

U. S. Study Group News



Third and fourth generations of URANTIA Book readers in Chicago gather for a picture. Front row, left to right: David and Lisa Renn and son, Kevin, Marilyn Kulieke and daughter, Lauren, Barbara Kulieke, and Lynne Kulieke. Back row: Mary and Chuck Burton, Jeff Kendall, David Kulieke, Neal Kendall, Mark Kulieke, and Tom Kulieke. In addition to URANTIA society meetings and other study groups, the "young people" in Chicago meet monthly for a study group they've had since 1975. Various known as "the tadpoles" or the "North Shore tangents," the group combined this year with other young readers to form a "Northside--North Shore Study Group" of 25-30 young people in those parts of the Chicago area.



The "Round Table Study Group" of Naperville, Illinois, is one of six study groups which meet in addition to society meetings in the Chicago area. From left to right are Ila Gronewold, Grace Walker, Martha McDonald, Lillian Nicholas, Grace Stephens, and Edythe Born. Grace Walker writes that "for at least 20 years I have had some kind of URANTIA Book study group in my home." Several families and new readers have been part of the group over the years. Recently, the meetings have been held on Friday mornings "as we share in our seeking to grasp and understand some of the great wisdom of the book." The group pursues topical studies, including a series led by Grace Stephens on the morontia life.



Pictured above are the study groups in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area of Florida. These readers had been meeting as a combined group since 1974 and as they grew, writes Joyce Law, they decided to split in two and only meet together every few months. Richard Bain, who responded for the St. Petersburg group, says the groups also join together in putting on conferences and having retreats. Both groups meet for dinner; the Tampa group just started reading the book from the beginning after studying topics for about a year, and the St. Petersburg group rotates through the four parts of the book, doing a paper from the first part one week, a paper from the second part the next week, and so on. Members of the Tampa group, upper left, are: first row, Steve and Joyce Law, Mary Willard, Mrs. Odell Glass, and Sadie Cummings; back row, Kirk Peterson, David Glass, Kevin Goodman, and Jim Rinehart. Not pictured are JoAnn West, Bill Pearce, and Toby Anderson. The St. Petersburg group are: first row, left to right: Jay Klafs, Bob Munshower, and Demeris Klafs (whose left side is just as beautiful as the right side, though the photographer missed it here); back row: Richard Bain, Michael Bain, Ron Edwards, Barbara Edwards, and Frank Belfrage.

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