at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Hitler was apoplectic about the winning of four gold medals by the black American runner. See how it came about and led to triumph for our country and a non-Aryan!

November 27: Loving (2016)

In some states of our nation it was illegal for interracial couples to marry. This movie shows the plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case that got these laws overturned. Richard and Mildred Loving were a black-and-white couple who married in Washington, D.C. in 1958. Mildred, a black woman, was hauled off to jail in the middle of the night when she returned to their home in Virginia. See what led to the famous case, *Loving vs. Virginia*, in 1967. Great film!

December 11: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002) (Australian)

True story of half-caste Aboriginal girls wrenched from their mothers’ arms and sold into virtual slavery. See how they escape by following the rabbit-proof fence. Thrilling drama!

NOTE: FILMS ARE ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM. PLEASE STAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE FILMS FROM FRANCE, ARGENTINA, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, AND THE USA.

BAHA'I (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

Baha'i do not. Men and women are also seen as equal. They are described as the two wings of humanity, and both must be fully developed in order to fly.

The search for truth is an important tenet for Baha'i followers, and everyone should accord respect to others who are searching. Justice is another important tenet, and adherents are encouraged to translate principles into deeds. To achieve world unity, an organic change is required in society, ridding ourselves of the notion that conflict and strife are natural and an inherent part of human nature. Children naturally fight among one another, but then they grow up and the fighting stops. Likewise, we must look for the maturity of humankind.

To put these principles into action, Baha'i members work at the neighborhood level, organizing children's classes and youth groups that can be taught by anyone—not necessarily a Baha'i member. They also hold devotional gatherings and study groups and offer mini-courses on Baha'i principles. Their next big event will be the celebration of the bicentennial of Baha'u'llah's birth, to be held at Front Street Park in Melbourne on Oct. 21st. Martineau ended his talk by encouraging anyone interested to attend and join in the celebration. ...rr

Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom - and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech.

Benjamin Franklin

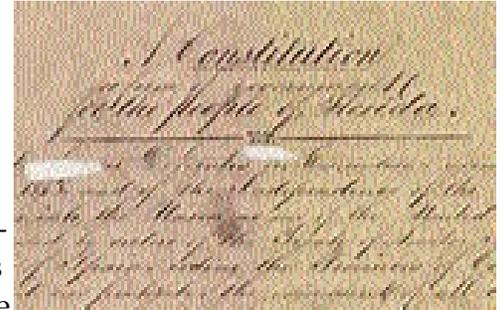
Correction: In my summary of "Welcome Aboard," given by Robert Tucker Ph. D., on Sept. 3 and printed in the October Flyer, I referred to Tom Owen-Towle's book Salted With Fire, but the book is actually a collection of articles, edited by Scott Alexander, and Owen Towle's article, "Ten Working Principles of Unitarian Universalist Evangelism," is one of the articles included in the collection. My apologies for the error.

Ruth Rodgers

THE EVOLVING FLORIDA CONSTITUTION SPEAKER, AUBREY JEWETT, PH.D.

October 15, 2017

Since its founding, Florida has had six different constitutions, showing its evolution from a territory in 1838, its admittance to the



Union as a slave state in 1845, its secession in 1861 to join the Confederacy, its return to the Union in 1865 under military rule, and later its return to self-governance in 1885 during the Post Reconstruction period. Its current constitution dates from 1968, following the work of a Constitutional Revision Commission appointed in 1965 to rewrite the constitution and bring it up to date. The revision was approved by the state legislature in July of 1968 and by voters in November of that same year. Our guest speaker on October 15, Dr. Aubrey Jewett, a professor of Political Science at the University of Central Florida, took us on a journey of our state's constitutional history and then pointed out some of its most salient features.

Article I of the current Constitution is a Declaration of Rights, largely based on the US Bill of Rights but with some additional rights not covered in the US Constitution, such as the right to work, rights of crime victims, right to privacy, access to public records and open meetings (the Sunshine Law), and the Taxpayers Bill of Rights. This section also defines legal marriage as between one man and one woman, which was negated by the US Supreme Court ruling of 2015.

Article II, called General Provisions, establishes such decisions as state boundaries, the location of the state capital, the state flag and seal, and the state language (English), among others.

Article III covers the legislative branch and states length of terms (two years for House Members, four years for Senators), the process of

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passing a bill into law, the Civil Service system, and the process for impeachment. It also states that the legislators must pass an annual state budget.

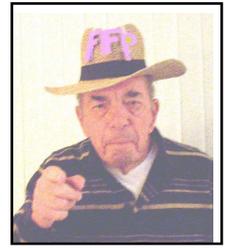
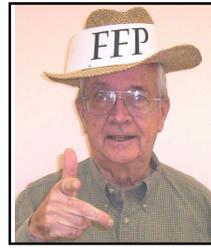
Article IV covers the executive branch. Unlike other states, Florida elects not only its governor and Lt. governor but also three cabinet officers: an attorney general, a chief financial officer, and a commissioner of agriculture, all of whom share equal power with the governor in making executive decisions.

Article V covers the judicial branch and outlines the authority of county and circuit courts, courts of appeal, and the state Supreme Court. All judges in Florida have a mandatory retirement age of seventy. Three judges on the state Supreme Court must be replaced in 2018, causing a current disagreement over whether replacements should be appointed by outgoing Governor Rick Scott or by the new incoming governor, whomever that might be.

Article X, titled Miscellaneous, has grown to 29 sections as interest groups add their initiatives. These include such things as the Florida Lottery, Smokefree Florida, a state minimum wage, a decision to build a high-speed rail system (later rescinded), protection for pregnant pigs, and medical marijuana.

The last section, Article XI, includes amendments. For an amendment to be added, it must be approved by at least 60% of Florida voters. Amendments may be proposed by the state legislature, by individual citizen initiative (which requires a certain number of voter signatures), by calling a special Constitutional Convention (which has never been done), by the Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (amendments dealing only with budget issues), or by a Constitutional Revision Commission, a group of 39 members appointed by the governor, the attorney general, and the state legislature, who meet to discuss and come up with proposals to put on the ballot.

Florida's Constitution is a growing, changing document, but the responsibility is on voters to read and study any new amendments carefully before casting their ballots. ...rr



Your FFP needs YOU!

Yes, we need YOU to volunteer, for hospitality, to be a lay leader, TO HELP CLEAN UP AFTER PARTIES, to join a committee. We need YOU to step up to the plate and join your skills, your strength, your commitment, your knowledge, your warmth and friendship with ours. You will love us better if you do . . . we will love you better if you do. As a Unitarian Universalist, you share our strong commitment to our Seven Principles. As a UU, you know you will never have to cringe away from, a black joke here. This is your safe house, a Haven away from home. No, we're not perfect, but we're here for you. C'mon! Be here for us!



THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

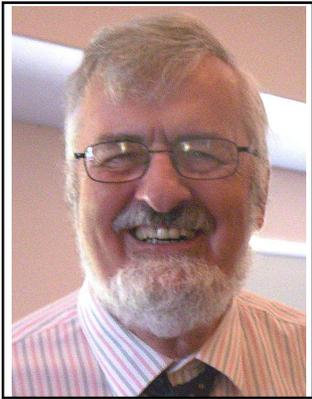
We affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

WHAT SIBLINGS DO FOR US"

REV. BOB MACDONALD

Oct. 22, 2017



The Reverend Bob MacDonald, former minister of the UU congregation in Stuart, and our guest speaker on Oct. 22, began his talk with a question: "How many in the congregation have or had brothers and or sisters? Nearly everyone raised their hand, but

there were a few only children among us. Then he asked how many had wished at some point they were an only child? This can be a common wish, especially when there are childhood rivalries and tensions, but as adults, siblings can become our best friends.

He recalled giving a graveside reflection for the brother of one of his parishioners. The sibling admitted that things hadn't turned out the way she wished, but she wanted to remember the good times and not dwell on the bad ones. Sometimes all we can say is that a person did the best he or she could, and remember the Serenity Prayer, knowing there are some things we can change and others that we can't.

Being born to the same parents and growing up in the same environment leads us to think we know more about our siblings than we actually do. Every person is unique, and as adults, we often find out how different siblings can be from one another. MacDonald talked about his brother, older by three years, who died of colon cancer about twenty years ago. Although an intelligent science professor, he was the type of person who never went to see a doctor. As a child, the brother told Bob that he was three years ahead of him in school because he was smarter. After college, MacDonald left the area and did not stay in close touch with his brother, but after his diagnosis of colon cancer, he got to have one good day with him helping him clean out his college office.

Having brothers and sisters can teach us a lot.

One is self-defense, especially if you are one of the younger siblings. Another is the ease of deflecting blame by blaming a sibling or saying, "He made me do it."

Compared to some of the sibling stories in the Bible, most of our sibling rivalries would probably look tame. First is Cain and Abel, where Cain kills Abel because his sacrifice is more pleasing to God (really a justification for sheep herders being superior to farmers and thus giving Israelites the authority to take Canaanite land for themselves). Then there were the twins Jacob and Esau. Esau grabs Jacob's foot in the womb and holds him back so he can be born first, and then Jacob, aided by his mother, tricks his father into thinking he is Esau so that he is given the birthright. The rivalry continues into the next generation as Jacob clearly favors Joseph, his son with Rachael, leading his older brothers to sell him into slavery in Egypt.

Sibling rivalry is also presented in the New Testament, with the parable of the Prodigal Son who is welcomed home with a big feast by his father after wasting all his inheritance. The older brother, who has stayed home and been hard-working and responsible, is naturally upset. Finally, there is the passage in Mark about Jesus who is out speaking to a crowd of people when his mother and siblings come and attempt to get him to come home. He answers that those who are listening to his message are his real family, and he refuses to go with them.

MacDonald said that as a young parent he had vowed never to say to one of his children, "Why can't you be more like your sister (or brother)? But he has two daughters, one of whom as a child went to bed each night happily and the other who cried and resisted bedtime, and he couldn't help *thinking* that question.

We don't get to choose our family, and when making judgments, we should remember the Native American quote "Never judge anyone until you have walked a mile in his moccasins." Although siblings started in the same place, they do not all end up the same. He encouraged us if we were not close to our siblings to get to know them as adults. We might learn things about them that we never knew. ..rr

HOW I BECAME A UU

BARBARA KURTZ

Almost sixty years ago I went to the library at Robinson Barracks, a housing area for American military personnel, in Stuttgart Germany. I was there a bit early to read to little children. As I waited I noticed a collection of slim blue volumes on different religions on top of a small bookcase. Our downstairs neighbors were Jewish. Our children played together and we had become couple friends as well so I checked out the book on Judaism. "I could be that," I thought as I read it.



When I returned the book I noticed one about Unitarianism. "What's that?" I wondered. Home it went. "I could REALLY be that!" I was absolutely certain of it when I finished the little book. A couple of years later we returned to the U.S. and were living in Alexandria, Virginia. I found a Unitarian church in nearby Arlington and off Maurice, my husband, and I went with our kids. We had found our religious home, not just in Arlington, but in other parts of the country as the army sent us from one place to the other.

For some years we were lapsed Unitarian Universalists, but one visit to Friendship Fellowship in the days that it was housed in the daycare center brought us back. It is still my home.

To this day my Jewish neighbor and I remain friends. We recently toured Alaska's Inside Passage together.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

NEXT FRIENDSHIP FLYER DEADLINE, NOVEMBER 22

YOUR CHARITY DOLLARS

September 2017: SERENE HARBOUR operates a 24-hour Domestic Violence Center, provides trained advocates, legal aid, protection, professional services, housing, mental health counseling, medical assistance to victims of domestic abuse/violence. In addition to cash, there is a continuing need for: bleach, cleaning items, tissues, laundry detergent, gift cards, groceries, gas cards. Bring any of the needed items in and your Social Justice Committee will have them delivered.

October 2017: DAILY BREAD, Food for Human Dignity (UU Picnic), is supported entirely by our local community, people like us. Monetary Donations are always in need as Daily Bread feeds 260 to 377 people each day. Our monetary donations help purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and fish. We can also donate canned meats, boxes of pastas, canned soups or vegetables. To assist the homeless, donations such as hygiene items for men and women, soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, rain ponchos, and sleeping bags are always welcome. If you are able to donate any of the above items, please see our Social Justice Committee members.

November 2017: AGING MATTERS is dedicated to helping our aging community enjoy happy, healthy, active, and secure lives. Its mission is to promote and maintain independence and maximize quality of life for the citizens of Brevard County, particularly the elderly and disabled. It also works with Central Brevard Humane Society to provide pet supplies to seniors.

CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION OF BREVARD
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MUSIC ON THE HILL

WHAT: THREE FABULOUS YOUNG MUSIC
PRODIGIES WILL PERFORM VARIOUS SOLOS

When: Sunday, October 29, 2017, 4 p.m.

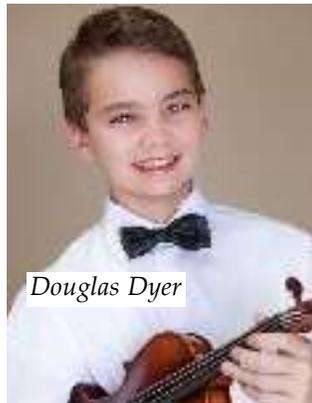
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Who: Douglas Dyer,
13, master violinist

Who: Eliana Berrean, 17,
Soprano, veteran of
Cocoa Village
Playhouse

Who: Daphne Mai Landis,
12, outstanding pianist.



Douglas Dyer

Included among the
solos, Douglas Dyer will
play Paganini Caprice # 16,
plus other violin numbers.
Eliana Berrean will serve as
Mistress of Ceremonies and
sing three songs, including
“Deh vieni, non tardar”
from Le Nozze di Figaro.

Miss Landis will be



Eliana Berrean

playing Variations on a
Russian Folk song” by
Glinka, plus more.

This will be a mar-
velous array of talent from
among our youth. Plus,
an extra surprise, not list-
ed on the program. Don’t
miss it.

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ed young artists in acquiring their dreams.*



Daphne Landis



THE GREAT PUMPKIN

The Great Pumpkin sits on a hill
Waiting, and waiting, and waiting until...
It finally lets out a squeal profound—
The Great Pumpkin is finally found!
Though it’s orange, the Pumpkin isn’t round
But square, like the skeptics who have found
The hollow square that isn’t hallowed,
And has no dogma to be followed.
The folks inside have ditched the spell
That dooms their lot to heaven or hell;
But they avow free inquiry
That blesses their humanity.
It isn’t just at Halloween
When the Great Pumpkin can be seen,
But any time you really need a
Glimpse of Truth—it’s at Pineda!

*Helen Bennett
October 17, 2017*



**Have a Happy
Halloween!**

CHRISTMAS SONG-FEST

December 24th falls on a
Sunday in 2017 and Stephen, our
newly married Choir Director, has
planned a **song-fest for that day** in
lieu of a sermon-type service. We
have invited both the UUCB and
Cocoa UU and they have enthusias-
tically said they will attend. After the service, we
will have a pot luck so that all three UU’s will
share in nature’s bounty and good will for the
coming year. Please save the date and think about
a dish for the pot luck.





Our dear member-friend, Loretta Winston, will greet you at the door



Our Stephen Downen and his lovely bride

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We love to welcome members, visitors, and Friends to our services each Sunday at 10:30, and Sunday school is available for our youngest guests and members.

These are our recent Sunday visitors

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Anny Danesgvarr | Melbourne, FL |
| Cyrus & Tara Motlagh | Melbourne, FL |
| Aubrey Jewett | Oviedo |
| & Patricia Gibson | Oviedo |
| Whitney Bobbitt | Indialantic |
| Michael Faulkner | Melbourne, FL |
| Louis Gualavisi | Rockledge |
| Connie Lalonde | Melbourne, FL |
| Tavian Brack | |



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 SPIKE WILDS	
11/3 PEGGY HORSFIELD	11/4 JAN SIREN
11/6 LAURA FRIEDMAN	11/11 DONNA BURLERSON
11/21 JOHN ENGLAND	11/25 HELEN RAWLS



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