

# Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



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## A note from the minister

As we begin a new year I am inspired and encouraged by the idea of new beginnings. In American culture, the new year is often a time when we resolve to begin anew. While that kind of resolution often ends in discouragement and failure, I don't think we should give up on it. I think, instead, we should learn.

One of the things that plagues us with resolutions is the unrealistic notion of who we think we should be. It's the unrealistic notion that unless we're perfect in keeping our resolve, we've failed. Much more helpful, I think, is to approach our goals with humility and a determination to simply "do better." Also helpful is the understanding that even small steps count.

I have a cousin who was a great athlete in high school. He was proud and "macho" and considered himself invincible. He later found he wasn't. He developed addictions. He had trouble with the law. He had a motorcycle accident that left him in a wheelchair.

In conversations with him over the years, I've been touched by his courage and humility. "You know, Bryan," he said, "I'm a living example of the fact that we're all just human and vulnerable. I used to run and stretch and work myself hard in the weight room – and now, I just commit myself to working with my physical therapists every day and doing my little exercises even when I don't feel like it. I used to be so independent, and now I can only get along at all because so many people are kind to me. I used to think I was almost a 'god.' But now I'm a paraplegic. It seems paradoxical but I am a much better person now than I ever was before. My goal now is to just live the life I have, enjoy it as much as possible, and focus on being grateful for as long as I can. And you know, most days I do okay at that."

I do not recommend motorcycle accidents as a pathway to spiritual growth but I do recommend that, in this new year as we think about who we'd like to be and become, we begin with a desire to just be human and grateful for the opportunity to have one more day to enjoy.

Yours in the journey,

*Rev. Bryan Jessup*

## Associate editor needed now

The editor is growing steadily more grumpy and needs relief. He will gladly guide an associate through the process and doesn't want to completely give up editing the newsletter, but if an associate isn't found soon, he may have to force the matter by resigning. This is a once-a-month commitment and I hope we can work on spreading the load so it's not even every month. I can provide the software that I use for PCs or help port the newsletter masthead and other specifications to whatever page layout software you're comfortable with. Contact me at [newsletter@huuf.org](mailto:newsletter@huuf.org).

*Stephen Sottong*



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## People

Congratulations to Beverly Morgan Lewis and her Lancashire Heelers, Druid and Pictsie, who will compete against the top dogs of other breeds at the American Kennel Club Agility Invitational in Orlando, Florida. The top five dogs of each breed are invited. Beverly says, "Just to be invited is an honor."

Jeff Thomas shares some profound thoughts after his surprise life-threatening bleeding condition due to an ulcer in close proximity to an artery. "My friends began commenting that there was a noticeable, yet undefinable difference in me, which I felt as well.

"I can best describe it as:

- A deeper sense of appreciation and gratitude for my life.

- A recognition of how fragile life is.

- A profound appreciation for the many people who offered me healing thoughts. I feel more like a part of a community now, than I have during any other time in my life.

- A much stronger desire to make a difference."

Congratulations to Jan Rowen recognized by Beta Sigma Phi as Woman of the Year for her many contributions over the years to women, children and elders in our community.

Congratulations to Trevor Lynn, who graduated from UC Davis with a Bachelor's degree in Physics, and a minor in Education in December. He plans on doing substitute teaching in Davis for the spring semester, and starting a credential program in late summer.

Special recognition to all HUUF volunteers, especially highlighting for this edition Pat, Cheryl and Lucera and the committee for a very successful Cakes for the Queen of Heaven series and Joanna Welch for the Waking White discussion group. And from all of us who like to eat and drink coffee, Jackie and Shawn for specializing in kitchen cleanup and dishwashing.

*Sylvia Shaw*

## In memorium

This December we seemed to have lost far too many of our members and friends.

Joanne McGarry's mother, Patricia, died at 98. She was The Rock of the McGarry Clan and a devoted person of deep faith and unending service to her family and others in need.

We send condolences and love to Thea Gast whose husband, Jim Gast, died, age 88, on Monday, December 11.

We also send condolences and love to the family of Mayer Segal, HOPE newsletter founder who died, at age 100, Thursday, December 14.

Our condolences, love and good thoughts go to Jean Munsee whose husband, Jack, died December 16 surrounded by family who sang him on his way. Jean says "We are all doing well and feeling grateful for our time with him." Jack was a long time member and active in the Social Action Committee.

As reported in the green sheet on December 11, David Eric Wilson, the youngest son of deceased HUUF member Charlotte Sternberg was killed in Selmer, Tennessee in November. His brother, Alfred Upton, made a generous donation to HUUF in honor of his mother and brother.

Bertha Hansen passed away in Moraga, California, on August 18, 2017. She joined the Fellowship after moving to Eureka in 1997 and was especially active in the Social Action Committee. Her husband, Peter, also a member of the Fellowship, died in 2006. Later this month, Bertha's family will be scattering her ashes alongside Peter's on Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County, where they loved to hike. Her granddaughter Micha (also a Unitarian) will read the UU "A Blessing For Ashes" at the event. You may send remembrances or contact Bertha's daughter Cathy Harder at: 7240 SW 184th Place, Aloha, OR 97007 [cloudwatcher55@yahoo.com](mailto:cloudwatcher55@yahoo.com)

# Religious Education

## Welcoming the New Year

Long winter nights invite us all to reflect on the season that has passed and contemplate what seeds we may wish to plant this spring. I am delighted as I look around the Fellowship to see all that we've co-created this fall. The classrooms have been beautifully organized and transformed, bulletin boards are colorfully displayed, our library books are visiting homes, another round of drumming class is about to begin, all the while the Sunday program has continued to offer beautiful opportunities for our children to learn and grow. Even the mis-poured handicap parking spot has been transformed into a beautiful oasis. With John's kind donation of a basketball hoop, Scott and Bryan's effort to haul it here, and a small but mighty crew of kids and parents who washed, retaped and erected the hoop, we now have the basketball court that Chris Hastings-Tharp envisioned just a few short months ago. As is a common practice in the new year, we will explore what it means to be a people of intention.

### Loving Kindness Practice:

Our congregational aspiration begins, "May love be the spirit of this fellowship." In service of that collective intention, we will learn a Loving Kindness meditation. The practice begins by saying a blessing for oneself, then for someone easy to love, followed by a neutral person and eventually attempting to sending loving kindness to someone who is very difficult to love. May I be happy. May I be well. May I be filled with love, kindness and peace. (YouTube or Spotify: Charity Khan, Loving Kindness)

### Clarify your intentions:

We often set goals, schedule activities and make to do lists. Clarifying a guiding intention as a spiritual practice can be transformative. Instead of asking what you want to do, consider contemplating how you want to be. As a parent? A partner? A child? Take 5-10 minutes to brainstorm the qualities you wish to cultivate in your family relationships. Distill your deepest intention into a simple affirmation statement. What on that to do list will serve your intention? What might be missing?

## RE Calendar

### Jan. 7 - Exploration Sunday: Setting Intentions

**Pre-2:** What is your intention in the middle of a conflict? Come learn and practice the five finger problem solving method using puppets.

**3-8:** Contribute to our community vision of creating a natural playscape. The group will have the opportunity to "adopt" one of the playscape elements. (If you have a digital device your child can use to do research, please send it.)

### Jan. 14 - All Worship: How our intentions affect others

We will learn the Buddhist loving kindness meditation and create prayer flags.

**Teen Group:** will continue their Coming of Age curriculum and plan church visits.

### Jan. 21 - Exploration Sunday: Doing our best with our intentions

**Pre-2:** We will explore how our intentions affect our experience when we play a game. We'll experiment with this intention, "if we all have fun, then we've all won" as we play outdoor games.

**3-8:** We will work on our playscape element or play a group game with a clear intention.

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## RE Cont.

**Jan 28 Service Sunday:** Acting on our Intentions

All ages will cook for the night shelter.

**Teen Group:** will continue their COA process.

### Community Song & Drum Workshop

Come drum and sing Wednesday, January 10 - February 7, from 4 - 5 pm at the Fellowship with Yemaya and Mike Kimmel. All ages welcome. We're asking families to contribute \$80 - \$65 and individuals \$50- \$35. Drums provided; bring yours if you have one. Drop-ins welcome. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Contact: Therese FitzMaurice at 498-3564 or [t\\_keslin@hotmail.com](mailto:t_keslin@hotmail.com).

### Playscape Update

The RE Cooperative's top goal this year is to create a detailed design, budget and long term plan to renovate the RE yard just outside the C.A.R.E. building. Virginia Chatfield, with input from the RE committee, created an inspiring design that is currently on display in the C.A.R.E. classroom. We are seeking individuals to "adopt" each element of the playscape. They will create a materials list and a general budget by mid-March. The RE committee will take that information and prioritize a timeline for the overall vision, and our hope is to get digging this summer. Contact me if you'd like to help make this vision a reality 498-3564 or [t\\_keslin@hotmail.com](mailto:t_keslin@hotmail.com).

#### Playscape Elements:

Willow tunnel

Labyrinth

Climbing element

Musical element

Grading plan

#### Elements still in need of Stewardship:

Balance/adventure path

Weaving frame

Den building supplies and area

Outdoor classroom area: picnic tables, covered area and patio

Tree and low shrub border

Barrier wall with seating and landscaping

Extended sidewalk

#### Adopted by:

Danielle Stubblefield

Judy Rishel and Therese FitzMaurice

Dave Larsson

Caitlin Bair

Bob Bronkall



*Therese FitzMaurice, ADRE*

## Contact Ministry organizing

We will have our second Contact Ministry organizing meeting on Monday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m. Help in this effort to keep us all connected. For more information, contact me at 822-3793.

*Rev. Bryan Jessup*



## Lunch Bunch

Come join us on the third Wednesday of each month and enjoy the company of other UUs. We meet at different restaurants in the area about noon. Each month a host signs up to pick a restaurant and makes a reservation for the number of people who are available to come. If you wish to be on the Lunch Bunch notification list give your name and information to me at 510-701-4261 or [judy@rishel.com](mailto:judy@rishel.com).

See you at lunch,

*Judy Rishel*



## Storytelling with Baba Jamal Koram

Master Storyteller Baba Jamal Koram teams up with the local North Coast Storytellers to present an evening of stories, musings and music on Saturday, January 13, at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship. Members of the local North Coast Storytellers will open the evening. The presentation is geared towards an adult audience.

The Smithsonian Discovery Theater says, "Gather around the Story Man and prepare to be enchanted. Master storyteller Baba Jamal Koram unfolds tales filled with the warmth of the African sun. Each conveys a lesson: of standing up for what's right, caring for our earth and its animals, and believing in the good in everyone."

Baba Jamal is the recipient of the National Association of Black Storytelling's Zora Neale Hurston Award, and the National Storytelling Network's prestigious Circle of Excellence Oracle Award. He has been featured at the National Storytelling Festivals in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and in Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center and at Smithsonian museums including the recent opening of the African American Museum. He holds B.A., M.S., and Ed.S. degrees.

Baba Jamal will also do stories for the Sunday morning service on January 14. He will be doing children's stories at the Eureka library on Wednesday, January 10, at 6 p.m.



*Roberta Welty*

## Introduction to Thursday Night Reflections

The purpose of Thursday Night Reflections is to provide a place and stimulus for authentic, heartfelt conversation among people of good will. We choose our topics by consensus. Past topics have included grief and loss, friendship, courage, personal missions, and meditation. We practice deep listening, recognizing that we don't always see things the same way, and we speak only if we want to. Reflections is an open group and newcomers are welcome. We meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the CARE Building.

Having met consistently on a weekly basis for almost 200 weeks (minister-led for the first 20 weeks and lay-led for the remainder), the regulars have come to trust and care about each other and have developed a strong commitment to the group. There are also a number of "irregulars" who attend intermittently, and complete newcomers are highly valued and quickly feel at home.

We usually decide on the next week's topic at the end of each evening. This may simply be a matter of choosing the subject itself and a few questions centered on that subject to spark conversation. People are encouraged to suggest and facilitate discussion on a topic that's of special interest to them. In this case, the participant may choose to provide source material and compose questions. An E-mail including the topic, questions, and any source material is sent out early in the week so people have an opportunity to ponder the topic ahead of time.

We keep honing our deep listening skills. To paraphrase Thich Nhat Hanh on the subject:

- The ideal is to hold the speaker in compassion and respect so they know and feel that they have been heard.
- Listeners set thoughts and judgments aside, do not interrupt, deny, correct, agree, disagree, or give advice.
- Questions may be asked for clarification or reflections offered to make sure the speaker knows they are understood. Otherwise we just listen until the speaker signals that they are finished.
- Everyone is conscientious about sharing air time.

Participants in Thursday Night Reflections feel truly heard. For more information, contact me at [margaretemerson@att.net](mailto:margaretemerson@att.net) or 822-6508.

There is no meeting December 28, but we'll meet for New Year's Eve on 12/31. See the New Year's bash article.

*Margy Emerson*

# Sunday Services

## **January 7 – 9 and 11 a.m. Change and Choice – The Rev. Bryan Jessup**

As we begin a new year, it's a good time to evaluate where we've been and where we think we might want to go as individuals. It's a good time to come to terms with what we must accept and what we might yet shape in ourselves and the world around us. This sermon will also give a nod to creating a world in which people have access to reproductive choices.

## **January 14 – 9 and 11 a.m. Wit and wisdom – Baba Jamal Koram**

Master storyteller Baba Jamal Koram brings his storytelling alive with the history, humor, music and lore of African and African-American cultures. He blends contemporary and traditional storytelling techniques with drumming, call-and-response, wit and wisdom. Recipient of the Circle of Excellence Award, Baba Jamal has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian museums, National Black Storytelling Festival, regional festivals and schools nationwide.

After spending a week telling stories in local schools, this, and the concert he will have at the Fellowship the evening before, are his opportunities to reach a more mature audience with his magical stories and deep thought-provoking commentary. He will be integrating our January Soul-matters topic of Intention into his presentation.

## **January 21 – 9 and 11 a.m. A Year of New Patriotism – The Rev. Bryan Jessup**

It's been a year since the inauguration of Donald Trump. For a year people with views of life more interconnected and collaborative than his have been standing up, stepping up and participating in the creation of a stronger more healthy nation. And we're not done yet.

## **January 28 – 9 and 11 a.m. Finding Sustenance – Lama Choyang (Allison Rader)**

We live in harrowing times filled with the suffering of other beings and our planet. Lama Choyang will explore spiritual practice as that which draws us into deep self-inquiry and connection to our most essential being, to the Earth, and to each other. This felt sense of connection informs authentic responsiveness in the world, allowing us to stay present and open in a time of dividedness and challenge. It is a "fundamental resource" – a spiritual truth of being. Each day, how do we find this connection and receive nourishment? How can we breathe, slow down, listen and rest into spacious silence so we can embody the change we wish to see?

Lama Choyang has studied and practiced Tibetan Buddhism for more than 27 years. She completed seven years of retreat and was ordained as a lama by Lama Drimed in 2009. She spent several years living in India and practiced social work before entering retreat. Lama Choyang is currently a chaplain with Hospice of Humboldt even as she continues her role as a Buddhist teacher.

## Looking Ahead – Options for Getting involved

### HUUF Events

Su	Dec. 24	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candle light service
Mo	Dec. 25	2 p.m.	All Fellowship Christmas Potluck Dinner
Su	Dec. 31	7 – 9 p.m.	Reflections New Year’s Eve gathering – CARE building
Sa	Jan. 6	9 a.m.	Worship Leaders Meeting
Sa	Jan. 6	1-3:30 p.m.	Grounds Work Party
Su	Jan. 7	9 a.m.	Religious Education teacher’s meeting
Su	Jan. 7	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Committee
Su	Jan. 7	12:45 p.m.	Religious Education Committee
Mo	Jan. 8	5:30 p.m.	Contact Ministry meeting
Tu	Jan. 9	5:30 p.m.	HUUF Board of Trustee’s meeting
We	Jan. 10	4-5 p.m.	Family drum Class - weekly through Feb. 7
Sa	Jan. 13	7 p.m.	Baba Jamal Koram storytelling concert
Mo	Jan. 15	10:30 a.m.	Membership Committee meeting
Tu	Jan. 16	5:30 p.m.	“How HUUF Works”
We	Jan. 17	noon	Lunch bunch at Siam Orchid
Fr	Jan. 19	5 p.m.	Caring Circle Happy Hour
Su	Jan. 21	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Committee Brunch
Mo	Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.	Film Series. <i>Race the Power of An Illusion</i> - Part I
Tu	Jan. 23	7 p.m.	Open Soul Matters Group
Mo	Jan. 29	6:30 p.m.	Film Series. <i>Race the Power of An Illusion</i> - Part II
Sa	Feb. 3	9 a.m.	Worship Leader’s meeting
Sa	Feb. 3	1 – 3:30 p.m.	Grounds Work Party
Sa	Feb. 3	7 p.m.	Classic PianoVoce Concert
Su	Feb. 4	9 a.m.	Religious Education teacher’s meeting
Su	Feb. 4	12:30 p.m.	Social Action Committee
Su	Feb. 4	12:45 p.m.	Religious Education meeting
Mo	Feb. 5	6:30 p.m.	Film Series. <i>Race the Power of An Illusion</i> - Part III
Sa	Feb. 10	4 - 8 p.m.	Service Auction
Fr	Feb. 23	7 p.m.	HUUF Film night - <i>Locally Grown</i>
Sa	Mar. 24		Canvass Dinner
Fr-Su	Aug. 3-5		HUUF All Fellowship Retreat

Weekly Sun.	Through Dec. 31, Single Service @ 11 a.m.
Weekly Sun.	Jan. 7 until June 2018, 2 services @ 9 & 11 a.m.
Weekly Wed.	4 p.m. Family Drum Class. Weekly Jan. 10 — Feb. 7
Weekly Wed.	7 p.m. Choir practice (not Jan. 3)
Weekly Thurs.	7 p.m. Reflections – open discussion group

### Out of Area UU events

Fr-Su	Jan. 19-21	Young Adult Con
Fr-Su	Feb. 16-19	Teen Con
Fr-Su	Mar. 8-11	District Women & Religion Retreat, “Sharing Light”
Fr-Su	Apr. 27-29	UUA – Pacific Western Regional Conference Double Tree Hotel, Portland Or.
We-Su	June 20-24, 2018	2018 UUA General Assembly, Kansas City, Mo.
We-Su	June 19-23, 2019	2019 UUA General Assembly Spokane, Wa.

## MLK Day of Unity and Civic Engagement

On Monday, January 15, at 2 p.m. everyone is invited to join True North for a Day of Unity Celebration and kickoff for our 2018 civic engagement campaign. The event, featuring a program of diverse speakers and music followed by a free community dinner, will be held at the United Methodist Church, 664 H St. in Crescent City.

The north coast of California is a diverse place in race, age, politics, orientation, faith, economic class, language, citizenship and more. With all of our beautiful diversity, we more often than not have the same desires and dreams for our families, our children, grandchildren and the generations to come. True North, the United Methodist Church, our partners, friends and allies are inviting the people of the north coast and adjacent tribal lands to join us in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and remembering that his dream is our dream. Only together can we make that dream a reality.

*Bryan Jessup*

## Discussion on race

Please join us on January 22, 29 and February 5, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Fellowship to watch the three-part documentary, *Race - The Power of An Illusion*. Afterward, we will participate in small circle reflection and discussion. We welcome community members, HSU students, faculty and teachers to join us.

This provocative new three-hour series by California Newsreel includes *Race - The Power of an Illusion* which questions the very idea of race as innate biology. Race issues shape life chances and opportunities.

On January 22, Episode 1, "The Difference Between Us," challenges our common sense assumptions that human beings can be bundled into three or four fundamentally different groups.

The January 29 episode, "The Story We Tell," uncovers the roots of the race concept in North America.

On February 5, Episode 3, "The House We Live In," asks if race is not biology, what is it? This episode uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture.

By asking what is this thing called race, *Race - The Power of an Illusion* helps set the terms that any discussion of race must first take into account. For further information, go to <http://newsreel.org/video/race-the-power-of-an-illusion>.

*Rev. Jamila Tharp*



## Company of Voices fundraiser

A Company of Voices staged two concerts at the Humboldt UU Fellowship on Sunday, December 17. Proceeds from the concert went to aid victims of the Santa Rosa fires. A total of \$1,456.88 was collected. Thanks to Elisabeth Harrington and Anna Gaines who direct the Company, to all of the talented singers who participated and to the Humboldt community who showed up and supported the effort.

*Bryan Jessup*





## Editing notes

Some phrases I will always axe from your article: “Come one come all,” “Everyone is invited,” “Mark your calendar,” “Save the day,” “See you there,” etc. They’re trite and add nothing to the article. This has been the policy of at least the last three editors, so those phrases probably haven’t been in the newsletter for fifteen years or more.

If you use “he/she” or “he or she,” I’ll substitute “they.” It’s grammatically correct to use as third person indefinite, has been used since Shakespeare’s time, and is much less clunky.

I try to limit exclamation points to one per issue.

Don’t use the ampersand (&) for “and.”

Please try to get over putting two spaces after a period. It’s not done any more.

A few people have started using square brackets in their articles: [ ]. They are never appropriate. The proper form to set off text is parentheses: ( ).

Once again, the proper form for a date and time is: Saturday, January 31, at 10:25 a.m. Note the comma after the day of the week and the date, the lack of a year (unless it is not the current year), and the space before and periods in a.m. and p.m. which are lower case. The day and month are not abbreviated.

A copy of the complete guidelines is available at <http://huuf.org/?page=Guidelines.html>

*the grumpy editor*

## Holiday High Notes from the choir

On Saturday, December 16, choir members and special guests gathered to rehearse and perform Holiday music for our annual caroling tour. We visited some HUUF members and friends in their homes, and three local care centers. It was a bittersweet day, as we realized that many of the people with whom we shared music in recent years had passed away. We will keep them in our hearts and memories every December.

Here is a group picture at Timber Ridge in McKinleyville (we enjoyed greeting Ursula Osborne while we were there) and one of John Moor and Santa (aka Woody) before leaving HUUF.

We were all pretty tired by 4 p.m., but it was a very satisfying day of holiday music and human connections.

After the 5:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, the choir will take a much-needed rest for a couple of weeks. Regular rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 10. New singers are welcome at any time, and no prior music reading experience is required.

As always, please contact Elisabeth Harrington if you have questions about the choir or would like to join.

Happy 2018.



## Mid-week party to discuss how HUUF works

Let the mid-week fun fly on January 16, as the Board hosts a finger food/beer and wine “party” from 5:30 to 7 to talk about “How HUUF Works – from Clusters to Committees, from Membership to Leadership.” Committees and committee members are invited, as is all of the Fellowship. We want hear your ideas on how we lift ourselves up by the bootstraps to combine our evolving governance structure with our increasing presence in our North Coast Community. The goal of the “party” is to efficiently promote HUUF values among and between us, and out into the greater community.

*Greg Blomstrom, co-president*

## Guest at your table

Our fellowship joins other UU congregations to support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, sharing our bounty with distant sisters and brothers. By making the work of UUSC possible, we affirm our commitment to peace, liberty and dignity, justice and compassion, and respect for the interdependent web of all existence. Last year, HUUF sent \$3,795 to UUSC. Please bring your “UUSC” check to the Fellowship on January 7 or 14. Make your check in the amount of the contributions (rounded up, if possible) to “UUSC.” Contributions of \$125 or more are matched by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, Manhasset, N.Y.

UUSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Collected donations go to UUSC on January 16, 2018. If you send your Guest-at-Your-Table donation directly to UUSC, please call or text 599-6009 to inform me so that it can be included in our HUUF tally.



*Chip Sharpe*

## Deadline info

Deadline for the **February 2018** issue of the newsletter is Saturday, **January 20** at 5 p.m. Send committee reports and articles to [newsletter@huuf.org](mailto:newsletter@huuf.org) (email only).

While many file formats are acceptable, .doc, .docx, .rtf and text are preferred, and .pdf and .pages cannot be used. Late submissions are not accepted without prior approval.

Full guidelines are available at [huuf.org/?page=Guidelines.html](http://huuf.org/?page=Guidelines.html)

*Stephen Sottong, editor*

### CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are 10¢ per word. Send your check to the HUUF office and the text of your ad to [newsletter@huuf.org](mailto:newsletter@huuf.org) (email only).



## Transportation talk

Rides to HUUF events and miscellaneous others continue at the same pace. Night driving becomes an issue for all of us this time of year. There are several websites with night driving tips; one is DMV.org. The tips are known to most drivers but it never hurts to be reminded: reduce your speed, look to the bottom right to avoid the glare of an oncoming vehicle, dim the lights on your instrument panel. My personal tip is that if you will be driving at night to a place you’ve never been, check it out in the daytime. I’ve been to many of Beverly Morgan-Lewis’ dog shows and, in the same way, the handlers always walk the course before an event, memorizing every turn. Finally, if night driving is difficult for you, the answer is simple...don’t. Call me with as much advance notice as possible, 822-8264, and we’ll try to connect you with one of our volunteer drivers. And a big thank you to the drivers this month.

*Nancy Cook*

## Auction

The HUUF Auction ‘Hearts Together’ is Saturday, February 10, from 4-8 p.m. Donation Forms for services, talents, or skills to be auctioned are in the foyer until the deadline of January 15. There will be a silent and live auction and a \$10 ‘Warm your Heart’ Gourmet Soup Bar dinner. “Sweeten your Hearts” with valentine deserts during the live auction. There will be a valentine gift store, too. Children’s activities will take place in the Care Building (please register). Bring your friends and family for this fun fundraiser.

To donate and volunteer, contact at [ediejessup@gmail.com](mailto:ediejessup@gmail.com) or 407-0047.

*Edie Jessup*



## Piano Voce

This year, Nancy Correll and Annette Gurnée Hull, a.k.a. PianoVoce, turn to the classical literature of Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert. It’s an area of music rich in piano duets. Mozart alone wrote many pieces for piano 4-hands as well as two-piano works.

Classical literature is all about form: there are sonatas, fugues, rondos, marches and variations, just to name a few. Each has a recognizable structure that takes a theme and then repeats it in a different key, layers it upon itself, brings it back upside-down and or backwards, contrasts it with a very different theme, or simply decorates it in increasingly complex ways. The magic of this formal literature is the way each composer uses the form to highlight beautiful melodies and harmonies in a satisfying structure that brings these themes to vibrant life.

Our program includes a Schubert Overture, a Fugue by Mozart, a charming set of Variations by Beethoven, and the magnificent Sonata in F major by Mozart, plus a few surprises.

Classical PianoVoce will be at the Fellowship, on Saturday, February 3, at 7 p.m. We will be joined by our narrator, Richard Duning. The concert is a benefit for the Fellowship’s Social Action Committee.

*Annette Gurnée Hull*



## Social Action Committee

SAC meets Sunday January 7 at 12:30 p.m. Items for organizing include: The Poor People’s Campaign, A possible workshop on the McKinley statue in Arcata, and the True North Martin Luther King Day Celebration in Crescent City.

*Bryan Jessup*





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## New Year's Eve blowout UU style

Have you ever wished that midnight on New Year's Eve came at 9 instead of 12? If you have, the annual Thursday Night Reflections New Year's Eve celebration is designed for you. We'll cast stones into the water for our fervent intentions for the world and ourselves in the coming year. We'll write what we want to let go of on slips of paper and incinerate them into a cleansing fire. Then the revelry begins with potluck finger food and drinks and a few rowdy verses of Auld Lang Syne. It all happens in the CARE Building from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday, December 31. There will be no Reflections meeting on Thursday, December 28, so we can save up our energy for the festivities. For more information, contact me at 822-6508.

*Margy Emerson*