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Grand Canyon Society Begins New Year



From left, Mike Bertola, Crystal Harris, Millie Maxton, Eve McMahon, Beth Wenger, Larry Bowman, Dick Johnson and Peggy Johnson

We have just begun a new year for Grand Canyon Society. Our annual meeting was held June 24 at Encanto Park. A lot of old and new business was discussed and new officers were elected for the coming year.

Your new Coordinating Committee for 1995-96 is:

Larry Bowman	President
Millie Maxton	Vice-President
Eve McMahon	Secretary
Dick Johnson	Treasurer
Mike Bertola	Education
Beth Wenger	Navigation
Crystal Harris	Membership
Peggy Johnson	Publications

Some of our decisions were:

To put out a new calendar which can be updated, modified or added to throughout the year at \$3.50 per copy.

To make two banners to fly at IC-96, one with the 3 concentric circles and one with the GCS logo. A committee consisting of Peggy Johnson, Sue

Smith and Bruce Wenger was appointed to undertake this project.

To reinstate the newsletter, simplifying the format and the content. It will be more of a newsletter within the readership and to open lines of communication. Hopefully it will be published more frequently, than in the past.

A committee was appointed to come up with ideas for fundraising at IC-96. The committee is Rhonda Grubb, Eve McMahon and Beth Wenger. There is plenty of room if you would like to help with this project.

Peggy Johnson was appointed to represent the society at the Society Conclave to be held in Teanek, N. J. the end of August. The Society Conclave is a meeting of society representatives for the purpose of sharing what is going on within each respective society. It will discuss ways in which to get members more active within their society and form resolutions to be presented to the General Council of the Fellowship for consideration. It is one of the ways societies can express their wishes to the Fellowship as to just what they would like to see implemented.

Crystal Harris volunteered as Area Coordinator for southern Arizona. This position is under the Domestic Extension Committee of The Fellowship and is a non political position. She will be contacting the study groups in the near future and as a requirement, attend your group at least once in the coming year.

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New Frontiers '95

Snowmass, CO

As Observed by Arley Grubb

We left Boulder heading for Snowmass on Saturday morning in the cool, damp weather that was so comforting to those of us from Arizona. By the time we reached Snowmass Village we had been through sun, rain, and snow. In fact, it continued to rain (sometimes water, sometimes ice) off and on throughout the entire three days we attended the conference. Our spirits weren't dampened though, the change was welcomed.

Attendance was estimated at about 115 people by the conference end. Lots of familiar faces and a few new ones too. Our contingency from Arizona included Eric Cosh (Mr. Video), Dick and Peggy Johnson, Eve McMahon, Rosey Lieske, Larry Shriver from Sedona, Josh and Theresa Wilson, Dave and Debbie Draxton (previously from Tucson, now in Colorado) Rhonda and myself. For me this was the most exciting conference so far. Mainly because of Rosey's presentation of "Jesus Was a Team Builder".

The first day each speaker repeated their respective workshop three times. Rhonda and I attended Rosey's first presentation. By the time she finished her impressive talk, most every

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HELP!!!

It is the intent of the Publication Committee to publish "The Servant" on a more frequent basis. If this is to come to pass, we will need cooperation from our readers. We ask that each study group appoint someone in your group to be responsible for reporting the news of your group on or before each deadline. Also we will accept any article, poem, cartoon, drawing, joke (clean) you may care to submit. They will be published, pending adequate space. Also if you are creative and have some item or service you would like to advertise, let us know and we will try to accommodate you, providing it is within the guidelines of the society and this publication. Rates are yet to be determined.

Do you know the best way to keep milk fresh?
Keep it in the cow

TRADE MARKS

Most of you probably already know that on February 10, 1995, *The Urantia Book* was placed in public domain by Judge Urbom. As to the trademarks, he ruled that The Foundation did have a valid copy right, but that in no way prevented other people from using those same trademarks, so long as it did not cause confusion with their product. I understand this to mean that a person can now produce T-shirts, cups, magnets, cards, etc. using the trademarks as well as quotes from *The Urantia Book*.

The next deadline for *The Servant* will be Oct. 15, 1995

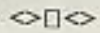
STUDY GROUP NEWS

REACHING HIGH

As of April of this year Angels of the Desert changed their name to Reaching High Study Group and became a group of action. We concentrate not so much on reading and discussing the meaning of *The Urantia Book*, but more on how to live the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, particularly the Teachings of Jesus. We realize and accept that it is not so much what one knows, but what one does, that will change us and our lives. There is a lot of personal sharing and most of all we have found that coming to the group keeps us aware of what is important in our daily lives and how to attain the goals we have set for ourselves. The group is small and we feel comfortable to say whatever is in our mind to share with the group as we know it will stay within the group and not become common gossip. We try as a group to find solutions to our problems.

We were privileged to have in our group in June a woman visiting Phocnix from Chile who is now living and working in Washington D. C. She plans to move to Phoenix if she can find a job and a sponsor. It was most enlightening to hear how they study the book in Chile. For such a long time the only thing they had to study were the first 5 pages of the book and only one study group (all women). Now there are quite a number of study groups and all of their studies are in depth.

Our doors are always open, if any of you care to join us. We do suggest that you try the group several times before making a decision whether it is or is not your cup of tea.



CHILDREN'S URANTIA STUDY GROUP

The Arizona Children's' Urantia Book Study Group meets each third Saturday afternoon of the month, except for June, July and August. The study format follows closely to the outline suggested by Mary Ebben from Colorado. We begin with a reading or story from *The Urantia Book* followed by physical activity (a craft

or game) then music and meditation. The mothers take rotating turns as hostess, teacher or refreshments, in the home or in a park. Everyone takes a part in the program, usually from two to three hours.

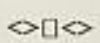
The children range in ages from 6 to 12. Our largest group was eight children. Most are children of Urantia Book Readers, but we invite neighborhood friends also.

During the summer months, we plan a two-day camp out in the high cool country of Arizona. An outreach activity done this past year by the children, was to gather all the toys and games they no longer play with and clothing no longer worn (all in good condition). We met in Papago Park to sort all the items, then delivered them to a recommended needy family in South Phoenix.

Another learning activity. The children became a neighborhood clean-up crew. The mothers supervised each child with a paper bag who picked up debris left by unthinking humans: cigarette butts, rubber bands, junk food containers, etc. Prizes were given for their efforts, and the neighborhood looked cleaner. Each of us can make a difference.

The Coordinator for the children's proram is Sue Smith. Call her if you have children or know of children who would like to attend. Her phone number is 993-1325.

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SERVICE

After the Frontier Conference in Boulder the first of July, Dick and I took a detour through Big Fork, Montana to visit his sister for a few days. On our return to Phoenix, we were approaching the first off ramp into Pocatello, Idaho, and Dick said "Urantia Book Study Group." I asked him to repeat it and he said he had just seen a sign that said "Urantia Book Study Group." Well needless to say I had him go back so that I could see it too. It was an "Adopt a

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Sue has volunteered to be on our Navigation Committee. There was such a good response to our last seminar, it is her desire to have them more frequently in different parts of the valley. She even feels she would like to do one in Tucson. It is important that old readers support these efforts by their attendance.

Crystal is looking into the possibility of fund raising at IC-96 in order to help with travel expenses of foreign readers. She has suggested that we sell sun tan and sun block products purchased from General Counselor, Joe Liska's cosmetic company in Florida.



How is the quickest way to move across the Sea of Glass

In a "Mota" boat



GRAND CANYON SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT

6/30/95

ON HAND:

Savings	\$1,522
Checking	1,276
	<u>\$2,797</u>

INCOME:

Donations	\$ 534
Other	695
Total income	<u>\$1,228</u>

EXPENSES:

Conferences	\$ 616
Fellowship	150
Outreach	699
Office	120
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,585</u>

Profit or Loss (\$ 356)

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Books	\$ 198
Future Conferences	500
Stickers	38
Total Restricted Funds:	<u>\$ 736</u>

Statewide Meeting Alert!

A switch has been made in the August and September Statewide study groups. The August Statewide will be on August 19 and will be a celebration of Michael's birth. It will be held at Tom Ryan's in Flagstaff. Tom is trying to arrange for us to go to Lowell Observatory Wesley Smith will be the leader. The September Statewide Study Group will be held at Frank "Poncho" Falkner's in Flagstaff. More about these meeting will be forthcoming.

New Frontiers '95

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one in the room had a new idea of how they could be of service - there was a standing ovation. As the day progressed, I kept hearing people say "Did you go to Rosey's workshop? or "Did you hear Rosey's talk?" You could say she was the talk of the town". Before the conference was over, many people pulled Rosey off to the side to discuss her ideas about service. In fact, she sometimes disappeared into the bowels of the conference center for some in-depth discussions with more than one interested fan. Thanks Rosey for a job well done. As your light shines, the glow is illuminating numerous areas of the country.

I only attended two other workshops during the conference, the social aspect was just too great for me. Many times I too was off having in-depth conversations with old and new friends. Seems like every time I turned around I was able to put a new face with an old name.

On Sunday we attended one of the *Evening Common Interest Groups* facilitated by Kristen. This was a group discussion about the lawsuit "Urantia vs Kristen Maaherra". There was much discussion, many questions and answers, and continued support for Kristen in this on-going process.

After a charming introduction by Dick Johnson, Larry Mullins gave the Plenary Talk on Monday morning. His first statement was to hold up *The Urantia Book* and proclaim "Free at last". He then

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pointed to Kristen and her family seated in the audience saying "Thank You". With that, the room rose up and gave her an ovation that lasted for several minutes. That was the highlight of the conference for me.

What I could gather from everyone I talked to, the conference was a huge success. Our thanks go out to the Boulder community and the Oklahoma readers. Our Society was given the year off so that we may continue our work on IC '96. Thanks for the breather and we owe you one. The music program was superb. Joan Mullins, Susan Ransbottom, Barbara Hester and Carol Hay could make millions with their talent. Josh Wilson and Eric Cosh also performed at the conference and held their own with those amazing women.

There was a lot more going on at the conference than I have talked about here. I'm sure anyone that was there would be glad to fill in the holes of my story. If you want to "see" what you missed, contact Eric Cosh. As usual, he was able to capture most of the conference with all it's beauty and fellowship.

THE CALENDAR IS BACK

We are bringing the calendar back this year. A more simplified version; however it will contain all known events within the societies as well as the fellowship. As other events become known, we will send out replacement months with updates.

The calendar is mounted on poster board with a picture of the Banner of Michael flying over Jerusalem. It is put together with brass brads for easy updating. It sells for \$3.50.

Below is an order blank for your convenience.

Please send _____ copies of the Grand Canyon Society Calendar at \$3.50 per calendar to the following. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip: _____

Make checks payable to Grand Canyon Society and send to:

CALENDAR
c/o Peggy Johnson
Grand Canyon Society
P. O. Box 2621
Scottsdale, AZ 85250-2621

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SUN CITIES AREA URANTIA BOOK STUDY GROUP

The Sun Cities Area Urantia Book study group has been in existence about a year and a half. They average about 8 people per meeting and meet every other Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Don and Pat Grothaus's in Sun City. Almost everyone in the group lives either in Sun City or Sun City West. They have a good mix of readers, from long-time students such as Don & Pat who were members of an Indiana study group led by Dr. Meredith Sprunger back in the late 1950's, to several people who are fairly new to the book.

Several members of the group are members of the Unity Church in Sun City. Unity is a very open and positive religious movement. They also have several students of "A Course in Miracles". At the present time they are reading the "Jesus Papers" and thoroughly enjoying learning about his marvelous life.

Its been a wonderful experience studying "The Urantia Book" with this group of truth seekers. They've noticed a good spirit of congeniality and general lack of conflict since the beginning. The group was especially appreciative of a series of introductory talks on the book which were initiated by Wesley Smith of Sedona and continued by Sue Smith and Larry Bowman.

The group includes, Lilian Crispin*, Don and Pat Grothaus*, Mike Knoll*, Bill & Ruth Lord, Edith Lowe, Cassie Oserin and Raylene Peel. (* founding members) If you have a free Monday afternoon, please drop in, but call first to make sure they're meeting that week. They would love to study with you.



THURSDAY NIGHT SCOTTSDALE STUDY GROUP

This is the longest-running study group in Arizona and has been meeting since the late 70s. Larry Bowman assumed hosting in 1980. In 1989 he bought a townhouse at 4132 N., 78th

Pl. in Villa San Marcos, Scottsdale (just off Indian School Road at 78th Street), where the group now meets weekly from 8 to 9:30 PM.

Presently an average of six persons are studying Part IV "The Life and Teachings of Jesus". The group may take a momentary respite from this to do an in-depth study of the Foreword before returning to Part IV.

While most attendees have been readers for many years, newcomers are always welcome. This group seems to be known for having fun while often engaging in earnest discussions.



MOON VALLEY STUDY GROUP

The Moon Valley Urantia Book Study Group, facilitated by Sue Smith, meets at 856 E. Village Circle Drive South, Phoenix, AZ., every Tuesday night from 8:00 to 9:30 PM. The group is composed of 14 regular, weekly members, with periodic drop-ins and newcomers. We are finishing up Part IV. By mid-August, we will begin Part I, with three weeks of sequential reading followed by one week of topical reading as our monthly format.



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Highway" sign with another sign beneath that advertised the study group in Pocatello, Idaho. We drove that stretch 4 times to take pictures and found 2 signs. One going south and one going north. I started thinking how neat it would be to start a campaign in all the cities and towns that have study groups to adopt a highway just before an intersection into their locale. It also would be a good way to let other Urantia Book readers know there is a study group in that area.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: The Coordinating Committee, at their meeting July 13, 1995, requested the Navigation Committee contact DPS in regards to adopting a 2-mile stretch of highway. A follow-up will be reported in the next issue of "The Servant".

Notice

The Servant and minutes are sent to you free of charge, however with paper, printing and postage up, we will gratefully accept donations to offset expenses.

Grand Canyon Society Membership minutes are sent to all members. In the future Coordinating Committee Minutes will be sent only on request. Please use the coupon below to request copies.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

July 8 Statewide Meeting

On July 8 the Statewide Meeting met in Sedona at the home of Wesley & Lee Smith. They were gracious hosts.

There were at least 30 in attendance -- approximately 15 from Phoenix and Sun City, 6 or 9 from Flagstaff and the balance from Sedona.

The Potluck was really great. The program was led by Tom Ryan of Flagstaff. He made a very interesting presentation -- half of it concerned the New Translation Method for the printing of *The Urantia Book* in various foreign languages and the last part of his presentation centered on infinity and the cosmos.

Larry Bowman gave a synopsis of the activities of The Grand Canyon Society and The Fellowship. Several there were concerned with the printing of the book by The Fellowship. There was much concern that The Fellowship would renege on their commitment to print the book since The Foundation has published a soft cover at a reasonable cost and has led readers to believe that they would be placing the book back in the hands of the distributors. After much discussion and many opinions were expressed, Bruce Wenger pushed for a vote of those present. Twenty-nine voted for

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The Fellowship to proceed with their commitment with one abstention.

Wesley Smith opened the meeting and Poncho conducted the closing.



GRADUATION

Margaret Hawkins

Margaret graduated to the Mansion Worlds July 6, 1993 after almost ninety-two years of life on Urantia.

During the mid-seventies, Sue Smith introduced her mother, Margaret Hawkins, to *The Urantia Book*. Margaret had been reading "The Life of Christ" by Ferrar, and readily accepted *The Urantia Book* teachings. Since childhood she had been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and claimed *The Urantia Book* enhanced the church teachings. She remained an active member in the Church along with enjoying Urantia Book activities.

Within a short time, Margaret met Herman Schell while Sue was visiting in Phoenix. Together they persuaded Margaret to begin holding a study group in her home. There was a small group meeting on 19th Avenue who wanted a place to meet. As we remember: Dick and Peggy Johnson, Eve McMahon, Bill Payne, Cheryl Zents, Crystal Harris, Rosie Lieske, and Ron Bauer attended the group on a regular basis.

When Margaret found she could no longer have the group due to her declining health, the meeting moved to the Johnsons' and continues there today.

A Memorial Celebration of Margarets ninety-second birthday was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on September 10, 1993.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal:
Dust thou art, to dust thou
returnest

Was not spoken of the soul.

—Longfellow

Margaret was loved,

Margaret is missed,

Margaret will be remembered

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Don Gable

Maria Gable received word early in May, 1995, that Don had left this world in the America Samoan Islands. Don had been working there since June 1994. Our hearts go out to you Maria. Don will be missed.

Berkeley Elliott

Berkeley Elliott, the mother of The Oklahoma Society, departed to The Morontia Worlds on January 3, 1995. She had been reading *The Urantia Book* since the '50s, a General Counselor for The Fellowship for 18 years and Chairman and Member of the International Committee. Berkeley was a strong and courageous woman and will be missed by many people. If there has ever been anyone who has left a mark on the Urantia Community, it was Berkeley Elliott.

Bill Hales

Bill Hales, father of John Hales, passed from this world on June 25, 1995. He was a member of The Forum and the first President of The Foundation, a position he held for twenty-three years.

PRAYER

Father God,
Loving Spirit
Guide Me
With your gentle hands,
Lead me upward
Over the rocks of
Real difficulties,
Through the canyons of
Doubt.

And when I stumble
And perhaps even fall
Lift me up again gently.
Heal the sores of
My afflictions.

Lead me onward
And inward
Until finally,
I stand in
Your presence.

Transformed
Metamorphosed, tempered,
tested, refined,
Perfected
Ready for Eternity.

Mike Knoll

10 ways to increase your self-esteem.

You can increase your self-esteem by following the following ten tips provided by the California Task Force to Promote Self-Esteem, a special panel of California-based experts that developed ways to help people feel better about themselves.

- 1. ACCEPT YOURSELF:** Every day when you get up say to yourself, 'I am a worthwhile and lovable person no matter how many mistakes I make.'
- 2. SET REALISTIC GOALS:** Try to better yourself, but set goals that are within your reach. For example, if you want to stop smoking and go on a diet, don't try both at the same time.
- 3. FORGIVE YOURSELF AND OTHERS:** Remind yourself: 'Today is the first day of the rest of my life.' To forgive yourself and others, let go of past feelings of guilt and resentment. Get on with your life.
- 4. EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS:** Start by being honest with yourself. Next find someone you trust - a spouse, a parent, a close friend - and tell them how you feel. Truthfully express your feelings this way and you'll slowly build confidence.
- 5. TRUST YOURSELF AND OTHERS:** Make an agreement with yourself to be more responsible. Do something simple like getting up at a certain time in the morning. When you do it a few times you'll begin to trust yourself in more important situations.
- 6. TAKE APPROPRIATE RISKS:** Go back to school. Seek a better job. If you don't take chances you'll be in the same old rut.
- 7. TAP YOUR CREATIVITY:** Everyone is creative but we stifle our creativity because we're afraid of failure. Force yourself to keep on trying until you get it right. Most of all, have fun.
- 8. FIND YOUR SPIRITUALITY:** We can all increase our self-esteem by realizing we're accepted and loved by God.
- 9. ELIMINATE NEGATIVE THOUGHTS:** You damage your self-esteem by allowing your mind to be filled with negative thoughts such as 'I'm a terrible worker or I'm too fat.'
- 10. LIKE YOUR BODY.** Your health and appearance are important parts of your self-esteem. Accept things you can't change, such as height. Work to change the things you can, like being overweight.

Coordinating Committee Meeting July 13, 1995

The Coordinating Committee was held at Larry Bowman's. All members of the committee were present. After the usual tradition of approving the minutes and the financial report, we discussed the following old business:

Mailing minutes to entire membership on Membership Meeting Only - goes to all active society members. It was proposed to charge \$5 to everyone for the minutes. After discussion it was agreed that it was not a good idea at this time.

Peggy Johnson proposed to do a quarterly newsletter. It was suggested that we accept ads for a small fee. After discussion it was agreed that small personal ads will be okay, no political ads, but at the discretion of the Coordinating Committee. Examples of ads: jewelers, dress makers, electricians, etc. All ads will be done according to space available.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

The Membership Meeting made a proposal for the CC to discuss the IC-96 Fund Raising Event. Crystal Harris proposed a lotion promotion in order to sponsor readers from the International Readership to IC-96 in Flagstaff. She wanted to know if GCS would be willing to guarantee \$3000 to get the lotions bottled and labeled. Our profit would be about \$900. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that Peggy Johnson will take this proposal to the Society Conclave in New Jersey to see what their response would be and if any society would be willing to participate with GCS. There is talk of having a "Berkeley Elliott Fund" set up for something like this. There would be a heavy demand for everyone to sales pitch the lotion before, during, and after the conference. Peggy suggested that they be pre-sold as well as looking into larger bottles in addition to the 1.5 oz. suggested.

Clarification of outreach functions (phone, seminars, etc.) and goals for Education Committee. It was determined that the phones were under the direction

Education Committee and seminars were under the direction of the Navigation Committee. Larry Bowman offered to assist with the phone calls and mailing the new comer packets. All calls are metered. In the past 9 months 250 people have phoned in and 75 have been contacted through letters or phone and 10 have attended study groups.

Beth Wenger plans to work to revive the Service Opportunity Network. She has at present 7 volunteers

It was suggested to invite John Lincoln from Vail, CO, to come to Phoenix and hold a workshop on Team Building. John is a psychotherapist and holds many workshops for companies.

Items & resolutions for Society Conclave, July 27. 1) UB publication issue; 2) UB distribution; 3) Response to reader inquiries; 4) Communications w/members; 5) Society representation as promised; 6) Publication of UB in foreign countries.

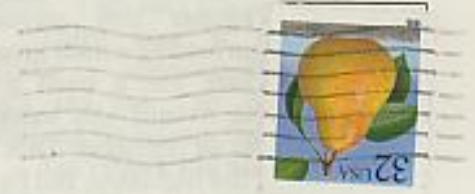
Crystal reported on Native American participation at IC-96.

Peggy proposed adopting a highway for more public exposure

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