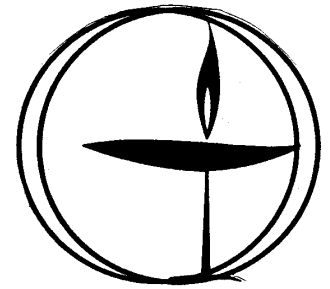


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of LAWTON



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A Month of Sundays

June 6th

Two Encounters.

John Graham

Firstly- What is science, how is science done and what effect does the study of science have on a person? What are the current limitations science faces? Secondly- what is the meaning of life?. I gave a meaning of life talk over a year ago. That was Meaning 1.0 so this talk will be Meaning 1.1. The ideas from science and the ideas about the meaning of life can be tied together. John Graham is a long time Unitarian Universalist. He is a member of the First Unitarian Church in Oklahoma City. John is a Vietnam era veteran, holds a master's degree in psychology and has retired from a career that included counseling, teaching and computer programming.

June 13th

The Story of Cain and Abel

Lisa Wolfe

Lisa will discuss these Old Testament people as well as other creation issues such as how the world was populated from just Adam and Eve. Lisa Wolfe is the Old Testament Scholar at OCU School of Religion.

June 20th

What was said to the Rose.

Sam and Terree McMichael.

This talk, which will be illustrated with slides is a celebration of Persian Poetry and Art. Sam and Terree are well known members of our congregation and are prominent members of the local arts community.

June 27th

The benefits of optimism.

Dr Ian Robb

There is now good evidence to show that being optimistic leads to a longer life, better learning performance and a happier life. Happiness is an elusive state- even the US

constitution mentions only the pursuit of Happiness. However optimism is one step on the way to a happier state of mind. These issues will be discussed as well as methods for shifting towards a more optimistic outlook on life.

Dr. Robb is a research chemist with Halliburton Services in Duncan, and currently serves as president of this congregation. He is Aussie by birth and a citizen of the world by practice

Sunday's Schedule:

Adult Forum 9:30 am
Fellowship 10:15-10:30 am
Worship 10:30; am
Discussion 11.30-11.45
Children's Sunday school:
10.30-11.30 am

Please note: Picnic lunch at the Wichitas (Sunset) Sunday 6th June- Start ~ 12.30-1.00pm; bring pot luck for lunch & chairs.

Children's Program

Other Religions

6th- Difference between
Atheism and Agnosticism
13th- Gnosticism
20th- Father's Day history
27th- Earth-based Religions

DUNCAN DINERS

Duncan Diners will be eating
at 6:30, Thursday June 24th
at Don Jose, N.H'way 81.
All welcome!

LUNCH BUNCH



6/6 Picnic at
Wichitas
6/13 Golden China
6/20 El Chico
6/27 Lone Star

June Treats



6/6 Karen McKellips
6/13 Dee Dee & Don
6/20 Ian & Linda
6/27 Open

June Flowers



6/6 Ian & Linda
6/13 Beverley
6/20 Ellen
6/27 Patsy Bassel

June Cleaning



*Cleaning Church ready
for:*

6/6 Bill Davies
6/13 Ian & Linda
6/20 Eli
6/27 Russ Bennett

*The next Board Meeting is
scheduled for June 13th;
1.30 pm- all are welcome to
attend.*

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Ian's Notes.

Thanks are due to the Morenos for hosting such a wonderful kite flying day!-the winds were quite strong- indeed too strong for some of the kites while others whizzed around the skies like jet aircraft. Karen & Bill laid out a fine meal for all their guests & and we did enjoy the company.

As we get into summer I hope to be able to have an ice cream party and a water-melon party making use of our pool; these events allow us more time to get to know each other better and if anyone has any ideas for summer events, please let me know.

I would also like to draw your attention to the note from Ralph Mora- stating that he is to marry Miho- Japanese lady he met at the US- Japanese society- our best wishes to Ralph!

Covenant Groups.

1) Mondays Meditation Covenant Group

7:00-9:00 pm Mondays at the church.

2) Film Group

Last month our group enjoyed "Bottle Shock" about the competition between France and California initiated by a British Academy of Wine shop owner in Paris in 1976, along with our own wine tasting. Our next film will be Friday, June 11, 7 p.m. in the home of Beverley Davenport, 3524 NW Arlington. We will see "Invictus" directed by Clint Eastwood who tells the story of what happened after the end of apartheid when newly elected president Nelson Mandela used the 1995 World Cup Rugby matches to unite his people in South Africa. The film was based on John Carlin's book the film stars Morgan Freeman as Mandela and Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar, the captain of the scrappy South African team that makes a run for the championship. We all know Mandela was imprisoned in South Africa for twenty five years. His story is so very inspiring for all.

Beverley Davenport

3) Poetry Group. The Poetry group will meet this month- 12th June at 6.30 pm- come along and enjoy the best poetry in Lawton

4) Singing Group: we meet at 6.30 pm at the church on each Wednesday of each month- great fun and a little singing!

Lawton- Fort Sill Art Show.

Lawton-Fort Sill Art Council's show - Visions IV will be opening on Saturday, June 5th from 6 to 8 pm at the Great Plains Museum. All church members and anyone else interested are most welcome. If they can't come on Saturday the show will be at the museum throughout this month.

Joys and Concerns.... Ralph Mora

To all my friends and family from Ralph Mora:

I have asked Ms. Miho Fukuda to marry me. No, I have not given up on love or on marriage. Yes, I am a three time loser. But, Miho and I make each other happy. We are of like mind and enjoy the same things. There is no struggle to fit into each other's persona nor wish that either of us could be different. She is a nice person, kind and considerate, positive and loving. This will be her second marriage (she was married for 30 years) and she has two adult male children who live in the north of Japan. Her father is alive and lives in the family home in Mihara which is close to Hiroshima. Her sister is also married and has a home in Otake (just north of Iwakuni). Miho was a former tennis champion of the Prefecture (akin to a state) of Hiroshima and worked for many years as a tennis coach. She was at the head of her college class in economics though she claims to not like economics. She is very active socially and as the Chairperson of the JAS Social Committee. We met as Board Members of the Japanese American Society (JAS). We have not set a date for the wedding yet but are thinking about August or September. We also haven't decided on what kind of ceremony. She was raised in the Buddhist faith. She is charming and friendly as well as quite beautiful. As for a residence, we will have a home here and we'll keep the house in Lawton as well.

Peace, Poverty, and Planet Earth: Exploring Resources for a Sustainable Future. July 12-14 th 2010

To register go to following link:

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/1444618/RodJones/Peace%2C%20Poverty%2C%20and%20Planet%20Earth.pdf>

Sponsored by the Oikos Scholars Program at Oklahoma City University and the Institute of Cultural Affairs – USA, this three-day gathering will focus on ways higher education can (1) engage students and society as a whole with the most pressing social and ecological challenges of the 21st century and (2) help educate and develop moral leaders in relation to the issues of peacemaking, social justice and ecological sustainability. Through a combination of inspiring and challenging plenary speakers and track sessions allowing for group work on peace, poverty and planet Earth, the gathering seeks to contribute to curricular and co-curricular resources that foster a more sustainable future.

Registration fee is \$125, which also covers meals during the event. Lodging is available for \$22 per night in Centennial Hall on the campus of Oklahoma City University.

Plenary Speakers include: David Rowe, President of Centenary College; Larry Ward, Director of the Lotus Institute; and Amy Maglio, Executive Director of the Women's Global Education Project.