

# Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



## A Note from the minister

July/August 2015

The Last Word for July is “Rest.”

Minister and therapist Wayne Muller says: “All life requires a rhythm of rest. . . There is a rhythm as day dissolves into night, and night into morning. There is a rhythm as the active growth of spring and summer is quieted by the necessary dormancy of fall and winter. There is a tidal rhythm that ebbs and flows as a deep, eternal conversation between land and sea.”

The flow of this past Fellowship year has been amazing. We’ve named new children and buried old friends. We’ve redone the roof over our heads and the floor under our feet. We’ve marched in the Pride Parade and sung with the Interfaith Gospel Choir. We’ve created supportive groups around human sexuality for young people – and around aging and end of life issues for older people. We’ve tended and beautified our grounds, and we have fortified and reinforced our financial foundation.

As this summer season envelops us now, may we celebrate the work we’ve done and embrace the rest that, in our human rhythms, summer offers us. And as we experience the rest, may we each and all be renewed and refreshed for the journey ahead.

Yours in the journey,

*Rev. Bryan Jessup*

## Summer schedule further changes

Last month’s newsletter reported on the change to a Sunday service beginning **June 28**. Subsequently, several changes have been made: First, the time for the single service will be 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:30. Also the pre-service discussion has been cancelled.

Two services, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., will resume on on **September 20** instead of September 9.

*Stephen Sottong*

## Proofreader needed

Having lost our proofreader, the newsletter now needs someone to volunteer to take on the task. The proofreader needs to have good English skills, a keen eye, patience and free time on the twenty first or twenty second of the month. Please contact me at [newsletter@huuf.org](mailto:newsletter@huuf.org).

Also, the September newsletter will be later than usual as I will be at a writing conference on the deadline.

*Stephen Sottong*

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## People

A big welcome to **Peter Gillis**, our newest member.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. I am sure there are many I do not know of and my apologies for missing them. I do know **Berti Welty** represented the boomers at HSU and **Jessica Knapp** graduated from Mills College representing the world to come.

**Sylvia** apologizes for missing last month's deadline and that, consequently, some items in this month's newsletter may be old news. I am mending from the physical and mental health challenges of having my dominant shoulder reconstructed.

**Winn Sample**, a prior, long-time member of HUUF, is in Hospice care. Maya McKenzie reports that they are very pleased with the care he is receiving. We send them caring thoughts.

**Edie Jessup** broke her ankle and is home recovering. She is expecting one more surgery in the coming weeks. Cards are welcome.

**Virginia Chatfield** is literally back in the driver's seat after back surgery. She reports that there is some recovery yet to go.

**Ann King** is in our thoughts as she heals from undergoing chemotherapy.

**Aiko Uyeki** is sporting a new hip.

**Judy Rishel** is pleased with her new knee.

**Marianne Pennekamp** had surgery recently and is roaring back like few 91-year-olds can do.

**Cheryl Rau** sends heartfelt thanks for all the healing cards and wishes that have helped on her recovery.

**Jeff Knapp** is headed for knee replacement on June 25.

**Roxana Hand** is still experiencing improvements in motion on her stroke effected side - "the body wants to move" she tells me. She recently was relieved to hear that she does not have lung issues. She likes phone calls and rides to HUUF special events.

**Laura Withers**, some know her as Galena's grandmother, is recovering well from surgery and thankful to caring family. We hope to see Laura and Galena soon.

**Stephen Sottong** thanks the many members who have sent cards and expressions of sympathy.

As we go out and about this summer I hope we remember huuf folks who live in the beautiful, but sometimes isolating, niches of the County and give them a call - like Trinidad, Kneeland, Loleta, Hydesville, Blue Lake. If you make it to Honolulu don't forget June and Dave Davis.

Thanks to: **Richard Kossow** for serving as Board Co-President over the last two years; **Ginger Kossow** and the entire Caring Circle for taking care of us all; **Karen Knapp** for getting Circle Dinners organized - and all the host homes; all who work to make HUUF happen.

*Sylvia Shaw*

## Board report

Traditionally HUUF outgoing and incoming Boards retreat together in June to hand off the business of the congregation and get to know those with whom they will share and shape the year to come. This year the retreat looked a lot like a hard core Board meeting, no massages were in sight.

Friday evening combined food and looking back over the changes and struggles since 2011 when Mary Gleason from the UUA wrote about seven transformational areas for the Congregation to travel. We also said good-bye to our beloved departing Co-President Richard Kossow while welcoming Greg Blomstrom and Katherine Almy for the next two years.

All day Saturday we looked forward by starting with a visioning session on what we hoped HUUF would look like in five years. We dreamed without constraint of budget or volunteers. Then we heard from various committees about the constraints of our land, buildings, budget/assets and volunteer corps. The last part of the day was spent on determining the directions in which to focus our resources and dreams.

Saturday's work yielded a rough Five Year Plan that the Board will be bringing to a Congregational meeting on October 11, 10:15 am. We will bring you more details in the upcoming newsletters. We invite you to join us at Board and Team meetings to help plans take form. The Board meets on **July 14, August 11** and **September 8** at 5:30 at HUUF. The Operations Teams (Program and Ministry Team, and Administration Team) meet on **July 28, August 25** and **September 22** at 5:30 at HUUF.

*Sylvia Shaw*

## Religious Education

We've had a joyful and productive year in the children's Religious Education Cooperative. Thanks to all of you who have become part of our 'family' and to the many who have helped out – it feels great to have more and more families involved. We will now take a summer break, with no RE curriculum in July or August. Childcare and activities will still be provided every Sunday, children just won't go into their classrooms/groups. Religious Education will start again on **September 20**.

The annual RE Retreat will take place on Sunday, **August 23** after the service from 12:45 – 3:00. Please join us for an engaging and introspective afternoon focusing on the ways we want to teach and nurture our children in the year to come. Anyone from the congregation is welcome, and in particular we hope that families of RE students will participate. How can we empower HUUF's children to love themselves and be light-bearers in the world? What are the best ways to communicate our UU principles so that kids can understand and take them to heart? This will be the time when we set our RE goals for the year, based on what parents are telling us they want to see. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Our 'back to RE' Fiesta Night kick-off for the new year will be on Saturday, **August 29** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Register your children for RE, meet their teachers and get to know other families. It's a great time for kids to reconnect after a summer apart. Taco bar, margaritas and childcare provided.

The RE Committee is hosting a camping trip the weekend of **July 31-August 2** at the A.W. Way campground on the Mattole River near Petrolia. All are welcome. Since campsites are first-come, first-serve we need volunteers to go early on Friday, July 31 to reserve a few spots. Please bring your own food and camping gear for the weekend. The only coordinated meal will be a taco bar on Saturday night, so please bring something to contribute to that meal. Please RSVP to Alison O'Dowd at [ap73@humboldt.edu](mailto:ap73@humboldt.edu) so we have an idea of how many people to expect.

Every year the Northern California Unitarian Universalist Camps and Conferences organization hosts two weeks of Family Camp. Several families from our congregation have participated and loved it. The weeks this year are **July 12 – 18** and **July 19 – 25**. See more on their website at <http://www.ncuucc.org/calendar/family-camp/>. Jana would be happy to tell you about it if you have questions, [jana.momof2turtles@gmail.com](mailto:jana.momof2turtles@gmail.com).



*Jillian Mooney*

## Choir notes

How delightful it was to celebrate with the wonderful HUUF choir singers at our end-of-year dinner on May 29. We shared appetizers and other tasty homemade food, and Joanne McGarry emceed as members of the choir and their guests shared songs. (Who knew Joanne could hula hoop like that?) The members of the choir thanked Levi Walls for offering his piano skills and congratulated him on his recent graduation from HSU. Levi received honors and a special award for artistic achievement. Yay Levi!

It was a fun evening, and a nice send off as we transition into summer. We bid a fond farewell to Annapoala as she returns to Italy, and to Fiona as she heads to camp and Oregon.

And, now we rest. I hope you all enjoy the long summer days.

Regular choir rehearsals will resume on the third Wednesday, **August 19**, when we will gather at 7:00 in the CARE building (because we share our facility with the mycological folks on the Wednesdays) to share snacks and conversation. Singing will begin at 7:30. All interested persons are invited to attend. No prior choir experience is necessary, just a positive attitude and a desire to make mUUsic.

Contact me directly with questions or concerns.

Happy summer everyone.

*mUUsically yours,  
Elisabeth Harrington*

## Halloween takes a sabbatical

This year we will be taking a break from the Halloween Festival, which gives us a great opportunity to take a breath and evaluate the Festival process, and to decide whether or not we want to continue this great yet energy-intensive activity. Contact me 499-1131 or sandy5527@sbcglobal.net if you would be interested in taking on the leadership for next year.

*Sandy Lynn*

## Potluck and Peace Pilgrimage program

Friday, **July 31** at 6:00 pm there will be a Fellowship potluck followed by a seminar-conversation with Roy Tamashiro entitled "My God, What Have We Done: The Nuclear Age & the Rise of Peace Consciousness." Roy will recall his first Peace Pilgrimage to Hiroshima, and link this experience to other Peace Pilgrimages, including the recently launched Veterans for Peace - Golden Rule Project in Humboldt Bay. Roy is passionate about reawakening the call to abolish nuclear weapons and to inspire the cultivation of global "peace consciousness." Roy is my long-time friend and I vouch that an evening with Roy is not to be missed. Vets for Peace, Quakers, SERVAS members and the general public are all invited.

*Kate McClain*

## Parenting Together

We will meet two times this summer with parent educator Diana Nunez-Mizer, on **July 12** and **August 9** at 12:30 after the 11:00 service. There will be no SAC brunch this summer, so plan on bringing a sack lunch for you and your children. If you need childcare, it is very important to contact Jennifer Mager at 668-1848 or jkw23@humboldt.edu at least one week in advance so she can schedule adequate childcare. New families are welcome to join any time. If you have any questions, call Therese FitzMaurice at 498-3564 or t\_keslin@hotmail.com.

*Therese Keslin*

## Day at Big Lagoon

Saturday, **July 11** is the new date for our all Fellowship potluck, picnic and play day at Big Lagoon County Park Day Use Area from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your boats, bring your table games, run on the beach or wander the spit. This is for all ages. Enjoy being outside in an informal atmosphere. Lunch about noon. Bring a potluck dish to share. The BBQ will be lit. If you have a boat bring personal flotation devices.

Questions: 476-0654 or bertijo@humboldt1.com

*Berti Welty*

## Break-ins

It ain't New York, but...

At the Peace Ship potluck at the Fellowship on Friday night, June 19, two cars were broken into and valuables stolen. Please consider placing all valuables out of sight when leaving your car.

*Karen Knapp*

## Deadline info

Deadline for the **September** issue of the newsletter is Thursday, **August 20**, 5:00 p.m. Send your committee reports and articles to newsletter@huuf.org. Neither PDF files nor late submissions can be accepted. Crisp, clear graphics may be sent as a separate file, not embedded in your article.

*Stephen Sottong, editor*

## Becoming a Member

If you are ready to become a member of HUUF, please talk to a greeter and we can schedule a time during the week for you to sign the Membership Book. There is a pamphlet available in the lobby which explains some of the details of becoming a member. We would love to have you join us when you are ready.

*Awanna Kalal*

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Sunday, July 5, 11 a.m.**

**Lemonade Sunday**

Celebrate summer and the Fourth of July weekend as Jana Kirk-Levine poses the question, "What is a True Patriot?" Share your own thoughts and ideas on patriotism, whilst enjoying a glass of lemonade.

**Sunday, July 12, 11 a.m.**

**The GA Experience: Building a New Way – Valerie Gizinski**

Every June, Unitarian Universalists from all over the United States gather at General Assembly (GA) to worship, witness, learn, connect and make policy for our Association through a democratic process. The theme for the 2015 GA in Portland, Ore., was Building a New Way. Attending GA with thousands of like-minded friends can be a thrilling experience. In this service, Valerie, a longtime member of HUUF, will lead those of us who made the trek to GA in an effort to impart some of the thrill and inspiration they experienced.

**Sunday, July 19, 11 a.m.**

**Songs in the Key of Life (with apologies to Stevie Wonder) – Jeff Thomas**

Popular music has long been used as an effective means of delivering powerful messages to the masses, and many of these songs reflect values shared by Unitarian Universalists. We invite you to join us in this musical celebration as we explore the power of popular music through performances by fellowship members, as well as a group sing-along. If you've got a song in your heart that you would like to perform for the fellowship, please contact Jeff Thomas at [fnkdlc@yahoo.com](mailto:fnkdlc@yahoo.com).

**Sunday, July 26, 11 a.m.**

**Poetry for the Heart and the Spirit – Wendy Rowan**

Poetry is a language that can often express what our constructed arguments and everyday conversations fail to do. Participants are encouraged to bring poems that warm the heart and affirm the spirit of our lives – poems that receive the "ah" or "that's it" upon reading. A group poem will also be created and shared within the service.

# HUUF Events - July 2015

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|   |   |   | 1<br>*9 am Music Together<br>1:30 pm Crafts Group                                      | 2<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections<br>*7 pm Vets for Peace  | 3<br>*9 am Music Together  | 4<br>9 am Worship Leaders Mtg.   |
| 5<br>11 am Service<br>12:30 pm SAC Committee Mtg.<br>* 6:30 pm Sufi's | 6<br>7 pm Financial Peace   | 7   | 8<br>*9 am Music Together  | 9<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections                          | 10<br>*9 am Music Together | 11<br><b>**All Fellowship Picnic</b><br>* 8:30 am Men's Group<br>* Private Event |
| 12<br>11 am Service<br>12:30 Parenting Together                       | 13<br>* 6:30 pm Arcata Men's Group<br>7 pm Financial Peace            | 14<br>5:30 pm BOT Mtg.                              | 15<br>*9 am Music Together<br>5 pm Escalating Inequality<br>* 7 pm Mycological Society | 16<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections                         | 17<br>*9 am Music Together | 18   |
| 19<br>11 am Service<br>* 6:30 Sufi's                                  | 20<br>10:30 am Membership Mtg.<br>7 pm Financial Peace                | 21<br>10:15 am Caring Circle                        | 22<br>*9 am Music Together<br>*5:30 pm Food Policy Mtg.                                | 23<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections                         | 24<br>*9 am Music Together | 25<br>* 8:30 am Men's Group  |
| 26<br>11 am Service<br>12:30 pm Aging w/ Grace                        | 27<br>* 6:30 pm Arcata Men's Group<br>7 pm Financial Peace University | 28<br>5:30 pm Op Team Mtgs.<br>*9 am Music Together | 29<br>*9 am Music Together   | 30<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections<br>*7 pm Vets for Peace | 31<br>*9 am Music Together |  |

\* Private event

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# HUUF Events - August 2015

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|   |   |                              |  |                                 |   | 1<br>** RE Camping Trip<br>* Private Event     |
| 2<br>** RE Camping Trip<br>11 am Service<br>12:30 pm SAC Committee Mtg.<br>* 6:30 pm Sufi's | 3<br>7 pm Financial Peace   | 4<br>7 pm Mycological Mtg.   | 5<br>*9 am Music Together<br>** 1:30 Crafts Group                                      | 6<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections  | 7<br>*9 am Music Together<br>* Private Event  | 8<br>* 8:30 am Men's Group<br>* Private Event  |
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| 23<br>11 am Service<br>* 12:30 RE Retreat   | 24<br>* 6:30 pm Arcata Men's Group<br>7 pm Financial Peace University | 25<br>5:30 pm Op Team Mtgs.  | 26<br>*9 am Music Together   | 27<br>7 pm Thursday Reflections | 28<br>*9 am Music Together                    | 29<br>*4 pm Family Fiesta Night                |
| 30<br>11 am Service   | 31<br>7 pm Financial Peace University                                 |                              |  |                                 |   |  |

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**Sunday, August 2, 11 a.m.**

**Emanating the gift of peace – Dr. Roy Tamashrio**

Professor and peace activist Dr. Roy Tamashiro, a third generation Japanese American, will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. His presentation will be part of his "Coming Full Circle" peace pilgrimage marking the 50th anniversary of his first visit to Hiroshima.

Dr. Tamashiro shares the narratives of Hiroshima citizens, including several hibakusha (A-bomb survivor-witnesses). By listening to their profound suffering, unbearable pain and never to be recovered losses, we paradoxically find healing for ourselves. Dr. Tamashiro will guide us in meditation and communion, assisting us to find and practice peace. He is chairman of the International Studies Committee of the Multidisciplinary Studies Department/School of Education at Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

A Friday night potluck on July 31 at 6:00 p.m. will offer an opportunity to converse with him in a more informal environment.

**Sunday, August 9, 11 a.m.**

**How a Book Changed My Life – Valerie Gizinski**

We come together again to tell about a dearly loved book that transformed the way we look at the world. It could be something read to you when you were small or a book you read this year. We would love to hear about it. The service will be led by Valerie Gizinski, a long-time Fellowship member and avid reader.

**Sunday, August 16, 11 a.m.**

**The Frog at the Bottom of the Well – Barbara Madaras,**

Barbara Madaras, our new vice president and a HUUF member since 1999, shares a local story in which enlarging individual perspectives led to a trusting, and subsequently a creative relationship, one that is benefiting our community with a magnificent grove of old-growth redwoods. Since wisdom begins when we see that our own view is limited, perhaps we will all leave a little wiser.

**Sunday, August 23, 11 a.m.**

**Credos in a Non-creedal Religion – Chris Chapin & Berti Welty**

While Unitarian Universalists do not have a common set of beliefs, we each have struggled to decide for ourselves what we individually believe, or don't believe, about spiritual matters. Participants of the recent Building Your Own Theology class will share their experiences and insights gained.

**Sunday, August 30, 11 a.m.**

**Homeless or Houseless: The Politics of Scarcity – Edie Jessup**

Edie Jessup will explore the concept of food, shelter and health care as human rights, and the spiritual imperative to stand up for the common good in our interdependent web. The presentation will also delve into ways in which the Fellowship can get involved.

## Mediator training

Annual training of community volunteer mediators is again being conducted by Humboldt Mediation Services at HUUF. This 34-hour course begins on Monday evening, **September 28**, continues from 5:15 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, concluding on Saturday, October 10. This is two weeks of intense role-play, discussion, and fun. You will prepare to serve on a panel of three mediators and will practice skills applicable to every facet of life.

Two spaces in the class are tuition-free to HUUF members. Priority is given to staff or committee members. Preregistration is required. Register by **September 2** for discounted fees.

Contact me at [chipsharpe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chipsharpe@sbcglobal.net) or (707) 599-6009 or Humboldt Mediation Services at (707) 445-2505 or via the website [www.humboldtmediationservices.org](http://www.humboldtmediationservices.org) for more information and to register.

*Chip Sharpe*

## In memorium

Joy Thomas was born May 19, 1946, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Her father's career in the Marine Corps bounced the family around from coast to coast. By the time she graduated from Vista High School in 1964 Joy had attended six schools. She obtained a BA in English from Cal State Fullerton in 1969, a Masters in Library Science from the University of Southern California in 1972, and a Masters in Anthropology from Cal State Long Beach in 1984. She spent 35 years working at public and academic libraries in southern California before retiring in 2003 and moving to Humboldt County. It was then that she found her passion in beekeeping. She studied, took classes, attended conferences, mentored several new beekeepers, was president of the Humboldt County Beekeepers Association 2007-2009 and culminated this experience by co-teaching the beginning beekeeping class at HSU this past spring.

Joy began attending HUUF during trips before she moved to Eureka in 2003. She was a member of the Hospitality Committee, the Caring Committee, librarian for the Fellowship collection and for eight years editor of the newsletter.

She died peacefully at home on May 26 of metastatic breast cancer which she had had for more than six years. Her husband and several friends were with her at the end.

There will be a memorial at HUUF in July. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Humboldt, or Miranda's Rescue.



## New member bio

I grew up in Wisconsin where I roamed barefoot through the hot, green summers, swimming in Lake Monona, eating raspberries from backyards, and playing “sardines” at night. Our family of five often drove out west and camped in the mountains. On these trips, we sang together for hours in the car.

I felt lucky as a kid, because my parents rarely made me go to church; but occasionally Dad dragged us to the Congregational church. Boring! My religious education largely came from Mom, who went through many phases. When I was young, she did a stint with Jehovah’s Witnesses, then Christian Science, and later she studied Buddhism and The Course in Miracles.

Early memories are of mama reading the bible to us at night; weird and scary. Around age 12, I got skeptical about Christian “fairytale” and by college viewed myself as a secular humanist.

That changed when I learned about Buddhist meditation and the dimensions of mind. Visiting India I began to really observe nature; spending hours by myself in one place, just watching. I saw so much more than I ever did while “studying” ecology. Back in California, I got interested in paganism and singing earth/goddess music.

I still sing, meditate and practice Buddhism, and I am grateful to be able to experience the special atmosphere of friendship and community service at HUUF.

*Harriet Hill*



## Member bio

I’ve been a member of the Fellowship since 1998. My partner/spouse Cynthia Chason and I chose the Fellowship after speaking to the congregation in our professional roles and finding a home in its shared values and an open hearted/minded search for truth. I have always found spirituality and social action intertwined in my desire to make the world a better place.

I was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1943 into a practicing Presbyterian family and grew up in New Jersey, Toronto (Canada), San Francisco, and New York City. In seeking an understanding of how and why the world was the way it was with its inequalities, injustices and rationalizations I got a BA in Social Science from U.C. Berkeley and was active in the Free Speech Movement and Civil Rights actions in the Bay Area. I spent each summer in church projects with youth in inner city New York, a Tlinget tribe in Sitka, Alaska and the Pima Tribe in Arizona. I spent a year studying theology in Scotland. I went on to get a M.Phil from Yale in Intellectual History (1969) before deciding to make history instead of studying it.

I lived in the Bay Area for 20 years teaching, baking in a collective bakery, leading art and ecology camps, coordinating a senior meal service and finally working up to directing the San Francisco Food Bank. My transition job to moving here was as coordinator of the California Food Network.

I moved here in 1988 to be with Cynthia. After being a volunteer coordinator at the Area One Agency on Aging I helped start the Humboldt County Coalition for Food and Housing which led to becoming County Homeless Coordinator. When funding ended I joined Humboldt Women for Shelter. During the Bush years from 2000-2006 I coordinated a national radio interview project (Mainstream Media Project) and finished my working years as a Medicare counselor back with the Area One Agency on Aging.

I continue to grow in my spiritual understanding through study, meditation and worship; and, through service as chair of the Worship Associates, officiating weddings and memorials, and grassroots community organizing with the Senior Action Coalition and True North. I am inspired by all of you.

*Bonnie MacGregor.*



## Service Auction

Summer is here. Which means picnics, beach trips, vacations, baseball and much more fun. This year it also means the it's time to think about our Super Service Auction and what you can contribute. Our auction will be held on Saturday, **October 3**, from 3 to 7 p.m. You will be receiving a donation form in early August, so you have plenty of time to ponder what you can donate. In the past, theme dinners, and social outings, tickets to events, classes and services such as transportation, yard work, and pet sitting have been hot items. Be creative: remember our goal is to have fun *and* raise money for the Fellowship.

Our theme this year is "Batters Up." We will again have a country store area, called "The Dugout" which will include homemade craft items, special baseball mementos, a special Christmas corner and children's toys and books. If you have questions about this area, please contact AnnaMae Botley or Judy Rishel. A dinner of baseball game delights including barbequed burgers, hot dogs, salad and dessert will be served from 3-7.

The deadline for returning donation forms to the HUUF office, or the Cracker Jack Box in the foyer is **September 8**. As donation forms are received they will be included in the playing field hung in the Foyer, and will be listed in the Auction Catalog. Forms received after the deadline will be listed in a separate insert to be distributed the day of the auction.

So, Batters Up. Mark the date on your calendar, think about your donations and if you want to join the team to make this happen, or have questions, call me.

*JoAnn Thomas.*



## Treasures to Treasury

It is said that "anything you can not relinquish, when it outlives its usefulness, possesses you." The Fellowship is graciously offering to cast out the demons that possess you by taking those outlived treasures off your hands. The Fellowship will then sell these items and acknowledge the cash received from your donation. The fine details of this ongoing fundraiser will be adjusted as it evolves. At present, there are two ways to donate your items for resale.

**Sale on ebay:** We have made arrangements for an A1 ebay seller, who has all the connections like ebay sales history, paypal arrangements, shipping worldwide, etc. to sell donated items on ebay. Items for ebay sale should be 'smaller than a breadbox,' of some worth, and in good condition. Bring items to the Fellowship or give to Berti for Berti to catalogue it submit to our seller. He will research the item and try to sell it on ebay, ship the sold item, collect funds and deposit a portion of the funds with the Fellowship. With what ebay charges, Paypal charge, shipping, and seller expense, the Fellowship will net between 50-60% of the sales price. Make sure you provide known information about your item and put your name on the box/container. If it does not sell, the item will be returned to you if you desire. Use your imagination: Old baseball cards, collections that uncle Harvey left you, the vase that Aunt Susie bequeathed to you, books of worth, vintage clothing, records and recordings, etc.

**Yard Sale:** Berti and Jo will be having a barnyard sale on **August 23**. Any suitable item that is donated to the Fellowship will be for sale at their barnyard sale. All proceeds of donated items will go to the Fellowship. Berti and Jo would appreciate assistance if there are lots of donations. Tools, ice chests, furniture, etc. Berti and Jo may be able to help with transportation of donated items. We'd prefer to get items after August 1 so we don't have to store them while we sort our stuff. Just let us know what is coming.

With a little bit of magic, and a lot of work, we can cast off those demons that possess us. Questions: 476-065 or bertijo@humboldt1.com

*Berti Welty, Jo Weisgerber*



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