

October Calendar

- October 4: **Discussion: Bob Ellis**
Program: Alan Nelson
"Recollections"
Refreshments: Joan Burns
- October 10: All Cluster Picnic
- October 11: 9:30 a.m. **Board Meeting**
- October 11: Bring items for the Free Clinic
- October 11: **Discussion: Hal Sims**
Program: Angel Shoemaker
"Free Clinic"
Refreshments: Liz Dudash
- October 16: **Movie Night:** "Enchanted"
- October 18: **Share Sunday:** Half of the loose collection today will be given to the Free Clinic
- October 18: **Discussion:** Beth Marshall
Program: Joan Burns
"My Life, Part 2"
Refreshments: Frances Harper
- October 25: 9:30 a.m. - **Program Committee Meeting**
- October 25: **Discussion:** Thom Foley
Program: Retsuko Sims
"Have you eaten rice today?"
Refreshments: Margaret Evans
- October 30: **Pot Luck Supper**

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Oct. 12 | Annie Shuri |
| Oct. 18 | Jean Fernandez |
| Oct. 19 | Hal Sims |
| Oct. 21 | Liam Sharp |
| Oct. 23 | Jean O'Brien |

President's Message

Watching the "news" programs or listening to the radio can be very confusing. It seems the "news" is so slanted one way or the other that the truth or what is fact is hard to know. What has this to do with religion, ethics and morality? This country is at a crossroads. If it doesn't fix the health insurance problems, and the Wall Street/banking mess and the energy problems, we will lose our position in the world. It seems those with money and power are doing everything they can do to stop any changes that might reduce their positions.

I am more frightened now than I was during the previous administration because then I had hope that a new government would make the changes necessary. Now I am losing hope because the hard stuff is not being done. I invite anyone to speak to me about these issues and even to write their own message.

Liz Dudash

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The Fifth Annual All Cluster Picnic

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 11:00 AM
Hosted by Spirit of Life - Unitarian Universalists
18412 Burrell Road, Odessa, Florida
Phone (813) 792-1622

Featuring!

- *Dining beneath the beautiful Pavilion, a wonderful place for children
- *Burgers, hot dogs, drinks and paper goods provided
- *Bring a Picnic dish to share
- *A Drama by the Cluster Players

There are maps at the Fellowship - and we can carpool.

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Meet us for breakfast at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays at Kissin' Cuzzins, 34th St. and 10th Ave. No.

Pines Update: October 2009

RE: the ongoing upgrade project at the Pines Conference Center. For those unfamiliar with the facility, the Pines (AKA: *UU in the Pines*) is located near Brooksville, on 14 lovely acres of lush Florida forest. Oaks, pines, magnolias, and abundant foliage common to upland hammocks frame the site. The grounds are graced by a Main Lodge, with its Great Hall, meeting rooms, library, dining hall, and kitchen, as well as three guest houses which can accommodate up to 65 people. The pool, gazebo, fire circle, Peace Chapel, and campsites for those who prefer tents to bedrooms, augment the site. The Center is enjoyed by individuals and by large groups, by those seeking a brief sanctuary, as well as those using the facility to host formal conferences and other gatherings.

Three members of our Fellowship serve on the Pines Board: Bud Evans, Geoff Sharp, and I. Bud has been a longtime supporter and sponsor, and Geoff has organized two "working weekend" retreats since July, designed to balance volunteer labor with the unique recreational opportunities in the area. For example, we toasted marshmallows on Friday night, did a variety of chores on Saturday (while the kids swam in the pool), had a cookout/campfire that evening, and on Sunday I took Patrick canoeing on the nearby Withlacoochee River.

We have settled into a routine of "Volunteer Mondays," in order to provide regular, ongoing volunteer time to improve this gem of natural Florida. I invite willing and able members to join us. Contact Bud, Geoff, or me, and come on up to the Pines and spend a wonderful day helping to make one of the finer places on our "interconnected web" even nicer. The Pines has much to offer.

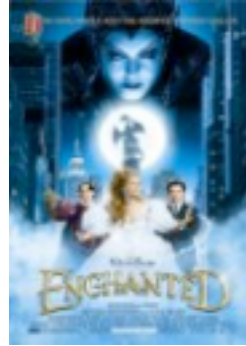
Thom Foley

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MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, October 16th
at 7 p.m. Join us at
the Fellowship for the
film "Enchanted".
Popcorn will be
provided. Bring
drinks and snacks to
share.

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POT LUCK SUPPER

Where: Marilyn & Stanley Kaminski's
1601 43rd St. No. Unit 139
321-2155

When: Friday, October 30th
6:30 p.m.

There will be a signup sheet at the Fellowship.

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Join us for yoga (for mature bodies) Mondays
and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. Bring a mat
or towel to lie on.

Remember: GoodSearch.com/Goodshop will give rebates
to the Fellowship based on your usage.

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