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Greetings and Well Wishes to all of our members,

The UUFBC Board had a meeting this week and reviewed progress on planning for the Annual Meeting, and live Sunday Services. Also discussed was the possibility of launching one or more small groups that would meet regularly with the assistance of Zoom. Board members reported that they enjoyed the phone conversations they shared with many of you and appreciated the comments and suggestions you offered.

As a part of our series on Board members, we have a biographical summary from Lynne Siegfried, Vice-President.

Lynne was the oldest of 4 children, born and raised in Miami, Florida. Following an adolescent desire to be a veterinarian, and after a few years of pre-vet courses at the University of Florida, she was accepted into Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine. She married a fellow student while at Auburn and before graduation in 1964, 2 baby boys had been born. After graduation, the family moved to rural Wisconsin where her husband was in a dairy practice and Lynne attended graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, majoring in veterinary pathology and minoring in medical pathology. Shortly after graduation, the 3rd son was born, completing the family of 4 males and Lynne.

Lynne began working as a veterinary pathologist at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This was a 40-mile trip from home in Columbus, Wisconsin where she encountered every possible combination of weather condition over the 10 years. The marriage dissolved and Lynne and sons moved to Madison, WI. All in all, Wisconsin residency lasted 25 years.

In 1990, Lynne joined the US Department of Agriculture, working in Ames, Iowa as the Associate Director of the Veterinary Services Animal Disease Diagnostic and Research Laboratory. In 1993, she married Anthony Gallina, a retired fellow diagnostic pathologist she had long known professionally. Their future with USDA took them and their cats to Harrisburg, PA, where Lynne worked as the Area Veterinarian in Charge, then to Veterinary Services headquarters outside of Washington, DC where she worked as a Senior Staff Veterinarian in the bird flu control program.

On retirement in 2005, Lynne and Tony moved to Panama City, FL where they resumed some of their favorite activities. Tony produced exquisite Italian meals and enjoyed his volunteer work with the Catholic Charities food bank. Lynne picked up her clarinet again and joined the Bay Community Wind Band, then learned to play the bagpipes, eventually joining the Panama City Pipes and Drums. When Tony passed away in 2014, her feline friends helped fill lonely times.

Lynne has maintained a membership in UU over the years, starting with the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright church in Madison, then joining the church in Ames, and finally the Fellowship here in Panama City. Lynne has served as the Treasurer and Vice-President of UUFBC and has participated in many social justice activities. Lynne says that the Fellowship is an important part of her life.

Thank you, Lynne, for sharing your story. Many blessings to all,

The Board of Directors, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County



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Sunday Services: Join us on September 6th at 10:30 AM as our virtual Sunday worship services return on-line with Reverend Tiffany Sapp and her presentation entitled, "Broken and Worthy".

Tiffany let us know that volunteers are needed for this service, specifically Readers with a phone that can take video. Tiffany will send you complete instructions, Deadline to volunteer is Tuesday, September 1st. Email tiffanysappuu@gmail.com and put READER VOLUNTEER in the subject line of the email.

Also needed are volunteers to be Slide Contributors. Contribute an original photo, brief original video clip, or a photo of your or your child's artwork that connects to the monthly theme of Renewal in some way. Email your contributions to tiffanysappuu@gmail.com and put RENEWAL in the subject line of the email. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, September 2nd.

Sharing the Faith: Our Fellowship received a friendly note in the mail from our member, MaryBeth Ferrary. We are sorry to hear that she recently had some difficulty, but we're happy to know that she is on the mend and doing better. Thanks, MaryBeth, for staying in touch!

If you know someone who could use a shout out in this newsletter, let us know!

Social Justice: Get Out the Vote / Souls to the Polls

Please save the dates of October 25th and November 1st, both Sundays. Details are not yet available, but planning is in process for "Get Out the Vote" events in the afternoon on both days. Our Fellowship has participated in Souls to the Polls in the past and we had a great time lining up our cars in a caravan and driving from the Fellowship, horns honking, to the Supervisor of Elections Office to cast our ballots. (See photo on page 3.)

By doing this, we can publicize the importance of voting and getting it done timely prior to election day. This year, we will likely drive to the Glenwood Community Center to vote and to advertise that the center is one of the Super Site Polling Places and open for Early Voting.

We are looking at the best ways to participate while maintaining our health, safety and social distancing. Other churches are also planning to be part of the Souls to the Polls events and we have arranged for media coverage.

If you would like to be part of the planning and/or on-site coordination for the Souls to Polls events, please contact Jo Shaffer at jnshaffer@aol.com.



SOULS TO THE POLLS, OCTOBER 2016

LET AMERICA BE AMERICA AGAIN

By Langston Hughes Published: 1936

O, let America be America again—
The land that never has been yet—
And yet must be—the land where every man is free.
The land that's mine—the poor man's, Indian's, Negro's, ME—
Who made America,
Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain,
Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain,
Must bring back our mighty dream again.

Be well. Keep safe. Stay home when you can. Wear your gear when you can't stay home.

Look for the next issue of the UUFBC E-News on Saturday, September 5th.

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