



## Awareness of Revelation Expands

### New Members Welcomed

The First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles usually meets on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM in Culver City. Call FUSLA Secretary, Carol Forsythe at (213) 390-2573 for details.



Membership Chairman, Julia Fenderson, left, and President, Scott Forsythe, right, welcome three new members to FUSLA: Ralph Schmidt, Toni Richey, and Terry Follmer.

### Jim Mills Visits California, Speaks on The URANTIA Book

In January, Jim Mills, accompanied by his wife, Eunice, visited California study groups, delivering talks and leading discussion meetings on one of the most difficult parts of the URANTIA Book, the Foreward. Jim also spoke on possible future directions of religion on our planet.

Reports from all three geographical areas indicate that Jim's talks sparked deeper study of the Book, and that his warmth and wisdom were really enjoyed and appreciated.

When asked, based on his experience, about the best way to present The URANTIA Book to new people he responded: "There is no best way. The only advice I would give on that subject would be to respect the integrity of the individual."

Jim is a former member of URANTIA Foundation, as well as a former president of URANTIA Brotherhood. He is currently a Foundation Agent and a Brotherhood Field Representative.

The Mills' lived in Wisconsin and Chicago, and recently retired to Florida. Jim is interested in the cosmography of The URANTIA Book, as well as in contemporary astronomy.

### Orange County Study Group Celebrates Remembrance Suppers

The study group of Jackie and Kermit Anderson met at the home of Paula and Ted Tyska on November 27 to celebrate a remembrance supper. Several visitors were present, including Julia Fenderson, who gave a talk on "Love." (See photograph.)

A somewhat larger group of about forty people gathered at the Anderson home on New Year's Eve. As the remembrance cup was passed on this evening, many participants shared their thoughts and feelings about various aspects of the life which Jesus lived among us, and the meaning for our lives today.



After the Remembrance Supper: back row, l. to r. Gladys Marsden, Ted Tyska, Paula Tyska, Julia Fenderson, Jim Froats, Connie Tyska, Therese McStay, Chris Heimer. Middle row: Paul Cooke, Bob Hudspeth, Jackie Anderson, Michael McNally. Reclining: Hank Zucker. Layed back: Kermit Anderson. Blissed out front and center; Rob Buzzell.

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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## EDITORIAL ---

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NEWS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO  
BAY AREA

-- by Sue Kantor

February the 27th was the date of the SFBAUS annual meeting. New members installed were Eldon Warman and Cheryl Davis, associate member. New officers were elected: President, David Gray; Vice-President, David Kantor; Secretary, Joanne Eichmann; Treasurer, Gard Jameson; and Membership Chairman, Sue Kantor.

On March 27th the San Francisco Study Group on Brosnan Street hosted a gathering including fellowship, pot-luck, slides, poetry and workshops. Readers came from Cupertino, Santa Cruz, Berkeley, Bolinas, Castro Valley, and Reno.

On the weekend of May 21st, many Bay Area readers joined with URANTIA Book readers from throughout the West Coast in fellowship and worship at the Oregon Regional Conference. The event was a lovely gathering of families and friends in a superbly beautiful setting.

May the 28th, Lee and Chrissy Smith who are active in Santa Cruz study groups sponsored an evening of spiritual meditation called "Blossoms in the Sun". The evening included slides and music and was widely attended.

On June 26th Bay Area families gathered at the Kantor home ... twelve adults and eight children. While some folks hiked in the stream and caught crawdaddies and chased tadpoles, the rest enjoyed fellowship and refreshments in the sun. [The next family meeting will be September 18th. Anyone interested call Sue at (415) 582-7280.]

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## Conferences

IN THE WEST

These events provide an opportunity for readers of The URANTIA Book to come and meet with other readers in their general geographic area.

**May 20 - May 22: THE THIRD OREGON CONFERENCE**

Hosted by the Grant's Pass Study Group, led by Dave and Rose Clearwaters. Featured speakers at the gathering on the banks of the Rogue River: Bob Hunt, Janet Quinn, and Marvin Gawryn.

**July 15 - July 17: FIRST CANADIAN CONFERENCE**

Hosted by the Study Group of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bellamy and family, 533 Prince Robert Lane, Victoria, B. C., V9B1C7, Canada.

**September 3 - 5: THIRD WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Hosted by FUSLA, with lots of help expected from SFBAUS, and the Arcata and San Diego Study Groups. Contact Carol Forsythe, 12815 Pacific Avenue #8, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Conference site: Orange County, U. C. Irvine Campus. Phone (213) 390-2573

**October 1 - 2: ANNUAL NORTHWEST GET-TOGETHER**

Hosted by the First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee. Contact Lew and Alice Clark, 243 S. Georgia Avenue, East Wenatchee, Washington 98801. Ph. (509) 884-4655.



John Hales, Resident Director of the URANTIA Brotherhood, Chicago, catching up on correspondence received from readers around the world

# Marriage and Family Life

"...it is the divine will that men and women should find their highest service and consequent joy in the establishment of homes for the reception and training of children, in the creation of whom these parents become copartners with the Makers of heaven and earth."

--URANTIA Book, p. 1839\*

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## MARRIAGES

Lee Steward Smith and Chrissy Palatucci were married on October 31st.

Mary Brunner and Jim Blessing were married on April 2nd in the Memorial Church at Stanford.

## BABIES

Trinity Terry, to Phil & Cindy Calabrese, of Arcata, CA.  
 Joshua David, to Don & Lynn Chapman, October 19, Colo.  
 Michael Van, to Keith and Diane Bacon, Jan. 1, Australia  
 Tara, to Steve and Elaine Nelson, on March 13, Napa, CA  
 Zachary, to Larry and Marilyn Nelson, May 22, Napa, CA  
 Jennifer Aubry, to Terry & Mary Echlin, June 4, Berkeley.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



The wedding of Dale Gilmore and Rose Wood

The wedding was a beautiful dream come true, a dream filled with purpose and love.

I could not help but feel how the beauty and personal love we felt come to fruition that day mixed with our destiny and purpose in the future plans of God on our planet.

Love, Dale



Dale & Rose under the auspicious rainbow

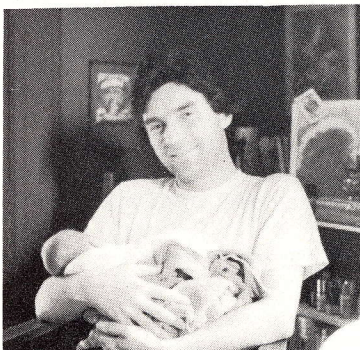
Our wedding was heavenly!  
 We are still floating along at the wonder of it all.  
 ... a lovely rainbow over us.

... a blessing from "The Father".

In His Wonderful Service,  
 Peace, blessings, and lots of love, Rose

EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Diane & Keith Bacon, Study Group leaders in Victoria, Australia, are new parents.



Keith



The Bacon's Study Group

Michael Van Bacon entered the world on New Year's Day in natural childbirth.



Diane

# Northern and Southern California Get Together

BY ELLEN BISHOP

On December 5th, visiting members of the San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society joined FUSLA in presenting the monthly meeting.

Meeting goers were welcomed by soothing music provided by Francyl Streano Gawryn, accompanied on the guitar by Vern Bennom Grimsley.

Following the opening songs, the gathering of over one hundred people was guided into a worshipful mood by Bill Sherwood's music/slide presentation "Creation," followed by Bill Brehio reading moving words from The URANTIA Book.

A talk by Vern Grimsley, always a treat, was this afternoon entitled "Indomitable Courage and Unconquerable Faith." He challenged us to devote our efforts to helping bring the spiritual renaissance to Urantia.

After a break for socializing and enjoyment of a tasty array of food contributions, coordinated by Michael and Felice Long, the program resumed with Jeff Wattles acting out a lively cast of personalities to dramatize the Thinking vs. Feeling aspects of Worship.

Next came "Unification: The Eternal Quest," a multimedia presentation produced by Cosmic Pilgrim Productions under the direction of David and Sue Kantor. This production beautifully illustrates the personality as a unifier, and its unification in the life of Jesus.

Nancy Grimsley formally introduced the Northern California folks in attendance, which led into helpful talks by Marvin Gawryn and Bettina Gray on doing personal ministry.

Marvin emphasized building on common ground and genuinely respecting the other person's beliefs. As to overcoming fears about starting such conversations, his advice is simply to "plunge in."

For Bettina, people are a delight and personal ministry gives her the opportunity to "look through someone else's eyes at the universe. We're all like prisms—the light of God reaches us and breaks into many colors." In ministering to our fellows, it is necessary to be alive, creative, and have a strong sense of spiritual brotherhood. But we should refrain from "prescriptions." Bettina finds that knowing how and when to minister often comes through prayer.

## Improving Communications

In response to your request for suggestions on how to improve communications, here are some ideas:

1. Offer a complete list of study groups' addresses throughout the world.
2. Send an Agondonter free of charge to interested persons. Get names through present subscribers, book stores, URANTIA Foundation, URANTIA Brotherhood, etc.
3. Write an article encouraging all study groups to intercommunicate, and all readers to pray for the new readers to be located.
4. Encourage more leadership within study groups. Many readers are much too passive. This revelation is snowballing and more leaders for new groups are absolutely essential. Remember the book indicates progress is indispensable. With the words of wisdom contained in the U. Book we can progress with subtle sagacity.
5. Bring your publication closer to your readers (and save money) by using lighter-weight inexpensive paper.

--Bob DeMatteis

Bob: Thanks for your ideas. Here is some feedback. We'd like to hear from other readers on these points too.

1. Good idea. But we are concerned about protecting people's privacy and preventing misuse of the list and possible detriment to the evolutionary spread of the revelation. Any ideas on safeguards? If we do make such a list, do you want to be included in it?
2. We already send a free copy to those who request it or are referred to us. But our mailing list grows, like the revelation itself, evolutionarily, by word of mouth.
3. OK, somebody, write an article and send it in!
4. Agreed. Very important.
5. We've been considering cheaper paper. Also a smaller page size, perhaps 7 x 8-1/2 to fit into your URANTIA Book. (That would be nice for maps and study aids we plan for future issues, and for Study Group listings.) We've also thought of going to one-color printing, that is, blue instead of blue-and-black. How about it, readers? What do you think? --ed.

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