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Sunday Services - 10:00 am

August 4th: *"What's in a Name?"*

Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

We humans not only participate in creating our existence, we give the world meaning. We impulsively categorize our experiences, and identify ourselves and others by means of labels which include stereotypes, epithets, and diagnostic terminology. We approach life as particular beings who are this, but NOT THAT! Rev. Frank will invite us to recognize the limited value of categorical thinking and offer some suggestions about how we can both celebrate our individual uniquenesses AND enjoy growing into the unity and wholeness available through spiritual practice in beloved community.

August 11th: *"Fabulous Yellow Roman Candles"* Jennifer White and Renee Altson

Mental illness is an equal-opportunity illness. Every one of us is impacted by it. One in five adults is dealing with this illness, and many are not seeking help because the stigma prevents them from taking that step. Come break stigma with us as we explore what mental illness looks like in our own beloved community.

August 18th: *"Different Ways of Knowing"* Rev. Frank Placone-Willey

There are diverse kinds of knowledge available to humankind, and diverse paths for exploring and developing these different ways of knowing. Among other things, today's reflection will remind us to:

- stay committed to the free search for truth and meaning;
- remain open to every corner of human experience, history and learning for inspiration,

understanding, and wisdom; and

· resist the ideological hegemony and narrow-mindedness that would overthrow and suppress our wondrous capacities for creativity, cooperation, conscientiousness and constructive work. Artists, students of consciousness and culture, scientists, those who work with systems, whether living or inorganic... You and your particular ways of knowing are all welcome here!

August 22nd: *Remembrance Gathering for Jai Ghorpade*

Please join us for this informal gathering at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary as we remember Jai with his loving wife, Suzanne.

August 25th: *“Theatrical Folk Tales from Many Lands”*

All summer long our children and youth have been working with Nancy Howe to hone their theatrical skills from the Chalice Theater program, and to create this special service for you in a readers’ theater format. Each tale is entertaining, as well as illustrates various UU principals that we value as part of our faith tradition. The Masters’ Art Camp will also be featured this Sunday. They will have a gallery of works displayed for all to see. Don’t miss out on this special summer service for all ages!

Attention! *The Scene at Summit’s* September 2013 edition deadline will be *Monday, August 26th.*

Another Way to Stay Informed

The newsletter you are reading is our monthly *Scene at Summit*.

If you wish to receive the weekly Summit Enews in your email, contact Pam Kerr at Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net and I will be happy to add you to the email list.

FROM THE MINISTER’S ROLLTOP:

“What I Gleaned While On Vacation and Study Leave”

On July 25th, I returned from my three and a half weeks away, rested, a little more tan, and inspired to jump into the activities of this new Fiscal Year. My email box was stuffed with emails to cull through and respond to; Linda Peck and other Summitarians were ready to share with me the news concerning those in our fellowship who might need a call; My desk was overflowing with books and articles to read; I filled my new bookshelves to capacity with books I brought back with me that I have read or plan to read.

It’s all good, and I’m happy to be back.

While away I got domestic and did some housecleaning. I washed the dogs. I spent a few days in the mountains with Pilar. I read Dan Brown’s *Inferno*, two books on Transcendentalism, and a biography of Gandhi. I watched a 5 hour DVD series on the history of Unitarian Universalism. I did some Summit planning. I engaged in 95 contact hours of

continuing education, 23 of which were in the areas of law and ethics, HIV-AIDS, and the psychosocial needs of our aging population. The remaining 72 hours were collected through 10 days of intensive work with psychologist and spiritual explorer Stephen Gilligan, working on the relationships between trance work, creativity and states of flow. The greatest personal learning I took away from all this study was that compassion is not only a state of being, it is also a skill that can be intentionally developed. I also returned with a much-deepened appreciation for the beauty and uniqueness each of us brings to life--well expressed in this poem by Rilke (translated by Barrows and Macy):

The hour is striking so close above me,
so clear and sharp,
that all my senses ring with it.
I feel it now: there's a power in me
to grasp and give shape to my world.
I know that nothing has ever been real
without my beholding it.
All becoming has needed me.
My looking ripens things
And they come toward me, to meet and be met.

Namaste, ~ Rev. Frank

FROM OUR SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Summitarians!

This is my first article as your new board president; and first of all I want to thank you the congregation for electing me and allowing me the privilege of serving all the wonderful members and friends of our fellowship. It is my honor and an office which I hope to serve honorably and effectively.

I attended both the first Western Regional Assembly in San Jose, CA in April and the UUA General Assembly in Louisville, KY in June. I thoroughly enjoyed both meetings and spent most of my time there attending workshops about governance and covenant. Through those topics we learned about working together as communities to ensure continued positive fellowship and to expand our collective values, mission, and ends (strategic plan) toward common goals. Some of these ideas will be shared with the board of directors at our upcoming annual retreat and then passed on to the congregation in future communications and meetings.

One of the things we will be discussing and voting on this fall is the new 5 Year Strategic Plan that will guide our future as a congregation and a community, as well as how we might influence the larger community. Other issues for discussion are a few potential bylaws amendments to help us progress toward a more democratic community. Look for upcoming announcements for a series of town hall meetings around these issues and **PLAN TO PARTICIPATE AND VOTE**.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our Summit UUF staff and volunteers, in any capacity, because we cannot function as a community without you! This includes our board members and the many volunteers who make up our committees and work to support Sunday Café, the Walden Project, Children's Religious Exploration staff, teachers, mentors, and nursery staff, choir and musicians, Homeless Shelter hosts and servers, our social activists, office and grounds staff, and anyone and everyone who helps out at Summit in any other way I've missed! It's always been truly amazing to me how many members and friends provide volunteer services to the Summit UU Fellowship community and beyond. It truly does "take a village"!

I look forward to getting to know each of you better in the upcoming year and to serving you in whatever way is needed.

Jennifer Gorman

From Your Membership Committee

Dear Summit Members and Friends,

We are at an exciting time in the Life of our Fellowship. We'll soon begin a year-long series of celebrations in honor of our 25th Anniversary, a Summit cookbook is being created, and we'll be having a picnic service at Santee Lakes in October. Summit is a welcoming, compassionate place to be busy with one another, and our message is getting out. More people have been coming to Sunday services to find out who we are! The facilities committee has worked into the budget more chairs for the sanctuary, but until we get them we would like to ask everyone to take notice of empty seats and "bunch up" to make room for our late arrivals and guests. When visitors can't find seats they rarely return. So let's be a more welcoming congregation and offer seats to others who have found blessed community of seekers! Thank you for all you do for Summit and one another. ~ Membership Committee

Greetings from Summit's Legislative Ministry Team

Would you like to help change the immigration policy in the US? What about actively participating in the CA UU Legislative Ministry's "Summer of Immigration?" It's actually easier than you might think. UULM CA is having Telephone Gatherings for Immigration Fridays (TGIF) for 45 minutes every Friday this summer. These are phone conferences with the Executive Director of UULMCA, Rev. Lindi Ramsden, and the Director of UURISE (Refugee and Immigration Services and Education), Dan Stracka. The calls are from noon to 12:45, and

callers are given updates on CA and Federal Immigration bills, as well as suggestions of simple actions we can take. You may contact SUUF member Linda Ullrich: usbornebooks4u2@san.rr.com or UULMCA: immigrantjustice@uulmca.org for more information.

* Please read the below article from UUA.org.

"Jul 15, 2013

Grieving for Trayvon All Over Again

I am grieving Trayvon Martin's unnecessary death all over again...From the school-to-prison pipeline, to "stand your ground laws," to prison without parole, the judicial sentencing of adolescents in our society has criminalized Black and Brown bodies.

When I think of Trayvon Martin's last moments of life, I imagine a bewildered and scared 17-year-old acting out of the panic that even an adult would feel at being followed, stalked, and confronted by a stranger.

...Trayvon Martin wasn't just a victim of a trigger-happy George Zimmerman. Trayvon was a victim of Florida's bad laws. He was a victim of a society that criminalizes dark skin, criminalizes poverty, and criminalizes youth. This criminalization of youth and young adult males of color is a mindset that has been linked to institutional racism and white supremacy—a mindset that frames youth of color as criminal and dangerous.

...

In response to the Zimmerman verdict author Michelle Alexander wrote:

"If Trayvon Martin had been born white he would be alive today... If he had been white, he never would have been stalked by Zimmerman, there would have been no fight, no funeral, no trial, no verdict... It is the Zimmerman mindset that has birthed a penal system unprecedented in world history, and relegated millions to a permanent under-caste."

Standing on the Side of Love asserts that love is a force stronger than violence, hate, oppression, and I would add grief. But as Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. acknowledged, love without justice, is anemic.

Let us work for love and justice by building this movement.

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In faith, Taquiena Boston

Director, Multicultural Growth & Witness

Unitarian Universalist Association"

Summit's LMT would like our congregation to be involved in working for justice for Trayvon Martin and others who are racially profiled by authorities as well as by average people in our country. As a group, we will watch a video from 2012 GA related to this issue, individually read "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander to discuss in group, have a series of discussion

meetings, and follow UUA guidance in taking action to promote real change.

To echo Michelle Alexander: the compassionate, ethical response to grief is to work for justice. Will you join us? Please contact Linda Ullrich to sign up to be a part of this group for change. usbornebooks4u2@san.rr.com

Board of Directors Meetings

Third Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Library at Summit. Observers are welcome. Minutes from recent meetings are posted on our website: www.suuf.org. However, August's meeting will be the Board's annual retreat and it will be off-campus.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION FOR ALL

Children's Religious Exploration News

UU Camp is an amazing experience! I have just returned from my second time as a Youth Empowerment Specialist (aka Adult Counselor) at Senior High Camp at Camp deBonneville Pines. This week was both exhausting and rewarding. It reminded me of what it was like to be a UU youth and re-empowered my dedication to youth and young adult ministry. This is where the future of our faith is.

I headed up to camp one day early to be part of staff training prior to the arrival of youth campers. Hayley and Anya came up with me. My car was filled to the brim with our gear and with our excitement as we headed up the hill. The first evening and morning were dedicated to staff training for both youth and adult staff. We got cabin assignments and prepared for the arrival of 98 campers. Every bunk was to be filled as this was the biggest youth camp in years! I was assigned to Cabin 3 with my co-counselor and good friend Nancy Fisk.

Campers arrived on Sunday afternoon. They got checked in, made name tags, secret pal mailbags and took their gear up to the assigned cabins. Our cabin was filled with 18 very excited young women in addition to Nancy and me. After dinner we were divided into Touch Groups to get to know each other. Each Touch Group consists of about 10-12 people and includes both genders and all ages. These are similar to Summit Covenant Groups and meet each day to foster deeper relationships. For our first Touch Group session we had a deep check in and played getting to know you games like "Two Truths and a Lie" and "Ten Fingers." Our Touch Groups met each day and had different topics to work with including exploring nature and our UU faith. By the end of the week this group had a strong bond of friendship.

Each evening ended with worship. These services were created by the youth worship team and were so special that I stayed up way past my bed time to participate. Youth worship is very different from what happens on Sunday morning at most UU churches. The service starts with the chalice lighting, includes singing and readings but does not have a sermon. There is always a spiritual experience involved in some way that bonds the community and helps to build to a place of deep sharing. One service focused on our past back to early humans and included a deep

guided meditation. The night hike worship took place up on an overlook where we gazed up at the stars and talked about the future. There was a hug worship where everyone gave and received hugs too. All were very spiritual and empowering.

Camp also includes raps. Raps are mixed and same gender gatherings where the community creates safe space for sharing. What happens in raps, stays in raps so I cannot share any specifics. It is incredible to be in this space with these amazing campers and to hear what they have to say. The level of support offered to each and every one is also incredible and on several occasions brought me to tears.

This summer there was a Leadership Development Training workshop offered. This 15 hour training is to help youth and adults to learn leadership tools and to develop their leadership skills. To participate in the training we had to be in the workshop from 8:30 am to 11:30 am each morning. This is no small commitment when camp programming does not end until 12:30 am! There were 30 youth and 3 adults (myself included) who participated in this program. We learned the different types of leaders, group decision making skills and conflict resolution strategies. As a group exercise we created and planned workshops for the camp. At the end of the week, all of the participants earned a LDC certificate from the UUA. (Three of the youth participants were from Summit.)

Each camp creates a unique community based on the people who are there. The activities, worships, raps and sharing this week created a community that was very bonded and had reached a place of deep sharing. On the last night of camp we participated in the Circling Out worship. This was a special time when Seniors who were at their last youth camp got to share with and empower the rest of the camp. This year there were 18 seniors who were circling out. They sat in the center of the room with all of the campers around them. One at a time the seniors shared what they felt was special about this community and gave a shout out to individuals who had an impact on them. Needless to say there was not a dry eye in the house.

It was an incredible week and I am both exhilarated and exhausted. The eight youth from Summit who were at camp all had a wonderful time. They return to Summit more dedicated to their UU identity. Three of our youth, Hayley, Anya and Nick, are now Leadership Development Conference graduates, and our own Ryan Beauchamp, was elected as YRUU youth representative to the PSWD Board of Directors. It is because of the support that the Summit community has offered these young UUs in the form of camp scholarships that they are becoming the next generation of movers and shakers in our faith. From my heart I say thank you to all of you who helped to make this possible.

Bright Blessings, Mary Carter-Vail
Dir. of Children's Religious Exploration

Adult Religious Exploration

Writers' Workshop/ Lois Santalo: This group meets every Tuesday morning, 9:30 to noon, in the Salon.

Memoir Writing Group / Lois Santalo: Friday, August 9th, 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the Summit Library. This is an ongoing workshop. Everyone is welcome.

Poetry Workshop: Saturday, August 17th, 10:00 am in the Library. Come play with words and discover the poet within. All levels of writing experience welcome. If you have any questions please call Margo Mariana. No registration necessary.

Meditation- Sunday, 8:00 a.m. -Sanctuary; Wed., 8:30 a.m. -Salon:

Meditation is a practice, and needs to be practiced, like anything worth doing. We sit in chairs, in meditation and/or silent prayer for the concerns of our hearts or of others who have asked to be remembered. You needn't be experienced. We are lifted by the shared intention and spiritual energy of one another. "[In meditation] you watch your thoughts and they start to flatten down, and your breathing level, and pulse, all slow down. And in that space...there's this feeling of well-being...I think that's the presence that we're all looking for." ~ Phil Jackson

SUMMIT MINISTRIES

Caring Committee

We would like to remind everyone that Juana Page and JoAnn Swanson are the "ride coordinators" for our committee. If you need assistance with transportation to Summit or appointments, call them, preferably a few days ahead of time.

Loving Hands Ministry meets Tues., August 6th at 1:00 pm.

If you like to knit, crochet, or quilt, please join us in the Salon. The Loving Hands Ministry works on blankets for Linus Project, dishcloths for Crisis House, comfort shawls for Summitarians in need of comfort, and is always open to new ideas for outreach projects. Contact Laurel Bernstein for more info.

Social Action Corner - *Service Is Our Prayer*

Helping Others in East County and Beyond

Summitarians acting locally:

San Diego Pride: Five Summit members marched with the parasol drill team as part of the UU contingent in the Pride Parade! This always attracts some positive attention, and members of First Church handed out cards along the route to spread information about UUs in San Diego.

The Greater Community

Colegio de la Esperanza: Meet Frida Cañedo González, an upcoming fifth grader at the private, nonprofit school, Colegio de la Esperanza, located in a very poor neighborhood of Tijuana,

Mexico, in which many homes lack electricity or running water. The Tijuana public school system is quite limited so the enriching education provided at Colegio de la Esperanza provides hope and promise to those students lucky enough to attend. However, the school is always short on money to pay teachers and cover other costs.

Frida loves to participate in chorus, dances and other events at Esperanza but her mother is a single mom lacking the funds to pay for Frida's tuition. For more than 10 years now, Summit has been sponsoring a student at Esperanza. The Social Action Committee will be collecting funds for Frida's education on Sunday, August 18 in hopes of reaching or even surpassing the \$540 needed to pay for Frida's education. Please make checks out to SUUF. Thank you for your support.

How Can You Help Summit's Social Action Efforts?

Speak up: Several Summitarian PFLAG members have noticed that Barnes & Noble has no books about LGBT families (either children's books or parenting guides) on the shelves at either the Santee or the Grossmont store. If you feel these books belong on the shelves, consider stopping by the store to ask for these books and to ask that they be displayed. Ask Laurel Bernstein about a list of [LGBT-friendly children's books](#). You may hear one of these read at Summit on SAC Sunday!

Social Action Sunday: The third Sunday of the month (August 18th) is Social Action Sunday. We now meet after the service! We welcome you to join us on that day for the next Social Action Committee meeting in the library at 11:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Rene Schad.

Summit's East County Amnesty International group won't be meeting this summer. They are in the process of finding another coordinator. Watch for more info later in the summer.

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION

Member & Friend News

♥ Please remember Connie and Ed Henry and her family in your thoughts and prayers, as they grieve the loss of Connie's mother, Anne Peterson. She was 94 years of age and much loved.

♥ Our continued sympathies go out to Suzanne Ghorpade at the death of Jai. He passed the night of July 4th. There will be an informal gathering in remembrance of Jai on August 22nd at 4:00 pm at Summit. Closer to Jai's birthday in December Summit will hold a Celebration of his life.

♥ Congratulations to Gale Graysage and Theresa Erreca on their marriage! They have been a couple for 21 years and we wish them many more.

♥ *What a wonderful [birthday] greeting! ...I can't write to every one so please pass my thanks and tell them how much I still miss all you wonderful people. Fondly, Lois Davies*

Summit's 25th Anniversary Committee ...

will be selling metal name tags that are engraved with the new 25th Anniversary logo and secured with a magnet. You can order one for \$10 through the end of August.

Summit Now has a Memorial Garden

It is the patio area under the Chinese Elm Tree between the office wing and the salon. If families would like to have a paver stone in this garden dedicated to their departed Summit member they may purchase the engraving for \$150. For this fee the first and last name and the month and year of birth and death would be put on the stone. The letters would be 1 1/2" high. Please contact me or Linda Peck if you would like to have a paver stone carved for your loved one.

Suzanne McQuaide

Jenny Saar needs volunteers to help with Sunday Café...

... on Sundays this month. No need to bring anything. She just needs help setting up and cleaning up the salon, and putting out chairs and umbrellas. Contact Jenny or sign up on Sunday. Thanks!!!

Who will next be caught Standing on the Side of Love?

Who would you like to nominate? If you would like to recognize someone for their loving and faithful service in our Fellowship, please send an e-mail (or fill out a form, available in the office or the Greeting Room) to member Donna Daum describing who you would like to have publicly acknowledged and why. The acknowledgement takes place during Community News time in the Service on the 2nd Sunday each month.

To place your article, or classified, or 'something of interest to UU's' in the *eNews*...

Please read this:

Send your item to Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net or just hit "reply" by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday

- * Have the day, date, time, location, and contact information.
- * Send your information in the body of the email, no attachments
- * If you have a picture include it, if you don't, suggest a theme or just trust me to pick one

Much Appreciated, Thanks! ~Pam Kerr, Suuf_volunteer@sbcglobal.net

Did you know Summit has its own Facebook page?

Check it out! (And feel free to add your voice to the mix!) Don't worry -- we'll "Friend" you!! <http://www.facebook.com/SummitUUF> Questions? Contact Trish Ladd, Summit's Facebook guru, at trishzwei@gmail.com.

SUMMIT'S POTPOURRI OF PROGRAMS

Choir Notes...

August is here and choir rehearsals will resume on the 21st at 7:00 pm. I hope everyone has kept the voices "tuned!" If you are interested in joining our choir or have questions please contact our director, Jill Reis , at jillerinr@gmail.com.

Freethinkers...

On Friday, August 16th at 6:30 pm, we will follow up on the theme of "Sustainable Agriculture and Plant-based Diets" with a "Vegan Sampler", a variety of meatless, eggless, and milkless foods for sampling. It won't suffice for a full meal, but will give folks a chance to try these foods and visit. Children (and their adults) are welcome. Please RSVP to Neal Biggart if you plan to attend so we can prepare enough food. For the next few months, Freethinkers will meet on Friday evenings in the salon.

I'm Not Done Yet! (a.k.a. INDY) ...

INDY will meet as usual on the fourth Tuesday, August 27th, at 2:30 pm in the salon, to continue discussions on memory etc. In addition, INDY will sponsor a "**games day**" on the first Tuesday of the month, August 6th at 2:30, with the expressed hope of improving our memories, but secretly, we just want to have fun. All are invited. Contact Neal Biggart for further info.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

We meet in Summit's library at 7:00 pm on the second Monday (August 12th) of each month. PFLAG is an international organization (www.pflag.org) created by families and friends to gain understanding of and support for our gay loved ones.

Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons, their families, and friends through support. Our role is to be good listeners, to share some of our experiences when appropriate, and to acquaint them with other resources. For more info contact Bob and Mary Dryden.

Book Club

We'll meet on Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 pm in the Salon. Everything old is new again! Back to the Jazz Age. We'll be discussing F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic "TENDER IS THE NIGHT."

Piano Club

If you like to play piano, and for others to listen as you do, please join us on August 15th, at 3:00 at a Club member's home. Contact Ed Davis or Roy McDonald for information and this month's location.

Tai Chi Chih is available on Tuesdays

...from 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. Join us in the Salon as we improve our flexibility, strengthen our

balance and de-stress. You'll be glad you did!

DID YOU KNOW?: Harvard Woman's Health states that: In a UCLA study of 112 healthy older adults with moderate sleep complaints, 16 weeks of Tai Chi improved the quality and duration of sleep significantly more than standard sleep education.

UU Bible Study and Table Fellowship

The UU Bible Study Class for Seekers and Skeptics will have its last meeting on August 26th in the SUUF Library from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. It has been led by Rev. Don Stouder, and the group has explored the historical, literary, and spiritual roots of the bible and how they apply in our culture and daily lives. During this time we have read John Buehrens' book, "Understanding The Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals." Please join us for this gathering.

Till next time, Namaste. Don Stouder

UPCOMING EVENTS

There is still room for YOU!

Summer's Eve SD Harbor Cruise , Evening of Friday, August 23rd

- \$40 ea. person 15 openings

Come join the merriment on the Summit Fellowship Dinner Cruise!!

(a 2012 auction item - all proceeds go to Summit!)

We will depart aboard the Mission Belle from Pt. Loma Landing to enjoy a delicious dinner (ask the folks who've joined us in the past - catered dinner including wonderful chowder, calamari sandwiches to die for - new this year, scandalous dessert) and ride into the sunset. We'll cruise out of San Diego Bay around Pt. Loma and return as the (almost) full moon rises over the city skyline. BYOB

Contact Linda Peck to reserve a place or inquire - 619-562-0833.

Summit Women's Retreat 2013 - "Creating Intentional Space"

REGISTER NOW!!! Welcome Summit Women to our 2013 Women's retreat

Date: October 4-6 Location: Camp Stevens, Julian

Your Team: Carol Davis, Erin Doherty, Pilar Placone-Willey

Here is our new registration process:

Registration is on a First-Come-First-Serve basis with members getting first crack at registration, and non-members second. There are two membership registration times: the first 6 weeks will be open to Members only and the last 6 weeks are open to Non-members (See dates below). Once

Member registration is closed it is closed to all Members. This will give Non-members registration privilege without competing for slots with those Summit Members who dragged their pretty little feet a wee bit too long. Got it Members? Here are the dates you will want to watch for:

Member Registration: **Closed July 20th**

Non-Member Registration: **Now Open** **Ends, August 31st**

Registration forms are available on the volunteer's desk for pick-up. PLEASE, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR FILLED OUT REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FORMS WITH VOLUNTEERS. See instructions on the form. You can also have Carol Davis email you a form.

Retreat Fee: \$145.00

Limited partial scholarships are available. Please email Pilar

for more information: placone.willey@gmail.com

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Auction Fever 2013 Is Coming!

WATCH OUT!

Dearest Community,

We are this year's Summit Auction Co-chairs and we have got **auction fever** bad!!! Watch out, the CDC report has just come out and says this is a fast spreading virus that is highly **CONTAGIOUS!** This virus is going to spread through the Summit Community before you can say "I LOVE SUMMIT." As your responsible Auction Co-chairs we feel a strong need to warn you, help you identify the symptoms, and provide you with some easy and affective ways to treat this virus, (of course, all suggested by the CDC). This fever is going to run high so **PLEASE BE PREPARED!**

Symptoms of Auction Fever:

1. Itchy Palms, as if you suddenly have a strong desire to hold a paddle with a number on it.
2. Unpredictable Intrusive thoughts; most common: "What do I have in my garage that is worth something?" or "What kind of service can I offer that will be a fantastic purchase for someone?" These thoughts can be annoying, nagging and keep you awake all night.
3. Sudden onset of wallet fondling, with increased compulsive and repetitive behavior to check one's credit card to make sure the expiration is after 11/9/13.
4. Gastronomic hunger and cravings, with or without occurrence of drooling, for fine foods and desserts self-severed on recyclable plates.

Best Remedies to reduce symptoms:

1. Write in your calendar "November 9th, **Auction!**, 6:00 PM, SUMMIT NEEDS MY MONEY & I NEED A GOOD TIME" on your calendar to make sure you attend the auction. Childcare will be provided.
2. Get busy sending out invitations to friends that would like to purchase some wonderful items and services at the Summit Auction.
3. Start thinking about what you would like to donate to the auction this year like a gift basket to raffle, a service of some kind, cool art you never hung up. We will pretty much accept anything!

THE QUESTION IS, when you are hit with Auction Fever, will you sit back and just let it come and go, suffering through it day by day until November 9th passes? Or, will you do what everyone else will be doing which is attacking these symptoms head on?

We need you, so please go for the cure!

Yours in quarantine,

Debbie Wingard and Pilar Placone –Willey

PS. See suggestions...

Possible Auction Donations

Fine/Exotic Dining

- All American
- African
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Indian
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Mexican
- Moroccan
- Philippine
- Russian
- South American
- Southern
- Spanish
- Thai
- Vietnamese

Specialty Events/Parties

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Chinese New Year
- Superbowl
- Valentines Day
- Presidents Day
- Mardi Gras
- St. Patrick's Day
- Cinco De Mayo
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Halloween

High Teas or Gourmet Brunches

Casual Lunches/Dining

- Garden Parties
- Pool Parties
- BBQs

Weekend Getaways

- Vacation Homes
- Cabins
- Condos

Time Shares

Outings

Picnics
Hikes
Boat Rides

Entertainment

Music
Drumming
Dance
Karaoke

Sports

Padre Games
Charger Games
Aztec Games
Golf
Tennis
Fishing
Surfing

Games

Bridge
Monopoly
Poker
Charades
Balderdash
Tripoli

Services

Child Care
Pet Sitting
Airport Rides
Handyman
Catering
Organizing

Lessons/Instruction

Academic Tutoring
Musical Instruments
Arts/Crafts
Sports

Arts/Crafts/Hobbies

Jewelry
Quilts
Needlepoint
Knitting

Painting
Photography
Sculpting
Pottery

Kids Events

Zoo
Wild Animal Park
Science Museum
Natural History Museum
Paddle Boats
Junior Theater
Seaworld
Legoland
Boomers
Disneyland

**Treasures/Boutique
Items....**