



Life Off A Star

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LOAS 1 - August 15 to 22, 2015

Rebecca Armstrong & Dawn Reed – Chairs
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“Small Star, Big Universe”

During the week we will explore the many ways – political, social, artistic and spiritual – that we interact with each other and our world.

Theme Speaker: Dorian Warren

Minister of the Week: Rev. Ana Levy-Lyons, who is currently the minister at First Unitarian Congregation in Brooklyn, New York.

Workshops: Music, Collage, Drama with more workshops to be announced.

Kristin Tlili will be the youth coordinator.

Registrar is Patti Emmons – patti@emmons.org.



LOAS 2 - August 22 to 29, 2015

Jamie & Paul Jenson– Chairs (LOAS2chair@lifeonastar.org)

"Igniting Human Potential"

Theme Speaker – Mark Fernandes

Can businesses (and individuals) aspire to more noble purposes and manage themselves according to a set of shared values? What happens when they do? As Chief Leadership Officer of Luck Companies, a 90 year-old family business based in Richmond, Mark Fernandes is a leading thinker and speaker on the topic of Values Based Leadership (VBL). Mark will share his company’s amazing journey and their mission to ignite human potential and positively impact the lives of others. He will also share his thoughts on how VBL can apply to our own lives and help us attend to our mind, body and spirit to experience self-renewal. The week promises to be a spiritual journey you won't want to miss!

Minister of the Week – The Reverend Alison Cornish

Formerly Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork , Reverend Alison Cornish currently serves as Senior Director of Programs for Partners for Sacred Places in Philadelphia, a national non-sectarian, non-profit organization that advocates for and works with congregations across the U.S. to preserve places of faith as centers of community life. Alison is also a Green Faith Fellow, and has a deep commitment to ecological ministry, which will be at the heart of her message while on Star Island. We are excited to welcome Alison- an Old Shoaler - and her husband, Pat Moran for the first time at LOAS 2.

Sneak preview of some of the workshops:

Yoga on Star: A Meditation-in-Motion with Thea Bourke-Martin

At the Movies with David Landau

Dyeing with Natural Materials with Elisabeth Hutchinson

Writing Circle with Ellen Schmitt

Soap Stone Carving with Candis Dixon

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As this newsletter goes out, 158 people have registered for LOAS 1 and 133 people have registered for LOAS 2. To register online for either conference, go to the Star Island website at www.starisland.org and click on “Registration” then “Conferences” and then “Multi-Generational” and scroll down to the LOAS Conferences.



A portion of each newsletter is 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:

Julia Kennedy and Karl Adam welcomed August Kennedy Adam on May 7, 2014. Astrid is the proud sister and Sharon and Tom Kennedy are the proud grandparents.

Jesse Emmons and Shannon Yeager are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rylee Joan-Marie Emmons who was born on July 23, 2014. Noah is the protective big brother.

Proposals/Weddings:

Valerie Schoman, LOAS conferee and Nick Nielsen were married on July 3, 2014 in Los Angeles, CA. Valerie parents, Sara and Ken, along with her brother Nate attended the wedding. Valerie and Nick will be living in Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Kennedy, LOAS conferee and David Dickenson were married on July 5, 2014. Sharon and Tom Kennedy are the parents of the bride.

Nate Schoman, LOAS conferee and former Pelican, and Carrie Tyler were engaged on October 1, 2014.

Mathew Kennedy, LOAS conferee and Alicia Wang were engaged on February 8, 2015.

Recovering:

Claire Kuczinski had open heart surgery on February 13, 2015 and she is recovering nicely. Claire has recently returned home. We look forward to having Claire and her husband Ted back at LOAS very soon.

Passages:

Elise Gray, LOAS conferee, passed away on May 24, 2014. Elise was the wife of Robert Gray and mother of Karen Gray and grandmother of August and Finnian Kane.

Mark Wollman, LOAS 2 conferee, passed away on June 3, 2014 from a brain tumor. His wife Cindy and sons Ethan, Sam and Max held a memorial service during LOAS 2 last summer.

Nick Mahoney, LOAS 1 & LOAS 2 conferee and former pelican, passed away on December 6, 2014 from a heart attack. Nick was born in Boston and moved to Maine where he was an attorney for 15 years. In 2012 Nick, his wife Cydney and their two sons, Sean and Rhys, moved to Davis, Ca where Nick was pursuing a graduate degree in molecular biology. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 16 at LOAS 1 and a memorial stone will be dedicated in his name in the Memorial Garden during LOAS 2. Condolences to Nick's family and his mother Ella Rutledge.

Evelyn Dahab, a life-long LOAS 2 conferee and former Pelican, passed away on December 10, 2014 from smoke inhalation from a fire in her apartment in New York City. Condolences to her parents Carolyn and Rich Dahab and her brother Bill Dahab.



The members for various LOAS positions and LOAS committees are as follows:

Treasurer for 2015– John Pustell – jpustell@verizon.net

Registrar for 2015 – LOAS 1 – Patti Emmons – patti@emmons.org

Registrar for 2015 - LOAS 2 – Mary Heafy – LOAS2reg@lifeonastar.org

Provisioners for 2015– LOAS I - Tom Kennedy and LOAS II - Matthew King

Coordinating Committee: Randall Grometstein - Chair (off in 2015), Jill Brody (off in 2016) and Gifford King (off in 2017) plus: Treasurer John Pustell & Registrars Patti Emmons & Mary Heafy.

2015 Delegates to the Council of Conferences – LOAS I delegates: Jill Brody & Rebecca Armstrong with Nancy Witherell as alternate. LOAS II delegates: Phil Sears & Irene Bush with David House as alternate.

Scholarship Committee: Michelle Kunz - Chair (off in 2017), Stephanie Ronco (off in 2015), and Bob Bader (off in 2016)

Child Abuse Committee: Nancy Witherell - Chair, Mary Heafy, John Hoffman, Julie Mabey and Deb Nygren.

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