



THE UNITY MESSENGER

Unity of Santa Rosa
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This is Not Good-bye

By Marilyn Russell

The past five years as a board member have gone by quickly. The office of Board President has been very challenging. As a past board president recently said to me – OJT. On the job training, indeed. In the beginning of my time, we had a bookkeeper who apparently was tired of doing her job, so she didn't, but she kept paying herself. Our admin. at that time knew a bookkeeper and eventually that contact led us to our current bookkeeper, Alicia DeCoite; she helped us out of a financial hole, and has been a great asset. The HOA lawsuit was ongoing. Thankfully our past president, Kathy, had taken me to the HOA meetings with her. So I sort of knew what to expect. There were continued "Cash Calls" that were concerning. Thankfully, that is over. Then along came the fires. The 2017 fire was the worst for our recovery. Our office admin. at that time, Cecilia Wilson, was terrific. She came in every time I did after the fire. She brought her air purifier and we worked together to get Unity of Santa Rosa in shape to resume services. For the second fire, Charlie was on the job, and shut the place down, so our recovery was much easier.

In my tenure, I have had the pleasure of being supervisor to five different admins. I think that is probably some kind of record. Each brought many talents and much creativity to the job. All were overqualified. Life changed and all but one needed to move on. Our current admin., Harker, is coming up on two years on the job. She is a deeply committed, hardworking admin. We will be able to do many things to upgrade our office work and accomplishments. It is very important for us to remember that Harker is our office admin. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Sundays, Harker is at church as a congregant member and a volunteer. I ask that you respect that. If you have an office request or problem that cannot wait for the following Tuesday, please respect Harker's days off and see a Board member with your request or problem.

Some of you know I consider myself the "Keeper of the Keys". In times past the "Keeper of the Keys" was responsible for the safety and well-being of a noble estate or a castle. He locked the doors at night, even locking guests and residents in their bedrooms and quietly unlocking doors in the early dawn. He provided comfort and care also. I have been blessed in the past few years to be your Board President and Unity of Santa Rosa has been my "noble estate". I appreciate and love all of you for your support and love and look forward to a continued journey together. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

February 2020

- Sunday the 16th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Music by Star Tom
- Sunday the 16th: Annual Membership Meeting from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday the 23rd: David McNair, Licensed Unity Teacher; Friendship Sunday; Music by Cricket

March 2020

- Sunday the 1st: Rev. Dr. Bob Brach; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Music by Marcos Pereda
- Sunday the 1st: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday the 4th: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday the 8th: Rev. Dr. Barbara Leger; Daylight Savings Time Begins; Music by Star Tom
 - Sunday the 15th: Rev. Dr. Patricia Keel; Music by Momo
- Friday the 20th: Vernal Equinox Sound Healing with René Jenkins and Janet Janay Cipriani from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
- Sunday the 22nd: René Jenkins; Friendship Sunday; Music by René Jenkins
 - Sunday the 29th: Rev. Margaret Flick; Music by Star Tom



April 2020

- Wednesday the 1st: Prayer & Meditation Circle from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday the 5th: Rev. Sonya Milton; Palm Sunday; Birthday and Prosperity Sunday; Music TBA
- Sunday the 5th: Writing Group from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday the 12th: Rev. Larry Schneider; Easter Sunday; Music by Heartsounds Choir
 - Sunday the 19th: TBA; Music TBA
 - Sunday the 26th: TBA; Friendship Sunday; Music TBA

