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. . . *"seek first the realities of heaven". . .*  
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## FIRST URANTIA SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual FUSLA election of officers and committee chairpersons will take place as follows:

- **Location:** California Federal Savings & Loan  
8211 E. Firestone, Downey, California
- Date:** Sunday, October 7, 1984
- Time:** 2:00 PM

**Polly Friedman's presentation, set for October, will be rescheduled for a later date.**

The nominating committee of Don Guest, Toni Richey, and Lynn Davis with Lucille Faw and Julia Fenderson alternates present the following slate of candidates. Nominations for any office may be made from the floor provided the nominee has agreed in advance to such a nomination.

President .....	Lee Armstrong
Vice President .....	Cori Bishop
Secretary .....	Charles Arterburn
Treasurer .....	Kermit Anderson
Membership .....	open
Education .....	Roselyn Armstrong
Books .....	Hoite Caston
Publications .....	Jackie Anderson
Hospitality .....	open

**NOTE:** Only active members\* are allowed to vote at this election meeting. Inactive members wishing to vote are encouraged to attend and become active by becoming current in their dues.

\*Active members of the society are those who have been initiated into the membership and who are current in their dues or have received from the governing committee a waiver of dues based on hardship. . . .\*

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## REFLECTIONS of 1984



The MONITOR usually takes some time in late September and early October to look back on the past year in review. And for those of us in *First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles*, and the *URANTIA* movement as a whole, this has been a rugged year of much turmoil, pain, and growth. In a sense, it has been like the long arduous labor that precedes a birth, or the growing pains that deliver one from adolescence. We have lived through an unforgettable year in the history of the fifth epochal revelation, and our movement feels like it has received a cosmic pruning of its vine and branches.

For no matter how one is to interpret and evaluate the experiences and actions of Vern Grimsley and the Family of God Foundation, we all shared in the traumatic repercussions. "The Bomb" most certainly did drop and touch the soil we have been tilling and nurturing ever since this movement began.

Is it we who have made so much ado about nothing? Here, in Los Angeles, we have worked very hard to be peacemakers. We have struggled to live the teachings, especially unity without uniformity. We have labored to preserve our friendships and to emerge from this troubled year as a wiser, more matured, and united *URANTIA Society*. More than ever, we understand and value the democratic group wisdom of our own *URANTIA Brotherhood*.

While Family of God was sincere in its belief in their own mission and destiny, how unfortunate that they could not trust *URANTIA Brotherhood* and allow for a deep sharing and processing of Vern's purportedly channeled data. Instead, they chose to act independently and in isolation, totally relying on one man's experience and interpretation of that experience. There was no time or place for real group wisdom to function. Suddenly, the "Good News" was put aside, and their mailing list was used to deliver an apocalyptic message of doom. **And**, we were all introduced to a self proclaimed contact reservist as well.

We pray for and prefer, a **group** of humble, earnest, fallible, hard working, sincere, individuals to lead our movement and make the important decisions. We need no charismatic man or woman to lead us. We need no contact reservists to act as a living channel for us all to tune into. We have Michael's Spirit of Truth and our Father's Indwelling Adjusters to teach us, reach us, preach to us, guide us, and deliver us. And until the Master Himself returns, we pray it will always be this way.

For many, many years, loving friendships have evolved among the members of FUSLA and FOG. This has made it all the more difficult to understand and evaluate these events.

We express our thanks to FUSLA's Governing Committee for steering the ship through some stormy tides. This may be a painful year to reflect upon, but our movement is stronger and all the wiser. May we all learn our lessons well so we, and future generations, will never allow this to happen again.



— Vince Ventola

*"I have called upon you to be born again, to be born of the spirit. I have called you out of the darkness of authority and the lethargy of tradition into the transcendent light of the realization of the possibility of making for yourselves the greatest discovery possible for the human soul to make — the supernal experience of finding God for yourself, in yourself and of yourself, and of doing all this as a fact in your own personal experience." pg. 1731*

## TAHITI OFFERS SPIRITUAL PEARLS

As many of our friends in FUSLA know, my wife Roselyn and I were very fortunate to be able to spend our honeymoon in Tahiti. I would like to share with you some of the beautiful experiences we had there getting to know the readers of *The URANTIA Book*.

French Polynesia is a country in the South Pacific which is almost due south of Hawaii, on a latitude with Chile and located northeast of New Zealand. It is made up of many islands, the largest and most populated of which is called Tahiti. We were able to meet on Tahiti with Emmanuel Lou and his family. Emmanuel is a long-time reader of *The URANTIA Book* and may be remembered by FUSLA members as he has visited one of our monthly meetings here in Los Angeles. We were delighted with his depth of insight into the *URANTIA* teachings and his desire to spread the Gospel of Jesus in his part of the world.

One of the most beautiful experiences was a parable that Emmanuel related to us. Tahiti is renowned all over the world as the home of the "black pearl". Emmanuel held up a fine example of the Mother of Pearl and said that, "Life is like this pearl shell. A grain of sand gets into the Mother of Pearl and causes an irritation. Because of this discomfort and distress, the Mother of Pearl secretes layer upon layer of pearly material to cover the irritation. The moral of this story is that life is like this pearl. We have our sufferings and difficulties in living. But out of these experiences, something very beautiful is created. These are our pearls of wisdom and understanding."

We were also able to meet with a small group of readers on the little island of Moorea. Moorea means "yellow lizard" in Tahitian as the island abounds with this wild life. It was one of the most beautiful experiences I have ever had with *The URANTIA Book* to sit in a circle with these French speaking readers as they read their books in French and we read ours in English. We could literally feel all barriers of language and nationality dropping away as we shared a communal unity of purpose and love based in the Spirit of Truth, Michael's majestic ministry. Dexter and Brigitte Cave and David Fagu have built a house which is located between two bays on this island paradise which served as the setting for the recent movie "The Bounty". They are anxious to fellowship with other readers of *The URANTIA Book* as they feel somewhat isolated on this small island. For any FUSLA members looking for an exotic vacation, consider our friends in French Polynesia!

— Lee Armstrong



## FUNKY JUNK SALE HOPES ARE HIGH

Overflow crowds are expected at the Sunday, November 4th, *FUSLA Funky Junk Sale* located at **Michael and Lori Long's** 7171 Figueroa Blvd. warehouse in Highland Park. The sale will be actively advertised and open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The last FUSLA fundraiser was held in 1982 and the treasury is low indeed! All *URANTIA Book* readers are asked to begin collecting their own discardable items and to actively solicit contributions from friends, neighbors and family. Receipts will be available upon request for tax deductions.

The FUSLA Governing Committee voted to allot 10% of the sale proceeds to the Spanish translation fund. Individual groups are also invited to set up special booths or tables to additionally benefit the fund.

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Special features of the sale will include an arts, crafts and potted plant section and a baked goods sale, coordinated by **Michael Long** and **Marlene Chicoine** respectively.

Several pick-up truck owners have volunteered to collect contributions which donors cannot transport to collection sites, however, large appliances or pieces of furniture (refrigerators, sofas, etc.) cannot be accepted.

There is an urgent need for volunteers to form "work parties" on Saturday, October 20th, for site cleanup; Saturday, November 3rd, for site preparation and organization/pricing of sale goods; and Sunday November 4th, for sales and cleanup. Call TODAY for details: **Kermit** or **Jackie Anderson**, 714/894-5417, **Michael** or **Lori Long**, 213/255-1375, or **Lee Armstrong**, 213/841-6286.



## GREENLAKE: BEAUTY AND INSPIRATION

Over 460 *URANTIA* Book readers, men, women and children, attended the 1984 General Conference of *URANTIA Brotherhood* in Greenlake, Wisconsin this August. The facility, owned by the American Baptist Assembly, provided a beautiful setting and there was much time for socialization and leisurely appreciation of Green Lake's verdant countryside.

A new registry of study groups throughout the world was distributed in the conference registration packets, compiled by the Domestic Extension Committee (now changed to the United States Extension Committee).

There were many excellent speakers, and one of the more memorable was **Gloriann Harris** who received a standing ovation by the attending assembly. Mornings were divided into small study sessions of which there were about 25 different choices. The afternoons were divided into three separate presentations. Early risers were privy to a "kick-off" speech each day.

An inspiring worship service led by **Eileen Laurence** of Connecticut in which children, and adults were included in a songfest, replaced the usual closing speech. The conference ended with all attending forming a hugh prayer circle, joining hands to thank our unseen friends and the Heavenly Father for all His blessings. Much communication, study, healing and love was exchanged and anticipation now begins for the next General Conference, tentatively located in Vermont in 1987.

FUSLA's presentation at the conference, "*Marriage & Family*", coordinated by **Marlene Chicoine**, was a big success. Based on **Julia Fenderson's** marriage and family course, presenters included **Lee Armstrong**, "*The Importance of Getting to Know Each Other Before Marriage*"; **Roselyn Armstrong**, "*Financial Planning*"; **Phil and Jane Rolnick**, San Francisco Bay Area *URANTIA Society*, "*The Home*"; **Buck Weimer**, "*Family Councils*"; **Arlene Weimer**, "*Social Developmental Stages of Children*"; and **Duane and Lucille Faw**, "*The Joys of Parenting and Grandparenting*".

Julia's prediction, "*This will be the most important presentation at the conference,*" was correct. The allotted two hours was hardly adequate to cover such an important topic. Due to the great interest shown by parents regarding the rearing and discipline of children, the presentation had to be cut short and the Faw presentation was not given. The participants wish to thank Duane and Lucille for their graciousness and understanding about the lack of time.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,

I feel I must respond to Toni Richey's excellent article on the Olympic games in the Summer Special Edition, because it brought back impressions experienced on a three week vacation in Europe this June. There is some unrest about the future of the world, but especially in Switzerland and Germany I became aware of the man-on-the street's concern for world peace. My husband and I made a point of talking with as many people as possible about their ideas and opinions. In addition, almost every day we read the International edition of the **Herald Tribune** in English, a daily condensed version of world news.

My impression is that Europeans are not only concerned, but wish to move and progress in the direction of understanding, and find a common ground that is more secure and not shaky like an earthquake. We heard such comments as: "the people want peace, but we are left at the mercy of the governments", . . . "It is difficult to know what to do to find unity" . . . "Individuals around the world should get to know each other better" etc. (In fact, we stayed in a home where our hosts provided lodging to Americans for that very purpose.) There is more a desire to reach out, than an alienation or talk of negative inevitabilities.

In other words we sensed the Europeans want to do something about uniting in common interests such as language, trade, education, scientific exchange and other ideals the *URANTIA* Book mentions as bonding peoples together. This reminds me of the book *The HUNDREDth Monkey* by Ken Keyes which many have read. The message in this book is that when a lot of individual mammals (humans too) proceed on a certain positive, improved course of action — this collective awareness catches on in whole groups because of a raising of consciousness scientists can't explain.

It seems the desire for future peace is very much **alive**, but we need to have more than desire. Even Pope John Paul II realizes this for he has been on many "peace missions" throughout the world. We heard him speak on this theme in person in Switzerland where thousands of Catholics and Protestants came together on this goal. The problems are in finding adequate procedures in a time when technology brings us to the brink of decision-making. We can't ignore world conditions.

If we really desire a planet of future light and life we need now to break ground to pave the way for peaceful machinery to move ahead, both in our daily lives and by disciplined study of the *URANTIA* teachings. Then comes integrating these teachings wherever we can on a social level through such activities as travel, community involvement, letters, and most of all reaching out to touch someone every day. May Toni's Olympic experience continue to generate energy in a vast movement to prove that mind and spirit are stronger than matter!

— Polly Friedman



Ed. Note:

Many thanks to Toni Richey, whose moving account of the Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies (Special Summer Edition) brought the most abundant reader response in recent Monitor history!

## AREA/CONTACT

## MEETING INFO



<b>Anaheim</b> Pierre & Marlene Chicoine	Mondays @ 7:00 PM (714) 761-1565
<b>Arcadia</b> Hal & Lucille Kettell	Mondays @ 7:30 PM (213) 447-1403
<b>Burbank</b> Lee & Roselyn Armstrong	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 841-6286
<b>BOM Radio Net</b> Bruce Fiero (213) 827-1015	Fridays & Sundays @ 10:00 PM PDT <small>10:00-7:200kc; 10:01-7:250kc; 10:02-3:525kc; 10:15-3:935kc 10kc jump every 5 min. if necessary to find open frequency</small>
<b>Calabasas</b> Polly Friedman	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (818) 880-5943
<b>Camarillo</b> Gary Reedy	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (805) 484-2991
<b>Chatsworth</b> Ray Caliguiri	1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 993-5286
<b>Fresno</b> Jim Brannon	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (209) 255-2147
<b>Hemet</b> Beverly J. Wold	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (714) 927-1015
<b>Huntington Beach</b> Kermit & Jackie Anderson	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (714) 894-5417
<b>La Mesa</b> Jim Felt	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (619) 286-8220 (Business)
<b>Los Angeles</b> Ernie Barbosa	Sundays @ 7:00 PM (213) 477-5992
<b>Malibu</b> Duane & Lucile Faw	2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30 PM (213) 456-4927
<b>Palm Springs (Pinyon Pines)</b> Ed Geisler	Sundays @ 5:00 PM (619) 349-3544
<b>Palmdale</b> John Dees	Sundays (No Time) (805) 948-7063
<b>Rancho Santa Fe</b> Rich Keeler	Alternate Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (619) 755-0264
<b>San Diego</b> Bill & Dorothy Hazzard	3rd Sunday @ 2:00 PM (619) 299-4195
<b>San Diego</b> Dick & Cheryl Prince/Phil & Cindy Calabrese	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (619) 270-6558
<b>Santa Barbara/Goleta</b> Samsara Amato-Duex	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 967-0975
<b>Santa Barbara</b> Barrie Bedell	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 969-1565
<b>Van Nuys</b> Dick MacDonald	2nd & 4th Thursdays (818) 343-3364
<b>Ventura</b> Larry Whelan	Weekly @ 7:00 PM (CALL for Day) (805) 643-8728
<b>Whittier</b> Stella Religa	1st & 3rd Fridays @ 7:30 PM (213) 698-2122 (Evenings)

If you wish to have the registered name of your study group included in this listing, please submit the name to *The MONITOR* by November 1, 1984.



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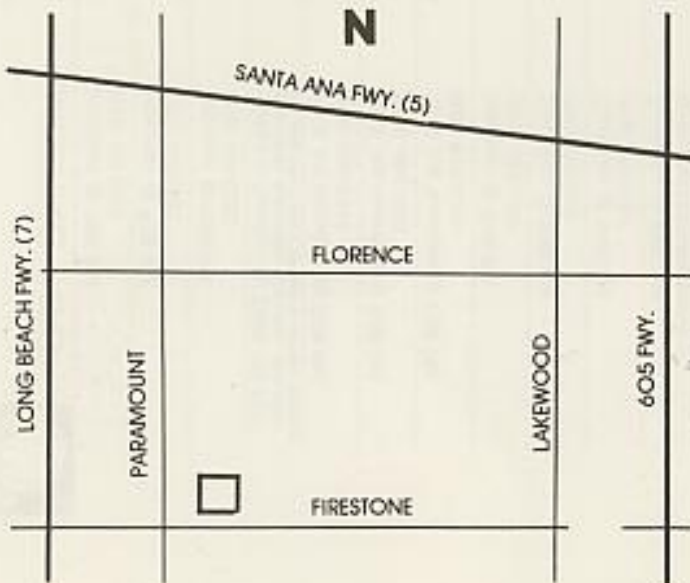
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## FULSA MEETING INFORMATION

### OCTOBER MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICER

Sunday, October 7, 1984, at 2:00 p.m.  
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