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GARD JAMESON and MO SIEGEL APPOINTED TRUSTEES to URANTIA FOUNDATION

Chicago, IL.—Last December two Trustees, Patricia Mundelius and Tom Burns, resigned their positions on The Urantia Foundation. In keeping with the goal of amending the past with The Fellowship, the remaining Trustees appointed Gard Jameson and Mo Siegel, members of the Executive Committee of The Fellowship, to fill these vacancies.

Gard, a student of *The Urantia Book* since 1971, was a member of the Fatherhood of God; has served on The General Council for the past 9 years and on the Executive Committee for the past 9 years. Gard is married, has two young children, lives in Las Vegas, and is a member of The

Grand Canyon Society for Readers of *The Urantia Book*.

Mo, a student of *The Urantia Book* since 1968, has served on The General Council for the past 18 years and on the Executive Committee for more than 10 years. Mo is married and has five children, lives in Boulder, Colorado, and is a member of the Rocky Mountain Spiritual Fellowship.

Both Gard and Mo have contributed much to the dissemination of *The Urantia Book*, since becoming students of the book. They have resigned their positions on the Executive Committee as well as their seats on the General Council. Their presence will be missed. ■

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Jesus' Resurrection

The Urantia Book tells us that Jesus was resurrected on April 9, the actual Easter. This year Easter is on April 12. We are having our Statewide Potluck and Study Group on April 11 at the home of Lee and Millie Maxton in Tempe. Please reserve this date and join us in honoring and celebrating Christ Michael's Resurrection.

Statewide in Mexico

Rocky Point, Mex.—For those of you who did not make the Rocky Point Statewide Study Group, you missed a really great weekend. The weather was beautiful, the atmosphere relaxing and low-keyed, the food was great, and the study group was lively and stimulating. We also had a second study group on Sunday morning.

Our mascot for the weekend was a big, black, loveable Doberman named "Sin". Each time someone would sit down on the couch, he would jump up and lay down across your lap. He was so big he took up two-thirds of the couch. We all fell in love with him.

Dick and Peggy left home without their potluck dish and their luggage, which prompted a trip to a local merchant for some necessities. They did, however, bring their tooth brushes. The dish they had made for the potluck didn't go to waste as they served it the Coordinating Committee Meeting the following week. ■

MIDYEAR GENERAL COUNCIL RECAP

February 6-8, 1998

Oklahoma City, OK.—At the General Council Richard Omura from San Francisco and Lorrie Krasny of Las Vegas were elected to replace Geri Johnson and Steve McIntosh. The next regional conference will be July 9-12, 1998 in Washington, D. C.

The Area Coordinator program will be discontinued and Domestic Extension will deal directly with study group leaders. Fourteen expos are scheduled during 1998, including Phoenix in the fall. Income is down more than \$100,000 from the budgeted. Expenses exceeded income by \$110,000.

Kristen Maaherra has volunteered to format the study group directory for the Fellowship. The family planning committee has requested it be

made a permanent standing committee increasing the Executive Committee to 15.

More than 67,000 documents from the Fellowship Website were downloaded in the past 10 weeks. Main goals voted by the council were; sponsoring International Conferences, building the website with secondary materials and historical documents; creating a web forum for the teaching; sponsoring Regional Conferences; improvement of communication with readers; support study groups; and dissemination of the Urantia teachings globally.

Matthew Block will be terminated May 1 and they are looking for an Executive Director. Financial ad-

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GRAND CANYON SOCIETY OFFICERS

Dick Johnson	President
Eve McMahon	Vice-President
Larry Bowman	Secretary
Peggy Johnson	Treasurer
Bruce Wenger	Education
Estelle Bertola	Membership
Roger Thomas	Navigation
Lee Maxton	Publications
Crystal Harris	Area Coordinator

SERVANT STAFF

Lee Maxton	Chairman
Peggy Johnson	Assistant
Roger Thomas	Cartoonist

CONTRIBUTORS

Roger Thomas
Peggy Johnson
Larry Bowman
Dick Johnson
Eve McMahon
Frank Falkner
Vera Mello

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ministration will be headquartered in Oklahoma City (Harry McMullan), Website in San Francisco (David Kantor) and Reader Services to Boulder (Paula Thompson).

Colorado lawsuit settled. Permitted uses of concentric circles includes - leaflets inviting people to worship service - wearing clothing or jewelry or imprinting personal check with the symbol - use in any religion or wedding ceremony and non-commercial use of the term "Urantia" or "Urantian". The Arizona case is still pending before Judge Urbom.

Executive Committee and Foundation Trustees scheduled to meet April 17.

The IUA is having a regional conference in San Diego and will be inviting Councilors, Study Group Leaders and Fellowship Members to attend. Council needs to determine on a case by case basis what is "Fair Use" under the Copyright Laws. ■

Urantia Book. His hope was that she would find the peace, serenity and love that he found there. She Did! They bought 40 acres in the wilderness between Bisbee & Tombstone and build a home and a life for the short time he had left. Mel loved the tranquil beauty and often said he would never move again. This is where he intended to make his transition. He did so! ■

Flagstaff, AZ., February 3.—Tom Ryan made his departure from Urantia. He was born in Long Beach, CA. in 1942. He was a graduate of the University of California Berkeley with a major in philosophy & physics. He worked for NASA for a time and then moved to AZ in 1971. He became very close to the Navajo people of the Bird Springs community near Winslow. His most notable accomplishment was the designing, constructing, and founding of the Little Singer School in Bird Springs. His goal in building the school was "to bring the children home", as many young Navajo children had to stay away from their families in B.I.A. dormitories. To help with funding for the school, he became a professor at Northern Arizona University in the engineering department, where he also pushed for the development of the engineering program for Native American students.

In the 1980's, Tom founded the Shadiim Institute, where he and his Navajo crew constructed and installed solar panels on and off the Navajo Reservation. Next, he served as the executive director of Navajo Technologies, in which he trained Navajo computer programmers in the ADA computer language.

His latest endeavor was to develop a computer program that would translate Russian to English and vice versa, to be used in the U.S. & Russian space programs.

While his health allowed, Tom hosted a UB Study Group on Thursday evenings, and hosted the Jesus celebration in August 1994.

Tom is survived by his wife, Anita; their 10 children and 4 grandchildren, his parent, four brothers and

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Graduation Day

Bisbee, AZ., Jan. 31: Manuel (Mel) Mello departed from Urantia to make his transition to the Mansion Worlds. Urantia readers who knew Mel would be certain he left this world eager, anxious and happily anticipating the wondrous cosmic journey.

Mel was born 2/9/21 in New Bedford, Mass. and grew up on Cape Cod. He served in the military for 5 years during WWII. He then moved to Phoenix and attended barber school. He had his own shop for almost 20 years.

Mel led a troubled, spiritual life at first, but overcame this and found the Urantia Book (Thanks to Dick Johnson who introduced him.) He began to learn about and loving the history and future which unfolds in its pages.

He retired to Bisbee in 1979, where he met and married his beloved wife, Vera, whom he introduced to *The*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

Sally Culwell	5
Barbara Carlson	6
Clint Carlson	6
J.J. Johnson	6
Rhonda Grubb	24
Joseph McNeil	25

May

Paul Christofanelli	6
Arley Grubb	7
Gard Jameson	20
Carol King	26

June

Jean Lahargoue	1
Estelle Bertola	6
Larry Bowman	14
Mike Knoll	24
Roger Thomas	25

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one sister.

Tom will be remembered as a highly intelligent man, who looked to the future with hope and great expectation. He always gave freely of his time and knowledge.

Both Mel & Tom always saw the best in people and their many friends and loved ones wish them God speed on their brilliant journey. ■

FINANCIAL REPORT

2/25/98

ON HAND:

Savings	\$ 1,720.93
Checking	<u>1,604.18</u>
	<u>\$ 3,325.11</u>

INCOME:

Donations	\$ 60.00
Other	<u>275.50</u>
Total income	<u>\$ 335.50</u>

EXPENSES:

Education-advertising	72.00
Education-telephone	83.09
Misc.-Donations	150.00
Treas.-Tithing & Postage	221.58

Total Expenses \$ 526.67

Profit or Loss (\$ 391.17)

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Books	\$ 40.00
Future Conferences	500.00
Stickers	40.00
Prison Project	25.00
Excel Project	22.50
Spiritual Retreat	200.00

G.C.S. BUDGET 1998

President	\$ 50.00
Secretary	50.00
Treasure	500.00
Education	1800.00
Membership	150.00
Navigation	2000.00
Publication	550.00
Total Budget	<u>\$ 5200.00</u>

Coordinating Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 14, 1998

All CC members were present. Bob Abdul, Millie Maxton, and Sue Smith attended. Meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM. Roger Thomas read a passage from The Urantia Book on teamwork and Estelle Bertola a selection on effective and wise leadership. The minutes of the Nov 5, 1997, Coordinating Committee meeting, were approved. Larry reported he was in the process of compiling the annual Census Report of Societies for the Fellowship and stated that there were 77 members of Grand Canyon Society. Peggy Johnson presented the treasurer's report, which stated that as of Dec. 31, 1997, there is a checkbook balance of \$1,795.35. It is to send another \$100 to Urantia Foundation for their prison project.

Dick Johnson said we need an inventory of books belonging to the Society: how many are there, and who has them? Bruce Wenger was appointed to track these down.

Coordinating Committee needs to prepare 1998 budget

The Fellowship will give away 1,900 copies of their version of The Urantia Book (ten at a time) to Societies. Societies in turn can present these to libraries, prisons, or to persons who can not afford to buy a book. Bruce was appointed as book steward.

Roger said he got only one response to his request for comments on a center. He feels there isn't much commitment to a center at the present time, primarily due to finances.

Estelle had nothing to report for the Membership Committee. Roger suggested that we have a big membership drive. He also thought it was a good idea to try to bring in newcomers to social functions. Motion was approved to invite everyone on the mailing list to the next Statewide Meeting (February 7 at Mike Bertola's).

Bruce suggested having another introductory seminar, this time on a weeknight, possibly in April. Gard Jameson or Paula Thompson were both mentioned as possibilities to do the talk. Roger said the Tempe Festival would be held March 27-29. It was recommended that the seminar follow shortly thereafter.

General Councilors received a ten-page questionnaire on prioritizing eight goals that the Executive Committee established for General Council to try to accomplish during the next three years. Dick had the understanding that these results may be distilled and submitted in a shorter survey to either all Societies or all Fellowship members.

There was a brief discussion on some kind of a project that groups within GCS could volunteer for, following up on Mike Bertola's recommendation at Larry's study group in December, but nothing was determined.

Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 25, at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM. ■

February 28, 1998

Meeting began @ 7:40 P. M. All CC members present except Larry Bowman. GCS members present: Bob Abdul & Millie Maxton

Eve acted as Secretary. One minor correction was made to the minutes and then was approved as corrected.

Peggy distributed treasures report and several corrections were made. Report was approved. Check book balance as of 2/25/98, \$1795.35 CD balance \$1720.33.

The following is the budget for GCS 1998: President \$50, Secretary \$150, Treasures \$500, Education \$1900, Membership \$150, Navigation \$2000, Publication \$550, Total \$5200.

Estelle Bertola did not have location selected for the Membership Banquet: however, Grace Inn, just off I-10 & Elliott, was suggested.

Roger Thomas gave his report on the Tempe Art Fair coming up March 27-29. Peggy brought back an 8 ft. banner & two posters she borrowed from the Oklahoma Society.

There is going to be a spiritual retreat at the Merritt Center in Payson to be chaired by Gard Jameson, September 4-6 (Labor day weekend).

Lee & Peggy will prepare invitational letter to SW meeting for April. Peggy distributed a society brochure and asked for feedback. Foundation Trustees & unity statement were discussed, as well as decentralization of the Fellowship, Finance moved to Oklahoma, Reader Services to Boulder & Website to San Francisco. Dick distributed the new Newsletter, GLAD (Gay & Lesbian AgonDonter Newsletter).

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM. Next meeting April 8. ■



NORM INGRAM HEADS FOR AFRICA

After successful trips to South America, Mexico and Asia, Norm Ingram is headed for the African continent. Donations are being accepted by Saskia Revoir at 510 N. Maryland, Glendale, CA 91206, to help defray Norm and companions', Richard Strauss of Switzerland and Rev. Roger Goffney of Costa Rica, expenses. They hope to distribute at least 200 UB's. Saski is publishing a book "How I Found the Book", selling price \$20, to help with expenses. Send your story to her at above address. ■

The schedule for the next three months of STATEWIDE MEETINGS: (There will be no statewide meeting in May. We will have the annual banquet.)

Dates	Hosts
April 11	Lee & Millie Maxton
May 16	Anniversary Banquet
June 13	Bruce & Beth Wenger

Mark your calendar now. All are invited. Take this opportunity to meet other readers.

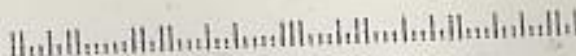
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A Spiritual Retreat

September 4-6, 1998

The Grand Canyon Society for Readers of The Urantia Book is sponsoring a "Spiritual Retreat" at The Merritt Lodge in Payson. Gard Jameson from Boulder City, Nevada, will be the Chairman and Moderator for the weekend. Gard travels all over the country holding these retreats for societies and study groups. Many of you know Gard from the International Conferences, as he is usually Chairman of the Worship Services. We hope you will be able to join us.

The following rates will apply and are per person. They include your lodging and meals through noon on Sunday. We are offering a \$10.00 discount to those who send all of their monies with their registration by **May 1, 1998**, as we have to make a sizeable deposit with The Merritt Center.

Full amount payable by May 1, 1998	\$ 115.00
1/2 amount payable by May 1, 1998	62.50
Balance payable by July 15, 1998	62.50
Full amount payable after July 15, 1998	135.00
No refunds after July 15, 1998	

Space is limited so get your reservations in early and save. A verification of your registration and map will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration. This weekend could be one you won't forget for a long time.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ places at \$ _____ each. Enclosed is my check in the amount of _____.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Grand Canyon Society, P. O. Box 2621, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-2621