

Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



A Welcoming Congregation

February 2006

February Sunday Services

February 5, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

What Are Humans For (in Cosmic Perspective)?

Rev. Bode. This will be the first of two sermons related to perhaps the most basic religious/philosophical question we can ask, namely: what (if anything) can we say about our place in the scheme of things. (See my ministerial column in this newsletter for more detail.)

February 12, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

What Are Humans For (in Earthly Perspective)?

Rev. Bode. This is a companion sermon to the sermon of February 5. And whereas the first sermon looks at our place in the vast expanse of space, this will one return to earth to see what we humans are (or should or could be) for our home base.

February 19, 10:30 A.M. at the Fort Worden Commons

No adult services at QUUF. This Sunday the entire adult congregation is invited to attend the service of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Commons Building in Fort Worden. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. with The Rev. Rick Davis from Salem, Oregon speaking on creativity and art under the sermon title, "Create and Bless the World."

Parents planning to attend the service at Fort Worden, please take your child(ren) to QUUF at 10 a.m. Kathy Walker is planning a very special "Children's Chapel" service in the sanctuary. Following the Fort Worden service you can return to QUUF to pick up your child(ren). Parking for the service at Fort Worden is suggested in front of the USO Building.

February 26, 9:15 & 11:15 A.M.

Guest Minister: Rev. Lena Breen.

Sermon title: *Consulting the Runes*

Runes can be a tool for spiritual seekers. As Unitarian Universalists we are often called upon to heal our planet and all its people. That takes fortitude. Rune casting is helpful, playful, intuitive, and is a personal oracle for us to use.

Rev. Breen has served our Association as Religious Educator and Minister for 23 years. She has worked at University Unitarian Church, West Seattle Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist Association headquarters, Starr King School For The Ministry, Unitarian Church of Vancouver, BC, and is currently serving Skagit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Presently she is also Director/Owner/Teacher of the Mount Vernon Yoga Center. Lena is a certified Pastoral Counselor, Chaplain, Yoga Instructor, and Vipassana Meditator. When not working, she enjoys her cabin on a remote San Juan Island, gardening, bicycling, volunteering at the youth jail, and spending time with family and friends.

Hospitality Needed February 17 & 18:

Do you have a guest room available for 1 or 2 UU's while they attend the 2006 Pacific NW District Annual General Meeting at Fort Worden? No meals required. If you can help, please call Barb Boelling, 379-3424 ASAP.

The complete event calendar is
available on our website:
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February Sunday Services



I'm writing this column in the car – passenger seat – heading back to Port Townsend after several days of quiet in the Anza Borrego Desert (located about seventy miles east and north of San Diego over the coastal mountains). Each of the past five days Flossie and I have watched the sun rise over the desert floor and in the evening the moon rise over northern mountains. In this place of limited precipitation and sparse vegetation, human nature recedes and the elemental realities of light, sky, and rock come forward. Cactus and coyotes, jackrabbits and rattlers (none seen, fortunately), are also presences in this place.

While in the desert I also spent a number of hours re-reading the poems of Robinson Jeffers – this in advance of an upcoming QUUF adult class. In his gloomier moments (of which there are many), Jeffers regards the evolution of human consciousness as a devolution:

For often I have heard the hard rocks I handled
Groan, because lichen and time and water dissolve them,
And they have to travel down the strange falling scale
Of soil and plants and the flesh of beasts to become
The bodies of men; they murmur at their fate
In the hollows of windless nights, they'd rather be anything
Than human flesh played on by pain and joy,...

(from "Margrave")

And though as a human being Jeffers is indicted (as he admits) along with the rest of humanity in spreading the "contagion" of consciousness, he takes the side of the "inorganic glory" of things, the soulless realities of rock, water, sky, and sun. Paradoxically, he finds more beauty and meaning in those things that are less conscious than in those things that are more conscious.

With these double spurs as goads – desert solitude and the perspective of Robinson Jeffers – I thought I'd begin our services in February (February 5 and 12) with two sermons relating to the place of humans in the broad sweep of things – "What Are Humans For?"

Then on Sunday, February 19 there will be no adult services at QUUF. Instead, you are all cordially invited (and encouraged) to attend the Sunday service of the Annual General Meeting held in the Commons Building on Fort Worden beginning at 10:30 a.m. The minister leading this service is The Rev. Rick Davis, long-time minister at the UU Congregation of Salem, Oregon. You may expect approximately 300 fellow Unitarian Universalists from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to be present for this service as part of this weekend retreat (which I hope some of you are also planning to attend). Please note that Kathy Walker will be organizing a children's chapel in our sanctuary. Parents can drop their children off at QUUF and retrieve them after the service at Fort Worden.

To complete the Sundays of this month, we will have a guest minister on February 26 – the Rev. Lena Breen from the Skagit UU Fellowship in Mount Vernon (see sermon schedule for details). While Rev. Breen is speaking here, I will be in Los Angeles area preaching at the UU Church of the Verdugo Hills in La Crescenta, California in the morning and then as the featured speaker at a Roundtable Discussion on church-related concerns in the afternoon. This is a series of discussions for Unitarian Universalist congregational leaders initiated by UUA President, William Sinkford. This invitation to speak is related to QUUF's selection as "Breakthrough Congregation" in 2005 and our presentation last June at the General Assembly in Fort Worth. How about that!

On the Road, January 20, 2006

Office Offerings

"Love, love, love, love is all you need"... so sang the Beatles. We know love is a big part of what happens here at QUUF-- a by product of what we do and why we take care of each other. Of course there are more things that people need, and we can provide some of those, too. Let's face it though, the "fab four" knew the simple truth of happiness. Love and be loved.

We do love our volunteers! Thanks go to the NLGTPT team for the January newsletter: Marilyn Lovell, Helen Oakland, and Mona Steffle

Music Notes



Heads Up – Save the date of **Sunday, March 19th, at 4 p.m.** for a recital by soprano Linda Bach. The proceeds of this performance will be divided between the Music Program and the Building Fund.

Growth News –

In January all three committees (Building Options, Capital Campaign and Long Range Planning) met several times.

LRP is finishing the Brainstorming Tool, the document incorporating suggestions from committee chairs, staff, and members of the congregation. This will tell the planning group what kind of space increase you think QUUF will need and what you want to see happen in that space.

Capital Campaign has arranged for an Assessment Visit from UUA representative Aggie Sweeney, to take place March 3, 4, and 5. This will help identify the current strengths and weaknesses of QUUF and foresee any roadblocks to the building process. As soon as the congregation has voted to back a building plan, a feasibility study will be done to learn how the congregation will back this building plan with financial commitment.

Building Options members have visited several churches in the Puget Sound area to look at different spaces and how they are used. They have checked out others on the web. They have created three possible options, presented them to the board, and discussed them at BOC meetings. They will meet soon with an architect for an informal conversation to explore possibilities and potential costs.

Marcia Lewton, Liaison

From the Board

Expansion:

The Board of Trustees is thinking a good deal about expansion this year. The good news is that QUUF is moving ahead! Subsequent to the city's vacating 23rd Street (a decision that will make our lots much more buildable), the Board allocated \$1000 to have the property surveyed--a vital step before building plans can be made and permits acquired.

In January, the Board met with chairs of the Capital Campaign, Long-Range Planning, and Building Options Committees to find out how things are going and what we can do to help.

All three of these vital expansion committees have made significant progress. Long-Range Planning is working to make sure future facilities match our goals and aspirations. It has held small group discussions and is gathering input through its brainstorming tool.

Capital Campaign has invited UUA Consultant Aggie Sweeney to visit QUUF the weekend of March 3-5 to help us figure out how to get "from here to there."

Finally, Building Options is preparing three expansion options (small, medium, and large) to present to the congregation for a commitment vote in June. (see pg.4)

Goals:

In order to keep its sights focused on the big picture and a long-term vision for the fellowship, the Board has spent time on goal setting and constructed a chart of its missions, goals, and specific objectives, as well as concrete action steps for this term. We would like to share with you our three primary goals:

- Move QUUF from adolescence toward prime by strengthening the committee structure and working toward becoming policy makers rather than micro-managers.
- Work toward a decision on growth by supporting our expansion committees. Our goal is to have a congregational decision on expansion by this June.
- Nourish new attendees and members while attending to the needs of long-term members. Among other efforts, we're going to be wearing our "board member" buttons to make ourselves more visible and accessible to you. Please feel free to introduce yourself and bend our ears regarding your questions, concerns, hopes, and bright ideas.

Children & Youth Religious Education

DRE Kathy Walker kwalker@olympus.net

CYRE Calendar

Feb 2	Parents of 7-9 th OWL meeting 7-8:30
Feb 5	Mystery Pal sign up deadline
Feb 8	Parents of 5 th grade OWL meeting 7-8:30
Feb 12	YRUU Polar Plunge
Feb 17-19	AGM
Feb 19	One QUUF RE SESSION – 10:00
Feb 22-28	Church Hosting Homeless Men
Feb 26	Mystery Pals exchange
Mar 5, 12	Mystery Pals exchange
Mar 19	Find Out Sunday 12:30
To Be Scheduled:	Preschool Family Get Together

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

I hope you have all considered attending AGM if you are so inclined. The speakers will be top-notch, and it is wonderful to be part of the larger UU community. The Sunday morning worship service is open to all; there will be no QUUF service that morning. But, there will be RE. It will be held at the same time as the AGM worship service. You may drop your children off here, then head to the Fort. It will be at 10:30, children can be brought here no earlier than 10:00. A few volunteers will be needed to help Karmen and I run RE. Let us know if that could be you.

Mystery Pals

Join us in our popular UU Program that encourages communication between the generations and fosters fun and fellowship. The idea is for adults and children to get to know one another while their identities remain TOP SECRET. Pals communicate with each other by way of Mystery Pal Pockets that are hung in the RE building and the sanctuary. The deadline for sign up is Feb 5th. Exchanges happen Feb 26th, Mar 5th & 12th. Find Out Sunday is at 12:30 on March 19th. All participants must be present. We especially need grandma and grandpa types to sign up. More information is attached to the applications which can be found in the clipboard holder and on the RE table.

Social and Environmental Justice

In our Sunday morning Religious Education classes we began the year with the theme, "UU Identity." We want our children to be able to articulate their faith, know what it means to be a UU. As you know, it is not a simple task. Beginning in January we shifted our focus, for the older children, to the theme of Social and Environmental Justice. The 3 older classes spent some time defining peace and justice, role playing situations and creating lists of human needs, rights and responsibilities. With the help of material from the Southern Poverty Law Center, and their program "Teaching Tolerance", we will explore this topic in more depth. We look forward to expanding our understanding and our commitment to social and environmental awareness.

Peace Dove

The Peace Dove on display in the RE building was created by Phoebe Huffman and the PT Friends Meeting. Freda was made with love and care to be enjoyed by all in the community. She is nesting with us for a while, but is willing to travel. If you have a good location where the message of peace could be spread, speak to Kathy. There are 95 peace word tiles covering the sculpture.

YRUU Polar Bear Plunge Feb 12

YRUU is having its annual Polar Bear Plunge on Feb 12th at 1pm!!! Keep an eye out for our young adults over the coming Sunday services as we circulate during the service for donations. Last year YRUU collected over \$600! Proceeds fund Youth Conference scholarships, van rentals, meals and activities for the youth group. YRUU donated 1/3 of last year's contributions to the local food bank, and helped prepare the Thanksgiving feast at the Tri Area Center.

While any amount is appreciated, we've devised a system to simplify the process for you: \$5 to go in up to our knees. \$10 to go in up to our waists. \$15 to go in completely. Come Bear witness to our plunge after the 2nd service on the 12th of February, 1pm at the Fort Worden kitchen shelter! Thanks from all of us at YRUU!"

Marc Gordon
gourdo@gmail.com

On February 26, at 12:30 in the Sanctuary the Building Options Committee invites you to a presentation and discussion on preliminary building options that are under consideration by the committee. Please plan to attend.

QUUF Events

Friendship Supper for February

The third Saturday evening, a group of people who are interested in QUUF will be gathering for the traditional potluck. Less traditional will be the food. I suggest that the guests bring their favorite consumable and share recipes. Wine, bread, salad, dessert—we will throw out the concept of a balanced meal and go with what we like best. That date is **Feb. 18**. If you would like to come, please contact Jenifer Taylor; 385-3666, jentaylor@olympus.net or sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary. It is up high on the left.

First Sunday Goodies

These treats are appreciated by all and if 24 people sign up, we each only have to be on duty once per year. The signup sheet disappeared last month so please make an effort to find it this month and indicate your willingness to perform this fairly minor task at least once in 2006!

Decadent Desserts/Volunteer Training: Feb. 12

This is a training/refresher course for our Sunday morning volunteers: ushers, greeters, coffee-makers, chalice-lighters. Luscious desserts will be provided. **Time is 3 to 5**, Sunday, Feb. 12. Call Elaine Nelson (379-9949) or Barb Dyer (379-0353) if you have questions.

Orientation is Saturday, February 11

From **9:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30**, Rev. Bode will lead a discussion of religious philosophy and representatives from religious education, the board and committee members will answer your questions. The membership committee will serve a light lunch. Childcare is available. If you have questions, please phone Barb Dyer at 379-0353.

Save the Date! Friday March 24 is QUUF's Famously Fun Stewardship Dinner!

With the theme of "Strengthen Commitment—Celebrate Community", this year's event will take place at the Erickson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Once again, our own comedic genius Robin Stemen is hard at work writing this year's play. Whether you're a member, friend or newcomer to QUUF, you're invited. Much more information will be provided in the March newsletter, and in the forthcoming Stewardship brochure. So mark your calendar now! Volunteers for organizing tables are invited to contact Marilyn Mitchell at 385-3277.

ALPs Adult Learning Programs

SCIENCE AND RELIGION GROUP will meet Sunday, February 5 at 7:00 in RE 2/3. We will be discussing the book "The Science of Good and Evil" by Michael Schermer, part 1 (pp. 1-138). In this book he discusses the origin of our innate sense of right and wrong, rejecting both moral relativism, and God as a source of morality. He proposes a "provisional morality" whose source is solely evolutionary, an interesting counterpoint to the Creationists' claim that accepting evolution leads to meaninglessness and the loss of morality. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jim Tough (385-3065, tough@olympus.net) for more details.

COURSES BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY- (you can still sign up)

THE POETRY OF ROBINSON JEFFERS: Robinson Jeffers was a fiercely naturalistic and highly controversial American poet. Though his poetry is generally accessible on a first reading, it is not for the faint of heart, for he was greatly disturbed at the human species' destruction of the natural world. At the same time, he has written powerfully beautiful passages in praise of the natural world, as well as some of the most tender expressions of love. Facilitator, Bruce Bode. I: 6 Fri., 10 AM-12, 2/3 - 3/17 (except 2/17); - OR - II: 6 Tues. 7-9PM, 2/7 - 3/14. Book purchase required. Contact Bruce, 379-0609, bruce@olympus.net

COGNITIVE SCIENCE: A PHILOSOPHER'S INPUT: "In any intellectual era there are certain overriding problems that form the horizon of intellectual life. In our era the leading problem is how to account for our common-sense conception of ourselves as conscious, free, mindful, rational agents in a world consisting entirely of mindless, meaningless, blind, purposeless, physical particles in fields of physical force." So begins a lecture by John Searle, a well known philosophy professor at the UC, Berkeley. He proposes to deal with such issues as whether human minds are some form of computer, and how minds/brains can be understood as biological phenomena. His alternative to dualism: "Biological Naturalism." Jim Oakland, 379-6561. Wed, 5-7, beginning 2/8.

JUNG AND THE PSYCHE: A viewing and discussion of three, one-hour long videos of Marie Louise von Franz, Ph.D., entitled "Remembering Jung". She was a colleague of C. G. Jung and considered by many to have

been Jung's foremost analyst and scholar. Lorna Wood, facilitator, is a Jungian Analyst Candidate and a physical therapist. She leads two Jungian study groups in B.C. and is the president of the Edinger Society, Pt. Townsend, a Jungian group. 2/9, 23, 3/9: 10-12N. \$20 donation. Contact Lorna at lornafwood@uniserve.com, or Bruce Bode, bruce@olympus.net

WEAVING THE FABRIC OF DIVERSITY: In eight highly participatory sessions, this workshop asks us to examine and challenge some of our "isms" - classism, racism, ableism, heterosexuality and ageism, to share feelings and experiences, to understand the language we use, and to gain anti-oppression skills. Facilitators: Marilyn Mitchell and Kathy Walker. Wednesdays 7-9PM, 3/1 - 4/19, RE 3&4. Contact Marilyn, 385-3277, mmitchell@cablespeed.com or Kathy, 385-4565, kwalker@mail.olympus.net

PREVIEW OF SPRING COURSES (tentative)

WHAT'S GONE AWRY WITH MUSIC? (Beatus Meier) A follow-up to last fall's "Music and the Mind" these sessions continue that general topic. What is sometimes described as "musical taste" can be seen as a product of societal conditioning--how does this fact play out in our present age? Over the course of the past many centuries music had become a form of high art; today, is it still an art form, or is it turning into a commodity? Will classical music survive only as a "museum?" In an age of unrestrained capitalism, political propaganda and the dictates of mass culture, is the idea of artistic heritage a lost cause?

OVERDOSED AMERICA (Gary Nelson) A discussion of "Overdo\$ed America: the Broken Promise of American Medicine" by John Abramson, MD. He argues that Americans are overmedicated as a result of the commercialization of health care. Falling prey to marketing campaigns, we demand unnecessary and expensive drugs and procedures, believing they constitute the best possible medical care. His response: more care doesn't necessarily mean better care; he argues that doctors should focus more on lifestyle. Co-sponsored with the Social Justice Committee.

LIFE (Jim Oakland. Four sessions in April.) What is this thing we call Life and how did it originate? Are viruses alive? Crystals? Can life be (IS it being-!) replicated by science? Are there other forms of life in the universe that are distinctly different than earth life? Does "Vitalism" still have a place in contemporary science?

EXPLORING A SENSE OF PLACE, A GROUP OF COURSES AND FIELD TRIPS. What do we know about why Puget Sound or Morgan Hill exists, or what birds live/nest here (and why here?), or why these trees or those flowers are part of the native landscape? Since the industrial revolution, we have become separated from nature, a costly change. Our culture, with its emphasis on a human- and money-centered worldview includes much that carelessly destroys nature, little on deeply knowing it and then caring for and preserving it. Connecting with the earth is the focus of this collection of classes and field trips.

DISCOVERING A SENSE OF PLACE (Helen Kolff and the Northwest Earth Institute). This course is the centerpiece, and addresses the meaning of place from a bio-regional perspective. Participants are asked to consider the benefits of developing a relationship with their place, and exploring what it means to protect the place they live.

FIELD TRIPS, e.g., Beginning Birding, Spring Flowers, The Shaping Of The Land By Glaciers, are an adjunct to the above course - OR - they can be taken on their own, as many or as few as wished.

ONGOING GROUPS

CONTRACT BRIDGE: Contact Barbara Jensen, 379-0556.

GROWING OLDER ("GO"): Contact Joyce O'Neal, joy-joy@olympen.com, 385-9659.

QUUF BOOK CLUB: Second Sunday each month, 7PM at Discovery View Apts, lounge, 1051 Hancock Street. Contact Barbara Dyer, 379-0353; dyer@olympus.net

EARLY BIRD SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION: Sundays, 8AM, RE-1. Bruce Bode, facilitator, bruce@olympus.net, 379-0609.

KNITTING: Tuesdays, 3-5PM. Conversation, friendship, advice on knitting projects. Beginners welcome! Contact Nancy Shipley 385-9024 or Nancy Richards 385-2797.

MEDITATION: Monday evenings 7-8:30PM. An ongoing meditation group meeting at the home of Clara Klug, 5515 Hendricks. Meditation for 45 minutes, then selected readings and discussion. Contact Clara at 385-1084.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUPS: Confidential peer support groups for women. Six are already in existence. Call Lee Faulkner, 379-3612, for information.

WIDOW/WIDOWER BREAKFAST CLUB: Thursdays, 8:30AM. Enjoy breakfast, support and friendship at Castagno's, 2123 Sims Way. Call Nancy Shipley, 385-9024 or Lars Watson, 385-5577.

**Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Assessment Visit with UUA
Fundraising Consultant
March 3-5, 2006**

As we work to determine building options for the future, we have hired a UUA Fundraising Consultant, Aggie Sweeney, to spend the weekend of March 3-5 with us to assess our plans and readiness for our capital expansion and future capital campaign. The consultant will be meeting with our board and committee leaders in small groups. Everyone is invited to attend one or both of these open sessions:

Pulling-It-All-Together Planning Workshop – Saturday, March 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the sanctuary. Please let Beth Wilmart (bwilmart@yahoo.com or 379-4684) know in advance if you are planning to come.

Open Forum (informational meeting, no vote will be taken) – After second service on Sunday, March 5 from 12:30 – 1:00 to hear the consultants' recommendations and clarify our next steps

Childcare is available for both of these sessions.

The consultant, Aggie Sweeney, brings with her a long history of fundraising and financial experience. She lives in Duvall, Washington and is an active member of the Woodinville UU Church. She has worked full-time as a fundraising consultant for the past seven years, following a 20-year career leading a number of nonprofit organizations. She is a member of the UUA's team of Congregational Fundraising Consultants.

There are three Assessment Visit goals. 1) The consultant will gather enough information to gain a clear sense of who we are and where we would like to go. 2) She will offer specific observations and recommendations to help us on our journey and 3) She will explain how the UUA can offer guidance and coaching as we move into the future. In addition, she will also answer the many questions we're sure to have!

Plan to attend! If you have questions, please contact Beth Wilmart at bwilmart@yahoo.com or 379-4684. We look forward to your active participation.

Church Hosting for the Homeless Project

We are one of three other churches opening our facility to provide shelter to homeless men during the month of February. With the support of additional volunteers from several more area churches and a staff person

courtesy of our local social service agency, OlyCAP, this pilot project is going to relieve a small group of men from their everyday worries about where to find shelter and meals during the coldest month of the year. Since this is a pilot project we are focusing on providing the most basic support so that a successful outcome this month will provide a strong sense of momentum for not only doing it again, but learning how we might do it even better the next time around. Our church will be the overnight host from Wednesday, **February 22nd through Tuesday, February 28th**. If you have occasion to refer a homeless person to this project, have them contact OlyCAP, DSHS, or the local police. If you would like to contribute to the success of this project, please call Social Justice Committee Chair Don Berg at (360) 774-1159 (donberg@bigplanet.com) or talk with Rev. Bruce Bode.

BSL/PT Sister City project

The Port Townsend-Bay St. Louis Sister City Project includes an interfaith group of churches here in Port Townsend working together to provide support in Bay St. Louis. QUUF is part of that group and their first very successful effort was to provide money for Christmas gifts for BSL kids. Now the churches are organizing 7-10 day trips down to work on rebuilding beginning in April. There is a contact in Bay St. Louis who will arrange housing at the Presbyterian Church there. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$500. For anyone interested in this project, there is a meeting at First Presbyterian on Feb. 1 at 7pm.

It is hoped that lists of interested people willing to make the trip can be compiled, and then from those lists the best time to travel will be determined. Hopefully, we will be able to have continuous groups willing to go down to help. If you are interested and miss the Feb. 1 meeting, please see Kendra Golden or call her at 379-6904. Also, please let Kendra know if you have airline miles that you would be willing to donate to help support this effort. First Presbyterian Church is definitely sending a group of youth in July and if there are youth from our congregation that are interested in joining this group, please also contact Kendra.

Recycling News

The GGRT (green glass recycle team) is truly amazed at the response of UU's to the call for green glass. Your team has been recycling a massive amount of green glass by the truckload. If you are not yet tuned

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Bring your napkin to church for Earth Day

"Eco Party" led by NW Earth Institute volunteers is advancing an Earth Day Everyday project. In January our ALP class looked for alternatives to disposables, toxic cleaners, energy loss, and waste collection in our homes and Fellowship. We are asking that you contribute one cotton napkin, white or print. Please store in the teacart. We have 2 volunteers who have offered to store and launder these so that we'll not need to use paper napkins which are non-recyclable.

Thank you for using disinfected white rags provided in the kitchen basket for spills on floors, and counters. Fewer trips to the landfill every month!

NWEI Steering Committee

Many thanks for the donations and the wonderful volunteers--too numerous to name--who made the Book Sale a huge success. We made about \$1400!

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Help support a community icon!

The PT Marine Science Center is holding its 2nd Annual Auction on **Sat. March 4, 2006** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Volunteers needed to help on March 3 and/or March 4. Get into the auction free if you work a volunteer shift before, during or after the event. Kitchen helpers, decorators, check in/out, etc. Please call UU member Jean Walat at 385-5582 x 112 if you can help.

Anybody Missing a Coat?

Mens size L, green and black, North Face cold weather shell. This attractive, quite new jacket is at Taylor's, probably left after a Friendship Supper a few months ago. It will be adopted soon if not claimed. Call Taylors 385-3666

Healthcare in Jefferson County

On **February 8**, the second Community Roundtable will focus on Jefferson Healthcare; with the CEO Victor Dirksen and some of the hospital commissioners available to answer questions. This gathering will take place at the Port Townsend Community Center in Uptown, from 7 to 9 pm. Coffee, tea and cookies (probably not healthy ones) will be available.

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into this free service, simply drop off your green glass (of course you can do the clear and brown glass locally) in the blue container behind the church outside the kitchen door. The rules are simple: no corks, no caps, no trash...no kidding. Your trusty GGRT does the rest. The glass is taken to Kitsap County where they accept the green along with lots of other stuff that Jeffco can't seem to manage. For details on Kitsap recycling, see the brochures on the sanctuary back wall or ask Don Dybeck. THANKS for your support. Your GGRT certainly appreciates the UU who left a full bottle of Pinot Noir in the container....yum yum.

Register for AGM 2006

"Creative Community"

Fort Worden State Park

Presidents' Day Weekend February 17-19

This year's PNWD Annual General Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for family fun and UU connection in one of the world's most beautiful spots. Go to www.pnwd.org for all the details. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Vivian Mulligan at VLIM98765@yahoo.com

