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NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST URANTIA[®] SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES



Over 70 FUSLA members and friends celebrated thirty years as a society November 8 at Casola's Fish House in Marina Del Rey. Guests of honor were President Emeritus Julia K. Fenderson and Berkeley Elliot of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, both known for their tireless and unique contributions to the URANTIA movement.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago, we were in a little church up in the mountains where the preacher gave a sermon on "The Four P's," a spiritual formula for dealing with life's problems. Here it is:

The first P is any **Problem** we face, physical, financial, emotional, mental or spiritual. The second P is our **Prayer** response. How often do we forget to meet problems with prayer? Is not prayer the infallible tool for coping with every problem? We should make this prayer response to problems so habitual as to be automatic. God will inevitably provide a solution to our problems. This is the third P, God's **Provision** of a solution. At this point we should remember again to respond spiritually, this time with the fourth P, which is **Praise**. To complete the circle, we must go beyond mere relief or satisfaction when the problem is solved, we should also thank and Praise God for his Providence.



(1) Problem, (2) Prayer, (3) Provision, (4) Praise

The preacher said he tried to think of hand gestures that would demonstrate the four P's: (1) Problem, (2) Prayer, (3) Provision and (4) Praise. The sketches show the gestures he used. He pointed out what a small difference there is between Problem and Prayer. Just a slight movement of the hands; a small but significant adjustment in attitude. And notice how little effort is needed to make the shift from receiving the bounty of Provision to raising the hands in Praise!

You may want to remember these simple gestures and use them, physically or as a mental image, in response to the problems you encounter in your own life. We found them helpful. We hope you do too.

Peace and blessings,

Chick Montgomery

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ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Highlighting the evening, Julia shared her reminiscences about the early days of The URANTIA movement, including the beginnings of the Los Angeles group, prior to the publication of **The URANTIA Book** in 1955. A short slide show with many old photos of the early workers enhanced Julia's presentation.

Newly elected FUSLA President Chick Montgomery performed his master of ceremonies duties with wit and candor to the delight of the guests.

Among the former society presidents sharing their memories of fellowship and service were Polly Friedman, Hoite Caston, Kermit Anderson, Lucille Faw, Vince Ventola, Lee Armstrong, and Cathy Jones.



Berkeley Elliot and Dr. John Lang

Berkeley topped off the evening's festivities with her impressions of the URANTIA Conference in Paris this summer as well as her visits with study groups in Fiji and Australia, making

the point that The URANTIA movement is becoming an international one. Once more, she won more than a few new admirers with her charming humor and warmth.

Jim Wanlass accepted the appreciation of the celebrants for his first, and possibly finest, performance as FUSLA hospitality chairman in organizing the dinner. Guests lingered on well after the dinner enjoying meeting new readers and renewing old friendships. Perhaps the only complaint of the evening was that it didn't begin early enough and it ended too soon!



- Kermit & Jackie Anderson

EDITOR'S NOTE: First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma, represented by Berkeley Elliott, presented FUSLA with a videotape entitled "The Great Adventure: Man in Partnership with God" at the dinner. It will be viewed at the January meeting. FUSLA's newest member, Ed Thome, was welcomed into the Society by Duane Faw, Education Chairman. (See Photo) Ed has been attending study groups and Society meetings for the past five years. Welcome aboard!

'86 - '87 GC ELECTED

The annual election of members to the FUSLA Governing Committee was held at the business meeting on October 4. All nominations were accepted from the floor. There were single nominations for all offices except those of President and Education Committee chairman. As well as having two nominations for each of those offices, two votes were necessary for each because of ties. Our new president, Chick Montgomery, succeeds Cathy Jones who was elected Vice President by acclamation.



This year will be Chick's eighth time serving on the GC since 1973, first as newsletter chairman and two years as Vice-President.

Charles Arterburn, in his second term on the GC relieves Kermit Anderson of the fiscal responsibilities. Unfortunately the position this year will entail more fund-raising than managing at the outset!

Stella Religa has graciously accepted the job of Secretary for a second term.

Jim Wanlass, long-time reader and study group host, is excited by his new position as Hospitality Chair. Jim was instrumental in putting together a very successful 'Catalina Weekend' this summer and did a great job of organizing the 30th Anniversary Dinner. He is replacing Carmen Ulibari who now succeeds Lyn Davis as Education Chair. Carmen's infectious enthusiasm will be very welcome during her second term on the GC.

Lee Armstrong follows Pierre Chicoine as Book Chairman. Lee's past experience both as President and Secretary of the Society is a welcome asset to the GC.

Duane Faw is assuming his second term on the Committee as Membership Chair. A very active member of FUSLA and URANTIA Brotherhood as its Judicial Committee Chair, Duane's understanding of the functions of Societies, URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation, make him the ideal person to assist people who wish to join FUSLA.

Previously serving two terms as Newsletter Co-chair, Bruce Fiero returns this year relieving Charles Arterburn of the responsibility of 'keeping the Society informed'.

FUSLA wishes to offer a hearty Thank You to Kermit, Pierre and Lyn who are leaving the GC and to all of the above who are continuing to serve.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

It's Christmas time again! Mark your calendar now for next weekend's Christmas Party at the home of Duane and Lucile Faw on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 5 to 9 PM. Let's sing, give thanks, exchange small gifts, share friendship, and enjoy a Remembrance Supper together in loving association with the URANTIA Society of the San Fernando Valley. Pot Luck for all with the suggestion being last names A- E bringing salad, F- Q main dish, R- Z dessert. And don't forget to bring a small gift for the gifts exchange game! The Faw's home is located at 23301 Bocana in Malibu. Check your Thomas Bros. for the scenic drive most convenient to you, or phone (213) 456-9708 for directions.

JANUARY MEETING SET

The first FUSLA meeting of the new year will be held on January 11, (NOTE: this is the **second** Sunday of the month) at our usual meeting place at the Unitarian Society building at 3744 S. Barrington in West L.A. According to Education Chairman, Carmen Ulibari, we will be viewing the videotape presented to FUSLA by Berkeley Elliott of the First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma (FUSOK) at the 30th Anniversary Dinner. The tape is entitled, "**The Great Adventure: Man in Partnership with God**". It is adapted from a talk given by William S. Sadler Jr. to FUSOK in 1958.

A WORD FROM CATHY

Dear Fellow URANTIA Book Readers:

As the year draws to a close I'd like to thank all of you for the opportunity of serving as your president these past twelve months. It has been a year of expanded spirituality for me and I hope for you. The glue that holds us together is our thirst for truth and righteousness. We know the deeper we dive into the waters of knowledge as presented on the pages of The URANTIA Book, the more that craving is satisfied.

I feel very honored to add my name to the list of loyal truthseekers who have filled this office over the past 30 years. The Los Angeles Society has been a strong force in establishing a dissemination point of enlightenment for our brothers and sisters waiting in darkness. I pray the next 30 years will see an explosion of this effort - spreading the good news that our Father loves us - our Creator Son has honored **this** planet with his final bestowal and we don't have to wonder any more about the "mysteries" - what a thrilling time in which to live!

Wishing you peace, joy and love as you continue on your path to the Father.

Cathy Jones

"As faith-enlightened and spirit-liberated sons of the kingdom of heaven, you face a double responsibility of duty to man and duty to God while you voluntarily assume a third and sacred obligation: service to the brotherhood of God-knowing believers." pg. 1930

BUSINESS MEETINGS HELD

Not one, but two consecutive business meetings were held this fall by FUSLA. The function of the business meeting, traditionally, is the election of officers to the Governing Committee and the discussion of the outgoing Committee's year-end reports.

This year, however, was a little different. In an effort to promote active participation and better attendance by the membership at the monthly Society meetings, last year's GC took it upon themselves to draft a proposal in support of quarterly meetings to be held in different geographic locations during the coming year. Furthermore, that these meetings would be hosted by the study groups in those areas.

When this proposal was presented to the membership at the first business meeting on October 4, considerable discussion ensued. Many good points were raised both for and against the proposal. It soon became clear that the question could not be resolved without further research. Lucile Faw moved, with second by Lyn Davis, that a study be made and a new plan proposed. It was then also decided that another business meeting would be held in November to discuss and decide on the proposed changes.

The November 2 business meeting was also very well attended. A great deal of further discussion took place regarding the 1987 meeting schedule. Should meetings be held monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly? Finally, Vince Ventola moved, amended by Hoite Caston, seconded by Lee Armstrong, "that the Society continue to have monthly functions as feasible; Education Committee to make efforts to involve more members and non-members in the planning and presentation of monthly functions. Announcements of meetings to be sent out monthly." The motion carried.

It appears to this editor that the attendance at these two business meetings may signify a new upswing in FUSLA involvement by its membership. Many familiar faces, both old and new, showed up at the 30th anniversary dinner, by current reports study group attendance is up. Looking at Book sales, the Revelation certainly isn't slowing down. But who is out there welcoming all these new readers into the brotherhood of believers? Let's all do our part this coming year to support our Society in getting its joyful spark back. There's plenty of service to be done on all of the committees.

Looking forward to seeing YOU at the next meeting!

Bruce Fiero
(with thanks to Stella for her excellent minutes)

STUDY GROUPS

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MEETING INFO

Anaheim Pierre & Marlene Chicoine	Mondays @ 7:00 PM (714) 761-1565
Arcadia Hal & Lucille Kettell	Mondays @ 7:30 PM (818) 447-1403
Burbank Lee & Roselyn Armstrong	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 841-6286
BOM Radio Net Bruce Fiero	Saturdays @ 9:00 AM 7.295± Mhz (213) 827-1015
Calabasas Polly Friedman	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (818) 880-5943
Camarillo Gary Reedy	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (805) 484-2991
Chatsworth Ray Caliguiri	1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 993-5286
Fresno Jim Brannon	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (209) 255-2147
Hemet Beverly J. Wold	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (714) 927-1015
Huntington Beach Kermit & Jackie Anderson	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (714) 894-5417
La Mesa Jim Felt	Thurs. 8:00 PM/Sun. 9:30 AM (619) 286-8220 (Business)
Malibu Duane & Lucile Faw	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (213) 456-9708
Palm Springs (Pinyon Pines) Ed Geisler/Lori & Sergio Dante	Sundays @ 5:00 PM (619) 349-3544 or (800) 228-4452
Palmdale John Dees	Sundays (No Time) (805) 948-7063
Rancho Santa Fe Rich Keeler	Alternate Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (619) 755-0264
San Diego Bill & Dorothy Hazzard	3rd Sunday @ 2:00 PM (619) 299-4195
San Diego Dick & Cheryl Prince/Phil & Cindy Calabrese	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (619) 270-6558
Santa Barbara/Goleta Samsara Amato-Duex	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 967-0975
Santa Barbara Barrie Bedell	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 969-1565
Santa Monica Mathew Fogel	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (213) 829-5737
South Bay/Torrance Janet Kelly	Tuesdays @ 8:00 PM (213) 378-4226
Van Nuys Dick MacDonald	2nd & 4th Thursdays (818) 343-3364
Ventura Larry Whelan	Weekly @ 7:00 PM (CALL for Day) (805) 643-8728
West Los Angeles Jim Wanlass	Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM (213) 838-8913
Whittier Stella Religa	1st & 3rd Fridays @ 7:30 PM (213) 698-2122 (Evenings)



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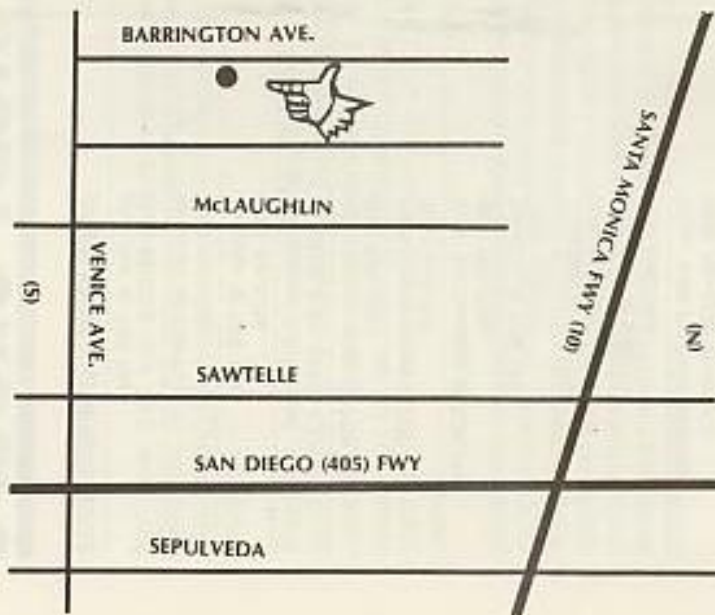


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