



If your plans for the summer have changed and you would like to spend a week on an inviting, secluded, peaceful and relaxing island in the Gulf of Maine, where you will be able to make new friends and re-connect with friends from previous years, there is currently space for you, your family and your friends at both LOAS 1 and LOAS 2 for this coming August.

We would love to have you come back!!

Life On A Star I, 20112

August 11 – 18, 2012

The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul

We are very excited about the LOAS I offerings of workshops, StarBursts and more that are shaping up for our conference, "The Feast of Reason and the Flow of Soul," featuring scholar Megan Marshall and minister of the week, Rev. Dr. Michael Tino.

Please visit the LOAS web site for more details. Also, if you haven't sent your registration in yet, please do so as soon as possible because the rooms are filling! If you'd like to volunteer for a specific job, please send us an email with your request to meghalberg@optonline.net.

Marion Halberg & Michael Hardiman, LOAS I Chairs



Life On A Star II, 20112

August 18 – 25, 2012

The Quest for Wholeness in Critical Times

Tanya and I are very happy to report from New Jersey that the LOAS 2 conference is coming together beautifully. If you haven't already signed up for LOAS 2, what are you waiting for? Creativity, fun, worship, retreat, music, art, meditation, movement, relaxation and more await you!

Our theme speaker, Stefano Carta, a prominent Italian Jungian scholar, promises to provide us with ample opportunity for deep pondering and lively discussions. Libby Smith is returning to LOAS 2 as

the Minister of the Week and we look forward to worshiping and singing together (in tempo!) each morning. At the end of the day, our evening chapel led by conferees will nurture our spirits in the quiet candle light of our beloved Chapel.

Mary Heafy, our Youth Leader, has assembled a dynamic youth group team. Our children and youth can look forward to wholesome fun and exploration throughout the week. Families will have ample time to spend time together in play and relaxation—exploring the island, playing games, rowing, swimming, sharing meals, making art and music and much more. We shall all endeavor to live in community keeping in mind the simple Youth Covenant: Be Kind, Be Safe.

In the adult workshops, come tap into your intuitive creativity with the soapstone sculpting workshop (Candis Dixon) and the Writing Circle (Ellen Schmidt). We will have the opportunity to connect mind and body through Tai Chi (Al Chu) and yoga at two levels (see below). Get in touch with nature with Patti Emmons' Landscape Design workshop. Robin Schmidt will be offering a music workshop - detailed description coming soon! LOAS 2 is indeed grateful to have received an Isle of Shoals Association grant to offer a **comprehensive yoga workshop** at two levels, allowing conferees of all ages and physical abilities to experience the mind-body benefits of the yoga practice (Laura Beth Brown for Vinyasa Flow Yoga and Darlene Nadeau for Gentle Yoga for all Bodies). We are also planning an all-ages Prayer Flag Art Project (Michelle & Gary Kunz), culminating in flowing prayer flags waving in the island wind,



which we will leave behind when we depart to greet the incoming Meditation Conference.

Our StarBurst plans are coming together and current offerings range from “Transitioning from your Body” to “Bikini/Speedo Ready in 12 weeks”! We also will

have Chinese Dumpling Making, Meditation StarBurst and more! If you would like to offer a StarBurst, please let us know (beato.b@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you on August 18th. Why not bring a friend to share the beautiful community of Life On a Star?



Incentives: Ways Remaining to Fund your Week at Life on a Star

- ✓ 10/10 Bring a Friend: If you haven't been to Star Island for 3 or more years, each member of your family is entitled to a 10% discount. If a person recruits you, he or she may be able to increase it to a 20% discount. If you recruit others to come, they would be entitled to a 10% discount and, if you recruit 5 people, you are entitled to up to 50% off your bill. Go to www.starisland.org for details.
- ✓ Children who are under six years of age at the start of the conference will not have to pay room and board for the hotel or the boat fare. Go to www.starisland.org for details.

As most of you know, our LOAS conferences have not been filled to capacity for the past few years. The LOAS coordinating committee and the former LOAS chairs have been working on marketing ideas for our conferences for next summer and the future. This summer, the LOAS coordinating committee will be holding a marketing brain-storming session during both conferences. We would like to encourage all of you who will not be attending the conferences this summer to send us an e-mail with your marketing ideas to patti@emmons.org. We would really appreciate hearing your thoughts & ideas on how to attract people to our conferences.

Below are the results for various positions and committees voted on at the LOAS Chairs 2011 Fall Meeting.

Treasurer for 2013 – John Pustell

Registrar for 2013 – Joyce and Jim Pickel – co-registrars

Provisioners for 2012– LOAS I - Tom Kennedy and LOAS II - Matthew King

Coordinating Committee: David Whitford, Chair – (off in 2013), Martha Pereli (off in 2014), Patti Emmons (off in 2015), Treasurer – John Pustell and Registrar – Shelley Lauer-Bader.

2012 Delegates to the Council of Conferences – LOAS I delegates are Bill Licea-Kane & Randall Grometstein with Josh Davis as alternate. LOAS II delegates are Phil Sears & Darren Grebe with Irene Bush as alternate.

Scholarship Committee: Dick Pereli, Chair (off in 2013), Joyce Pickel (off in 2015) and Michelle Kunz (off in 2017).

Child Abuse Committee: Nancy Witherell, (Chair), Mary Heafy, John Hoffman, Tom Kennedy and Deb Nygren.



A portion of each newsletter will be reserved for occasions or milestones within our LOAS community. Send an e-mail to our editor if your family has a birth, graduation from high school or college, engagement, marriage, death or other important event. If you know of anyone who would like to receive *Life Off A Star* newsletters or if you do not want to receive any further newsletters, send your request to our editor.

LOAS Family News

Births:

Gail Henry and Sam Francis have welcomed a new granddaughter, Celia Bess Crombie born to Maggie Henry, former conferee and Pel, and her husband Hamish Crombie. Celia was born on December 28, 2011, at 7 lbs 4 oz, 19 1/2 inches, and is adored by the whole family.

Sharon & Tom Kennedy have welcomed a new granddaughter, Astrid Kennedy Adam who was born March 14, 2012 to Julia Kennedy and Karl Adam, in Washington DC, at 7 lb 11 oz; everyone's healthy; Astrid is beautiful, and surprisingly calm (she does have Kennedy blood after all). Sharon was there for the birth, which was amazing, and the happy grandparents plan to see as much as possible of them (well, mostly Astrid) before the family moves to Ecuador in July.

Ordinations:

Dara Kaufman-LeDonne Olandt (daughter of JoAnne Wallen and Ken LeDonne) was ordained to the UU ministry on May 20 in her home church, Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA. Dara and her husband, Pete, (who also has an MDiv from Starr King), are living in California. This August, Dara will begin her new position as DRE for the UU Congregation of Marin, in San Rafael, CA.

Barnaby Feder was ordained by the UU congregation of Montclair, NJ this past April. He will be completing an extended intern ministry this spring at Morristown Fellowship in NJ and is also working this year as a half-time interim minister for the UU Fellowship of the Poconos, in Stroudsburg, PA. He was called to be minister of Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury, Vermont beginning this August.

David Messner, LOAS II Appledore youth staff, was ordained as a UU minister on April 22. He has been called to be the minister for the UU Church of Savannah in Georgia.

Change of Address:

Please note **Bob & Elise Gray** have moved. Their new address is: 14 Barratt's Chapel Court, Croasdaile Village, Durham, NC 27705, phone: 919-384-2764 and e-mail: ebgray@nc.rr.com. Bob reports that "there are roses in the front yard and deer in the back yard, it couldn't be more perfect for us."

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