



## JOYOUS CELEBRATION!

It is a joyous thing to be able to share the Light of Love in our gathering together at Brentwood School for our Celebration. The energy that has gone into the development of this Celebration has come from dozens of individuals who have toiled unceasingly to help bring the Light of Truth into the hearts of all who have joined as one on this weekend.

The urge to share in fellowship and brotherhood is inherent in the faith sons and daughters of God, but the manifestation of the re-born spirit takes effort and organization. One person, Vince Ventola, has served beyond the call of duty in co-ordinating the many groups and activities that we see now before us.

Vince has been a living power transformer in taking the true spirit of joyousness and unity and materialized a soul-satisfying demonstration of the fruits of a living love. Vince is the one who volunteered to take care of the paperwork and all of the behind-the-scenes preparation that few others see. FUSLA has never attempted any production as refined on such a large scale.

On behalf of FUSLA and the staff of the "Agondonter", I wish to thank Vince for the hours of effort that he spent on the phone, in the many idea sessions, before the Governing Board and with the participants to offer this Celebration as a gift to our Father who has made our lives possible.

God's will is done through effort and struggle, not by wishful thinking and we are all grateful for a dynamo like Vince to inspire us all to ever-ascending heights of service and understanding.

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## WELCOME TO FUSLA

The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles (FUSLA) is one of a fleet of ships with sails unfurled gliding steadily towards a rendezvous with our Creator. We share this voyage together because we have been touched by the Infinite and know that high gear spiritual activities are not brought about in isolation but through many working together as one.

We are beginning to taste of the realities of the Morontia life as we practice the lessons of teamwork and co-operation. All of us are leaders, pioneers, teachers, students and ministers in our collective task of knowing and doing the will of our Heavenly Father.

FUSLA is not a once a month meeting, our society lives in our daily lives, in our study groups, our committees, our neighborhoods and communities, in our families and in our celebrations. We meet to gain insights towards understanding that the Supreme Being is alive in the knowing that we are all children of the same Infinite God.

For those who are new to our society and our activities, we welcome you to share yourself with us and partake of our Celebration and joyousness in our conference of good will and spiritual energy. We invite you to visit any of our study groups, which next to our families, are the true cornerstones of our togetherness.

There is no greater happiness than to discover a new member of the Kingdom, of Heaven, the spiritual unity between the Father and His children. Religion is a personal matter and we have no mandates regarding the nature of the individual's spiritual experience. Come and be as you are and value our society in the light of love and know that we share a common destiny in Christ's consciousness.

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It was two years ago at the First West Coast URANTIA Conference that FUSLA began taking an active role in the organization of Urantians in areas outside of the Los Angeles basin. Brothers and sisters world wide came to Brentwood and experienced the beginning of many more celebrations to come.

Friendships made at that conference were so strong that many talked of a way to keep in touch with each other over the distances that separated us. It seemed natural at the time to include all of the participants, whether they belonged to FUSLA or not, on the mailing list of the society newsletter, the "Agondonter".

Prior to that time, the periodical was written only occasionally and then usually distributed only to members. The format traces back to the early sixties and received the name "Agondonter" in the later sixties. Suddenly, in the summer of 1972, the "Ag" had one hundred addresses and a promise of evolutionary progression.

As the months passed more and more agondonters wrote to the post office box asking to be on the mailing list, submitting stories, and making donations. The format kept changing with various typefaces, sizes, drawings and later pictures. The mailing list has now reached the five hundred mark and is certain to keep increasing.

The first edition cost about twenty-five dollars including postage while the last issue in February, if one can include donated expenses, cost over two hundred and fifty. FUSLA budgets fifty dollars per issue and the "Agondonter" staff is pleased to report that donations have matched expenses to the penny and the treasury has not had to subsidize any issue.

If the newsletter is to continue in this manner and still maintain some of the high standards of journalistic techniques, the "Agondonter" will soon have to either be offered on a subscription basis or appear less often and to less people. The alternative would be to mandate funds from subscribers, a proposal that runs against my grain and might serve to exclude those border-

line individuals who benefit the most spiritually from the news and educational materials. The newsletter also serves to comfort individuals in isolation in remote areas and in prison by letting them share in our FUSLA Family.

The newsletter policy board is seeking to discover and itemize those ideals and fruits of the spirit which should characterize a URANTIA publication and one of those ideals is the fostering of many study groups nationwide. Several study groups have written and mentioned that they use many of the ideas developed in the newsletter as study group topics. The entire mailing list itself is an extended study group that brings many together over great distances.

If you can help in any way to keep the presses rolling, drop a letter to The "Agondonter", P.O. Box 5488, Fullerton, California 92635.

"On Jerusem, the ascenders from isolated worlds such as Urantia "are known as the AGONDONTERS, meaning evolutionary will creatures who can believe without seeing, persevere when isolated, and triumph over insuperable difficulties even when alone." \*page 579

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## CALENDAR

The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles meets on the first Sunday of each month. Call Julia Fenderson on the official URANTIA phone (213)276-6168 for more information.

### Study groups:

Fullerton - Call Jim & Sue (714) 526-5185  
Santa Ana - Call Leonard & Jan (714) 979-9289  
Venice - Call Bob & Bonnie (213) 823-5723  
Anaheim - Call Pat and Jeff (714) 826-7468 or  
Marley (714) 635-9773  
Downtown Los Angeles - Call Michael & Felice (213) 626-7304  
North Hollywood - Call Kermit (213) 352-4997 or  
Dorothy, Bill & Lenore (213) 985-5669  
West Los Angeles - Call Dorothy (213) 472-8722  
Riverside - Call Russ, Gladys & Fran (714) 687-5257  
Santa Monica - Call Vince & Cathy (213) 395-0892  
Sepulveda - Call Bill & Carol (213) 892-8739  
San Fernando Valley - Call Polly (213) 360-4018

Congratulations are in order for our Scott and Carol Forsythe who were married March 22 and to Heather Michele Kidd who was born March 23.

By Jim McNelly