UNITY OF INNER PEACE NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL, 2018

Dear Unity Friends,

WELL, WE'VE DONE IT! Had a rousing Annual Meeting during which time we had a shift in Board members. For those of us who have been working together for so long, it feels like an earthquake. For the rest of you, we hope you will observe a smooth transition, knowing that Unity of Inner Peace is still alive and that NEW BLOOD WILL BRING FRESH IDEAS. The new Board is listed below, officers to be elected at the next Board meeting.

New members - Lee Ossenheimer, Dan Michelsen Returning members - Militza English, David McGowan, Gail Razavi, Steve Schmunk, Bill Waters, Rich Leinonen-alternate

As retiring President, I'd like to say that having been active to the max since 2001, either on the Board or with music, Unity of Inner Peace gradually became the center of my life. The planning, activities, communications, even friendships became my job, volunteer as it was. And guess what? I wouldn't have traded it for anything. Unity talks about "As you give, so shall you receive," and I have been bountifully blessed in ways I could never have foreseen. So thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to Unity's next "incarnation."

Our retiring Secretary, Ann Russ, has this to say: "I'd like to give thanks to all of you for the opportunity to serve once again on Unity's Board. It's been an honor and a pleasure to work with the Board these last few years. I'm deeply appreciative of the commitment, creativity, hard work, humor and comraderie of this Board - all of which has truly served and benefited the spiritual community we know and love as Unity of Inner Peace. I am especially proud of both the variety and quality of the spiritual lessons offered at the Sunday services in 2017 - such richness! Peace, Ann."

And our continuing VP, Steve Schmunk, says a "heartfelt goodbye and great appreciation to our outgoing Board members; a hearty welcome to our New Board members, and an enthusiastic 'thank you' to our continuing Board members."

We continue to rise in love. Judy McGowan

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

April 1

Speaker, **Dan Michelsen**. We celebrate **Easter** with Dan's recitation of "The Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, the language of Jesus." He will then translate from Aramaic into English.

April 8

Speaker, Richard Leinonen. "The Bhagavad Gita: the foundational thought of Hinduism."

April 15

Speaker, **Helen Haskell Remien.** "The Magic of Beginnings: What is Pulsing Within You Longing to Spring Forth?!?"

April 22

Speaker, Craig Teed. "God and The After Life: Can you have one without the other?"

April 29 ***********POTLUCK*********

Speaker, Bill Waters: "The Role of Humor and Especially Laughter in the Life of Christ - Part 2." Bonus,

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

You are invited to be a part of Brandon Young's new meditation classes which are taking place on Wednesdays at noon at the Masonic temple lounge.

We received a "Happy Easter" card to all from Reverend Ruth Singer.

Judy and David McGowan have gifted Unity of Inner Peace with two dozen copies of the Unity booklet, "I AM GOD'S SONG: The Inspired Wisdom of James Dillet Freeman." Freeman was Unity's Poet Laureate, and is responsible for many of the Unity movements most memorable and profound writings. You are invited to pick up a copy at the sign up and announcement table on Sunday morning.

PRAYER SUPPORT:

Some of our Unity Friends are unable to attend services on Sunday mornings. For them we invite prayers of affirmation for their wholeness, and knowledge that we care. They are Carol Birnbaum, Darlene Herkins, and Bob Lamb. We invite ongoing prayers for Dorit Stilling's Highest Good, and special prayers for the father of Gail Razavi - that his heart is strengthened, as well as for Gail herself - that we see her shoulder well, strong and flexible.

Also, always remember that Silent Unity is ready to receive your call should you want them to pray with you or for you. Call 1 (800) NOW PRAY. That is, <u>1 (800) 669-7729</u>. They are available 24/7.

BIRTHDAYS: May your birthday be the happiest ever -

Angela Johnson, April 10 Brandon Young, April 21 Patti Barton, April 28

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Our meetings/services are held at the clubhouse of the Marquette Federated Women's Clubs at 104 W. Ridge St., Marquette, MI 49855. We begin at 10:00 AM Eastern Time. Please check our website at <u>unityofinnerpeace.org</u> or visit our Facebook page at <u>HTTPS://www.facebook.com/Unity-of-Inner-Peace-918296191554881/</u> for further information.

We offer the services of Ann Russ as Celebrant.

"We welcome you with love and peace. Our vision is a healed world."