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SCUUF Programs and Activities for March - All programs will be held at the Dolphin Theater at 10 am except as noted otherwise.

March Programs – Air (wind, mental)

A Word about Our Monthly Themes.

The Program Planning Committee, in an effort to bring some continuity to our monthly offerings (and to stimulate the Committee's thinking) chooses a theme for each month. For the months February through May, 2016, we are using the words from one of our hymns: Earth, Air, Fire and Water.

We are using the approach for then next three months, arriving at:

March - Air (wind, mental)

April - Fire (passion, love)

May - Water (emotion)

We hope this is not too confusing and that it may lead to some very interesting programs. Please bear with us!

March 6 Kathy Maxham, Medical Hypnotist, on "Change Point"
Program Planning Meeting

March 13 (Daylight Savings changes) The book "A Tale for the Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki; Jean Adamson and Linda Smith will bring some thoughts from the book for discussion.

March 20 - Equinox celebration led by Suzann Robins. Sunset Bay Gazebo. NOON. Bring a dish to share.

March 27 - (Easter) Rick Staggenborg will lead a discussion of "How Would Jesus Be Received Today?" Jan Werts will sing.

SCUUF and the Nancy Devereux Center

On Sunday, February 21, 2016, SCUUF was privileged to host Ms. Tara Johnson, new Director of the Nancy Devereux Center, for a very informative presentation about the Center.

Ms. Johnson outlined a brief summary of the Center's history and elaborated upon services currently provided for the homeless, those with mental health challenges, and veterans. During their Monday, Wednesday, Friday operating hours the Center provides free showers and laundry facilities, along with a cold breakfast and a hot lunch for anyone. There are support groups addressing a variety of mental health issues, and job readiness programs. Devereux Center staff and volunteers are always ready with advice, counseling, encouragement, moral support and referrals for any client in need.

The Devereux Center also operates *The People's Place*, an 11 bedroom, low rent facility for the mentally or physically disabled. Renters

share a kitchen, laundry, bathrooms, and a living/dining room.

Ms Johnson shared the Devereux Center's future vision to provide a low rent facility of about 10 studio and 1 bedroom apartments for their clients. It is projected that the facility would bring in enough income to allow the Devereux Center to be open 5 days a week instead of the current 3 days a week schedule.

After Ms. Johnson's talk, Asialee Crumley shared with those present that the SCUUF Board of Directors has been weighing how we, as a Fellowship, might together embody our UU principles by joining in a locally focused Social Justice Action for 2016. After much deliberation, The Nancy Devereux Center was chosen as an appropriate beneficiary of such an action, inspiring the organization of a fundraising event. Of the twenty or so persons present, nearly all raised hands in agreement.

For anyone absent that day, we want everyone to have the opportunity to give input on whether SCUUF should adopt this Social Justice Action. Please refer to the cut-out ballot printed below, to indicate your wishes and return it by email, snail mail, or bring it to a Sunday Meeting. The Board will determine the Fellowship's wishes on this matter at the next Board meeting.

SCUFF Social Justice Action 2016

_____ I agree that SCUUF should adopt the Nancy Devereux Center as a Social Justice Action for 2016

_____ SCUUF should not adopt the Nancy Devereux Center as a Social Justice Action for 2016_ I would like to participate in the Nancy Devereux Center Social Justice Action by volunteering to work on a fundraiser at the level I am able.

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A SCUUF Closet at the Dolphin Theater

As some of you are aware, Alice Carlson at the Dolphin Theater has agreed to our request to build a larger closet for SCUUF materials and service accoutrements. This will replace the often unstable hinged partition currently used to conceal our materials. We came to agreement in November but the carpenter, Dana Gaab, has been laid up recovering from a serious accident. It now appears that the work is about to begin. Watch our partition for the welcome change!

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