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SOME GOOD APPLES

by Donna Askins

The newest branch of the Social Action Council is APPLE-Elgin. APPLE stands for Alliance for a Post Petroleum Local Economy. Founded by Andrea Schmidlin, Donna Askins, and Mary Alice Masonick, this group's actions are designed around helping the UUCE, and Elgin, make the transition away from dependence on petroleum.

At first the task may seem daunting. It is well known that our society depends on oil for transportation, energy, raw materials, and more. The secret to success is in the old maxim: Start where you are. Those who participate are focusing on what can be done, instead of pointing out what "can't" be done.

A great first project is the development of an organic commUUnity garden. There are multiple benefits to community gardens, one of which is reducing our vegetables' thousand-mile commute, thus reducing dependence on petroleum. APPLE gardeners are working with the church's Landscape and Grounds committee to identify a site on the church grounds where raised beds can be built and tended. By the end of March, if all goes well, details will be finalized and members and friends of the UUCE will have the opportunity to join in this collaborative (and fruitful) adventure. Someday, APPLE hopes to see a community garden in every neighborhood in Elgin.

APPLE is also cooking up a local currency. The recipe is based on the LETS program (Local Exchange Trading System). The U.S. economy is driven by petroleum, but a local exchange trading system rests entirely on the skills



Andrea Schmidlin, Louette Rogers, Babette Colburn, Donna Askins and Mary Alice Masonick, founding members of APPLE-Elgin, showed off the potential site for this year's community garden

and resources of friends and neighbors – which we have in abundance. A federal recession or depression can mean loss of jobs, and loss of dollars flowing into a community. But should this happen, goods and services can still be bought and sold locally using LETS credits. There are over 1,500 LETS groups in 39 countries—they work! Our program is expected to be up and running by June. Contest entries to name the credits are being accepted by Donna Askins.

Look for APPLE to come up with all kinds of creative solutions as our culture begins to make the transition to a post petroleum society. There is plenty to do, and everyone's participation is valuable. Visit APPLE's calendar online at <http://oilawareness.meetup.com/259/> or drop in at 7:00 p.m. on March 8, on the third floor. Welcome!



Membership Team Chair Pat Pecho and Board President Dan Hislip welcomed (L to R) Andrea Budasi, Ron Gole, Sharon Fincher, Sara Mertens, Joy Shores and Rich Ridley at the February 5 New Member Ceremony.

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From the Minister

I joined my first Unitarian Universalist church in my early 30s. I had been appreciating UUism from afar for a number of years, and then I began occasionally attending a small fellowship. Although gun-shy about organized religion, I was looking for a community and that fellowship felt like home. It was the first time as an adult I chose to belong to a church.

When I expressed interest in joining, the president of the congregation sat down with me to explain what membership meant and to answer any questions I had. In that conversation she mentioned making an annual financial pledge to the operating fund. Although a little startled that money would be mentioned at such a point in time, I understood it took financial resources to keep the community functioning. And since I was becoming a member it made sense that I should share in the financial responsibility. So I said, "Of course, I will pledge." And in a fit of generosity I pledged \$10 a month—considerably more than I had put in the offering basket as a child in Sunday school.

I look back now and shake my head. I certainly wasn't making a lot of money back then, but I could have easily given more to that community I felt so strongly about. It would have made a difference to that small fellowship, and it would have allowed me to feel more invested in and a part of the community.

I wasn't more generous, in part, because I didn't know what a fair share contribution looked like. As a result I made the decision based upon what I recalled from childhood, and that meant I really didn't assume the full responsibility of my membership. I lost an opportunity to support what I believe in, and in a sense I lost an opportunity to support myself.

Hopefully that won't happen in this church community. Each year during our annual canvass it is stated pretty clearly what we feel a fair share pledge looks like. We believe that if every member/family gave 3% of their income to the operating fund that we would have the financial resources needed to make real our dreams. Some can give more, and some have to give less—but if overall we could achieve that level of financial support we would feel the difference.

March is canvass time. Please be generous—for this community, for what you believe in, and for yourself.



Rev. Dan Brosier

FROM YOUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Canvass Musing

Canvass time has rolled around again and I have a confession to make. The truth is I don't enjoy asking people for money. Never have, never will. I don't mind being asked myself nearly as much as I mind doing the asking. In fact, my guess is that asking for money is not easy for a lot of people.



Linda Porter

This year however I feel just a bit differently. Here's why. As church administrator, I track our membership and help support our church programming. This has been an exciting year for both. We are rapidly approaching 160 members, which is just five members away from the goal we set in our latest strategic plan for the end of the coming church year. In addition, our programs have shown amazing growth in 2005-2006. This is wonderful for our church and wonderful for our members and friends.

What we also see in the church office is the cost increases that occur as we work to support such growth. Over the past few years we have seen increases in costs for everything from staffing to electricity. Add to this the higher prices of almost everything we buy and I start asking, where is the money going to come from? The answer is, of course, that it has to come from the very same members and friends who benefit from our church and all it has to offer.

That is why the canvassers will be asking you to dig a little deeper this year to help keep us on track. Thanks for any contribution you can make.

Directory Changes and Corrections

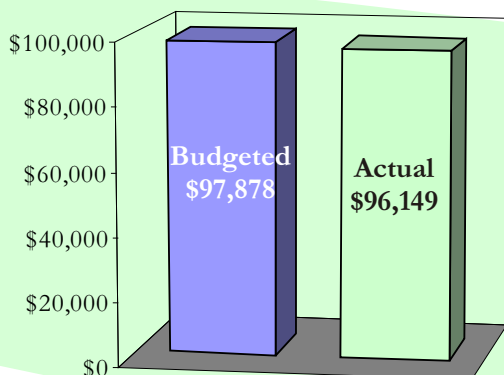
A copy of the data from our most recent directory has been placed on a card table in the church entry hall. Please review your information in the document for accuracy and make any needed changes. We will begin working on the directory in March. Thanks for your help. Questions? Contact Linda Porter, administrator@uuce.org.

Name Tags

All members and friends at UUCE are urged to wear a nametag each Sunday. Visitors are provided with a temporary nametag. Regular attendees, including members and friends, can sign up for a permanent nametag on the clipboard which is located next to the nametag rack. These nametags are created every 2-3 weeks by the church office. The nametags are then placed in the basket by the rack. After retrieving and wearing your new nametag for the first time, you may hang it on a hook on the rack. We will be adding new hooks this month so there should be plenty of room soon to accommodate our growth.

Dan

Member Pledges—2005-06 Fiscal Year



The 2005-2006 budget calls for \$117,500 in pledges; ten months' worth of this figure is \$97,878. Questions? Contact your Finance Coordinator, Alice Macy.

UUCE Calendar

March

2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Committee on the Ministry 7:15p Barn Bells 1	2 7:00p Spiritual Inquiry Covenant Group	3 9:15a Executive Team Meeting 11:30a Program Council 6:30p Women Cooking for Women	4 IGT Conference
5 9:00a Unichords 9:30a Worship Com. -102 9:30a Adult SS 12:15p RE Council <i>Canvass Sunday and UU Revival Luncheon</i>	6	7	8 6:00p Eat/Meet 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Finance 7:00p APPLE 7:00p Cakes 7:00p "Peaceable Kingdom" 7:15p Barn Bells 1	9	10	11
12 9:30a Adult SS 12:15p RE Council <i>Music Sunday</i>	13	14 11:30a Care Team Meeting - FH 7:00p Covenant Group	15 6:00p Eat/Meet 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Green Sanctuary Board Meeting 7:15p Barn Bells 1	16 7:00p Intentional Living Covenant Group	17 9:15a Executive Team Meeting 11:30a Program Council	18 9:00a qUUilters -FH
19 9:00a Unichords 9:00a Canvass Co 9:30a Adult SS 12:30p Prairie Fest Team <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	20	21	22 6:00p Eat/Meet 6:45p Barn Bells 2 7:00p Women's Spirituality Group 7:00p Cakes for the Queen of Heaven 7:15p Barn Bells 1	23	24	25
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Month of Sundays

March

5 Say Amen!

Time for another revival. Villa Street and Brother Dan will hold an old-fashioned UU revival to raise the spirits and fan the flames. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

12 Music Sunday

Twice a year we devote a service to celebrating the music of this church. As usual we have a full line-up of members willing to share their musical gifts with us. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

19 140 Years

2006 marks the 140th anniversary of this congregation. On this Sunday we celebrate some of that history. Service led by the Rev. Dan Brosier.

26 Remembering Those We Have Lost

In this service we will take time to acknowledge those in our lives who have died in the past twelve months. Those present will have the opportunity to name their loved ones and honor them in a ritual. Service led by Elise Wall

SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

FANNING THE FLAME—FUNDING OUR FUTURE

We are truly fortunate to have a place like UUCE as our religious community. From the Sunday services that are begun by the lighting of the flame of our chalice, to the great music and inspiring sermons, to the religious education opportunities for our children, youth, and adults, to the friendships and connections we make, to the opportunities for activism and involvement in our community—we are so blessed.

In the first two weeks of March, we will all have an opportunity to pledge financial support to this religious community that we cherish. *Fanning the Flame – Funding Our Future* is the theme of this year's canvass, which begins on Canvass Sunday, March 5, with a Revival Service led by our Reverend Dan Brosier, followed immediately by a Revival Luncheon for all in the Fellowship Hall. Then after the luncheon, we are hoping to schedule as many face-to-face canvass sessions as possible at the 15 canvassing stations that will be set up throughout the church.

During your canvass session, your canvasser will ask four questions to elicit your feelings and thoughts about your experiences with our church. The four questions are:

- What positive changes have you seen in our church community?
- Are there other things you would like to see happen in our church community?
- Why are you a member of UUCE and what in our church do you find most valuable?
- In what ways would you like to be more involved?

Your canvasser will also provide you with more information about our financial needs for the coming year and answer questions that you may have. And, at this time, you will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to UUCE for the 2006-07 church year. Our financial needs have increased this year. The budget to operate our church for the upcoming year is \$198,000. To pay for these expenses, we need to raise \$159,000 in pledges from our approximately 160 members and friends. That is about a 25% increase from last year's pledges of \$123,00. It takes an average of \$1000 in pledges per member to operate UUCE throughout the year. Each day it costs about \$500 in money raised by our annual canvass to keep UUCE running.

Please consider meeting with your canvasser on Sunday, March 5, or after Music Sunday, on March 12. Your canvasser will be contacting you to set up your session. Also, if you have a spouse or partner, please try to schedule a time when you can both meet.

We are counting on the members and friends of UUCE to continue Fanning the Flame and Funding our Future by contributing generously so that our church can continue to thrive and prosper. Thank you very much for your support!

Thank you The 2006 Canvass Committee: Paul Anderson and Joe Masonick (co-chairs), Cameron Kirk, Alice Macy, Leslie Sawyer, and Rusty Winchel

Announcements

NEW MEMBERS

Since our last newsletter, Kevin Sweeney signed the membership book. We joyfully welcome him into our church community.

MEMORIAL DONATION

In February a donation in memory of Ted Tecza was made to the Music and Labyrinth Funds.

BOOK GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the members of the Book Group at any of their upcoming meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m.

March 31 - "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck.

At the home of Helen Maxwell.

April 28 - "Bee Season: A Novel" by Myla Goldberg.

At the home of Margot Cusimano.

THE LESSONS OF LOSS

Everyone experiences loss at some time in their lives. Whether you have recently lost a loved one, friend, or acquaintance or your loss was months or years ago, this beautifully written curriculum will help you explore and express the feelings and lessons connected to it. This four-session class will meet on the following Eat 'n' Meet Wednesdays: April 12 and 19, May 10 and 17. Sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall or contact Elise Wall. Class limited to 10 people, age 15 and older.

EAT AND MEET

Eat and Meet nights are being expanded! They will now be held on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month through May. There's now another night to plan activities, meetings and programs! Look in the orders of service this month to see what's happening each week.

BOSTON BOUND BABES

The all-girl youth quartet is raising money to go to Boston this summer to see some UU sites and have fun. They will be sponsoring the Eat & Meet on March 8 with a vegetarian soup, hamburger soup, breads, and desserts. On March 19, they are hosting a bake sale after the service. Donations of baked goods are appreciated, but not necessary. Your sweet tooth is, however! Hope to see you at both events!

PRAIRIE FEST TEAM MEETING

The date for Prairie Fest 2006 has been set for Saturday, Sept. 30. We will begin planning for the festival on March 19 at 12:30 pm in room 203 (The Bell Room). Anyone who is interested in helping to plan for the festival is invited to attend. Assistance is needed and welcomed in all areas but we have a special need for volunteers to 1) help plan and coordinate educational workshops or speakers; 2) coordinate the re-sale boutique and 3) to coordinate general logistics for the festival. For more information, contact Linda Porter, at administrator @uuce.org.

-Linda Porter for the Prairie Fest Team

New U

The New U program is a two-session workshop designed to give people new to Unitarian Universalism some basic information about the faith and this church in particular. The program is facilitated by the chair of the Membership Committee, Pat Pecho,

Kudos to:

The **Service Auction Team**, with special kudos to **Eric and Debbie Prebys**, for a very successful auction; **Mila Brinker, Andrea Shores, Joy Shores and Linda Porter** for cleaning, organizing and labeling the kitchen cabinets and drawers; **Stacey Reynolds** for volunteering to haul the used household battery collection destined for environmentally safe disposal; **Louette Rogers, Chris and Sarah Davis** for organizing Secret Friends.



and the minister, Dan Brosier. The next session will begin on Sunday April 2 at 12:30 following the service. The second session will be the following Sunday at the same time. All interested in learning a bit more about UUism are encouraged to attend. A light snack will be provided. If you are interested please sign up on the designated clipboard in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like childcare please so indicate on the sign-up sheet by March 26. If you have any questions call Dan Brosier at the church.

FOCUSING ON BREAKFAST

The Interfaith Food Pantry continues to have a need for breakfast items. Besides breakfast cereals, they can use juice and non-perishable milk products. Bring your donations on Pantry Sunday, March 5, or anytime during the month. *-Henny DuBois*

WISH LIST

Someone to assist Kathy Underwood in transferring all the RE slides to video or DVD.

INTERFAITH EARTH STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

UUCE is the proud host of an interfaith workshop taking place on March 4! The dynamic Elgin-based Interfaith Green Team has invited area faith groups to a program featuring three religious speakers, including UU minister Clare Butterfield, a Lutheran pastor and a Jesuit priest. These three share a passion for raising environmental awareness and promoting Earth stewardship.

The workshop is from 9 am to 4 pm. Lunch will be provided and there will be breakout sessions on energy conservation, native plant propagation, fair trade and others. There will be vendors of ecologically related items and services and representatives from environmental organizations making a difference in our area.

Three UUCE groups stepped forward to co-sponsor the event: the Green Sanctuary Committee, the Intentional Living Covenant Group, and the Alliance for a Post Petroleum Local Economy (APPLE).

You are invited to attend and meet members of other faith groups who share a concern for the Earth. Together we can do great things! The cost to attend is \$12.00, including a great lunch. Registration forms are on the Green Sanctuary table.

If you would like to help with the endeavor by bringing a pot of soup or baked item or by helping with set-up before or clean-up afterward, please contact Mary Alice Masonick.

Religious Education

I'm glad to say that last month's Secret Friends program was well received. Thanks to Louette Rogers for coordinating it, and Chris and Sarah Davis for stocking the goody bags. As with many programs, we tweak things each time in an attempt to perfect them. Please let me know of anything that would have made it a better experience for you or your child.

I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of another program that has not been very visible this year—the Our Whole Lives program, also known as OWL. This is a sexual education program for youth in grades 7-9 that we run every two years. This year, we have a small group of youth who have been meeting monthly with a small group from the Woodstock church. There are five adult facilitators, two of whom are from UUCE: Mila Brinker and Stan Forrester. The group has been meeting on Saturdays, alternating between the two churches, which is why you do not see them. This is a big commitment on the part of the youth, their parents, and especially the facilitators. They are doing a wonderful job. The youth have been truly engaged, and have enjoyed getting to know each other. We are very fortunate to have Mila and Stan!



Kathy Underwood
Director of Religious Education

Here is what is happening in religious education this month:

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| March 5 | Preschool: | "A Rainbow of My Own" |
| | K-2nd: | "God Creates and Names" |
| | 3rd-5th: | "Africa Day" |
| | 6th-8th: | "A Hindu Experience" |
| | High School: | Discussion of choice |
| March 12 | Music Sunday | No Classes |
| March 19 | Preschool: | "Gilberto and the Wind" |
| | K-2nd: | "Mother Mawu Wants Peace" |
| | 3rd-5th: | "No Ruz" |
| | 6th-8th: | "Introduction to Islam" |
| | High School: | Discussion of choice |
| March 26 | Preschool: | "William's Doll" |
| | K-2nd: | "Many Paths to God" |
| | 3rd-5th: | "Hindu New Year" |
| | 6th-8th: | "Muhammad" |
| | High School: | Discussion of choice |

In Faith,
Kathy Underwood



Who Am I?

Born in Cedarville, Illinois in 1860, this famous UU won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931. "I do not believe that women are better than men. We have not wrecked railroads, nor corrupted legislature, nor done many unholy things that men have done; but then we must remember that we have not had the chance."

(answer will appear in the next *Unichord*)
February's *Who Am I* was Rod Serling

WOMEN COOKING FOR WOMEN

The next "Women Cooking For Women" dinner will be held on Friday, March 3, 2006 at UUCE. Women, 13 and older, are invited and asked to bring a dish to share (anything goes!) and to donate (\$5) to the focus cause or project of the evening. You can come and not cook, but then we ask that you increase your donation to \$10.



This month we will be focusing on micro-credit programs. Micro-credit allows women to borrow small amounts of money for low or no cost for small businesses. Monies collected will go towards an established loan program.

Food should be ready to be served by 7:00p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Friends and family members are welcome to attend.

No R.S.V.P.s needed. If you have questions, please contact Laurie Kiesewetter or Andrea Schmidlin. Save these dates for future dinners: April 7: Crisis Center, May 5: TBD, June 2: Just for fun! HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

COMPASSION FOR ANIMALS DOCUMENTARY

SERIES: An Eat & Meet Activity

The Peaceable Kingdom documentary film depicts individuals helping animals in unique and inspiring ways. In sharing the life-changing journeys that brought these individuals to their calling, Peaceable Kingdom demonstrates how one person can make a difference, and how each of us can play a role in creating a kinder world for both animals and people. Please join us on Wednesday, March 8th as Peaceable Kingdom explores the interconnected life journeys of farm animals, former farmers, and animal rescuers struggling against an out-of-control factory farming system. This film will be shown in the sanctuary at 7:00 following the optional "Meet & Eat" dinner at 6:00. Following the film, there will be time for open sharing and discussion. Church members, friends, and guests are welcome. There will be childcare available. Due to some sensitive material, this activity is not recommended for children under 13. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee and the Intentional Living Covenant Group. Questions can be directed to Leslie Sawyer.

HUMANISM WITH A SMILE

The Humanists Of West Suburban Chicagoland, meeting at the DuPage UU church, 4S535 Old Naperville Rd., Naperville, is pleased to welcome the Rev. Don Wheat as speaker for its March 8th meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Don Wheat is a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School and was the minister at the Third Unitarian Church on the west side of Chicago from 1969 through 1996. His topic is entitled, "The Joys of Humanism: Experiencing the Sheer Delight of Being A Humanist." Please plan to stay for coffee, cookies, and informal conversation afterward. Contact Jack Sechrest for details: 630 554-8058.



Dan Hislip
Board President

President's Report

I just had an idea for a great fundraiser for the church, or maybe for Margot's bells—sell tickets to the Barn Bells II practices. They do it for professional football team practices, you know. You are probably saying that they are a nice bunch of kids but certainly not professional enough to warrant paying to see. Aha! That's where you're wrong. You're not

paying to see professionalism; you're paying to be entertained and let me tell you, if you're not entertained, we'd offer a money-back guarantee. Sounds cocky, I know, but I also know how these practices go. I've been there.

First of all, they are only one half-hour long so even if I'm wrong, you've missed what? One show? Maybe two half-hour sitcoms? And if it's a "reality" show, you haven't missed anything. So stop by and see for yourself.

The first thing you'll probably notice is not the six angelic faces of the children of the group but the rather large frame of the rather large child handling the bass notes for the group. But, on closer inspection, you'll note that not only is he significantly larger than the largest of the six others but he has a generous portion of facial hair. Very unchildlike. This is no child you surmise. And you're right, it's me.

Just to watch this juxtaposition of very large with very small will probably be enough reason to hang around, but there's more. Your ears will soon inform you that the bass notes seem to come in a little late. Yes, it's true—I'm not quite as good as my bell choir mates. But do they ever complain? No, they don't have to because Margot seems to believe that she's the boss of me and is constantly correcting me. You will probably also note that occasional mistakes are made by all but, while the younger members just keep right on going, I have a tendency to stop and want to start again from the beginning. Margot keeps saying this is a no-no and you are not even supposed to indicate that you've made an error by keeping a poker face. I consider this akin to lying and refuse to take part out of a highly honed sense of ethics.

Further, Margot also has this upsetting habit of wanting everyone to watch her. So, while the kids can multitask—watch her and read their music—I have decided that I don't need to know where she is (she tends to stay fairly stationary) and I concentrate on the music, not that it helps. By the way, my left hand may well be allergic to the bell. It certainly is not as cooperative as my right hand. Heck, Camilla has only been once and she's already better than me with either hand.

Despite the sarcasm, I can truly report to you that I really enjoy being part of the Bell Choir. I'm equally sure that Margot would not object to more than one "larger" child like me participating in either of the Barn Bells groups. Give it some consideration because, as I'm sure you can see from this overly brief description, practice with Barn Bells II is anything but dull. Heck, I didn't even mention all the colorful language Margot uses to help me visualize her points or the pre-ring warm-up trying to find two gloves that fit. Give it a shot and I dare you not to laugh.

At any rate, as a fundraiser, I'm confident we could raise some real money.

Until next month,
Dan

GREEN CORNER

Do you want to do something this week to help prevent global warming, soil erosion, habitat destruction, as well as the inhumane treatment of animals? A great place to start is in your own kitchen. Take a look at what is in your pantry and ask yourself, where did this food come from? How was it grown? How was it transported? The answers to these questions can be complex. The key to eating in a more sustainable manner is simplifying and involving yourself in the agricultural process from which your food reaches the table. Here are some suggestions adapted from *The Pleasures of Eating* by Wendell Berry:

Participate in food production to the extent that you can. Plant your own garden. Prepare your own food—this should enable you to eat more cheaply and establish "quality control." Learn the origins of the food that you buy, and buy organic food that is produced closest to your home. Whenever you can, deal directly with a local farmer, gardener, or orchardist. Learn, in self defense, as much as you can of the economy and technology of industrial food production. What is added to food that is not food, and what do you pay for these additions?

Learn what is involved in the best farming and gardening techniques. Learn as much as you can, by direct observation and experience if possible, of the life histories of food species. By becoming more involved in the agricultural process that brings food to your table you can support earth and animal friendly farming practices. You will also find that you enjoy and appreciate your food more, knowing where it came from and perhaps getting to know it from seed to table to compost pile!

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Deadlines

Order of Service	Thursday PM
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March Birthdays

3 Jackie Van De Warker	19 Carol Ovelmen
5 Trisha Dean	21 Sherman Ovelmen
5 Bridget Lucas	22 Carey Schug
6 Sharon Fincher	22 Danielle Foster
8 Robin Peterson	23 Bruce Kiesewetter
8 Amy Hill	23 Diana March
9 Derek Bedard	27 Jamie Kiesewetter
10 Mila Brinker	30 Chuck Jeffries
11 Melanie Davis	30 Suzanne Hanifl
15 Joe Cusimano	30 Dan Kalkbrenner
16 Mary Shelden	31 Jim Burnidge
16 Pat Pecho	31 Olivia Abdur-Rafia
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



A packed house was on hand to enjoy the tropical theme and get some great deals at the 2006 UUCE Service Auction on February 12.

Dear UUCE Members and Friends,

Were we all hallucinating at the 2006 Service Auction, or were we truly transported to Margaritaville? The Peaceful Paradise of the 2006 Service Auction was achieved with the help of many. Kathy, Kathy, and Mila planned the decorations and with Norm's help, a Tiki hut atmosphere was created. Donors were generous and bidders were enthusiastic, helping us to raise over \$10,000. The photography and web page skills of Bob and Anne were a great addition to the silent auction. The cheeseburgers were a hit, as well as the rest of the food and great desserts prepared and served by Cheren, Liz, Donna, Marianne, and Linda.

Were Dan, Cameron, and Lori bartenders in a previous life? Credit cards were accepted for the first time this year, and the technology skills of Kevin, Stan, and Jim contributed greatly to the smooth check out. At the end of the night many hands made the clean-up quick and painless but without the efforts of Charlie and Kyle it would have taken us much longer. We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed themselves and know that your contributions were appreciated.

Thank you,
Debbie & Eric Prebys