



Life Off A Star

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We would like to invite you 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/or re-connect with friends from previous years. Please join us at either LOAS 1 & LOAS 2 for this coming August.

Life On A Star I August 10 – 17, 2013

Life On A Star II August 17 – 24, 2013

The Art of Listening: Where Empathy Meets Creativity and Action

Join us for an engaging week of exploring how we listen to each other, incorporate inspiration, and examine the resulting expressions in the arts as well as social and political spheres. There will also be fun workshops focusing on music and the arts, physical well-being, and group action, in addition to the unstructured celebration of the favorite pastimes, rocking, talking and reading.

Featured speaker Anna Sale, politics reporter for WNYC public radio, a regular contributor to NPR and The Takeaway and a life-long Unitarian Universalist will lead us in a series of conversations entitled “How Do We Hear Each Other” about national politics, reportage of the election and how we as citizens consume it and what we can learn from the art and science of empathy and listening.

The Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and a Star Island veteran, attending YRUU, as a member of the Pelican staff, and even a past LOAS I minister. He received his undergraduate degree at Tufts University and his PH.D. in Ethnomusicology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Leon entered the Starr King School for Ministry in Berkeley, California and was in St. Paul from 2008 to 2012 and began serving the UU Church of Silver Spring in August. He sings and plays several instruments including guitar, piano, conga, gangogwe (West African double bell), and didjeridu. He is writing a book on spiritual growth and radical forgiveness.

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Leading with Pleasure: How To change the world

We went ½ way around the world to find Dr. John Coveney, professor at the School of Medicine at Flinders University in Australia. Dr. Coveney has focused on pleasure in his research and its implications in society. He will present ideas and observations about our complex relationship with food, eating, sensual pleasures and happiness. Using our current fascination with health and nutrition, his work explores how our food zeitgeist stems from social, political and religious problems in Western history, how our current obsession with body size has evolved over time from the ancient Greeks' preoccupation with eating to early Christianity and the conflict between the pleasures of the flesh and spirituality. Dr. Coveney will explore how scientific development in eighteenth and nineteenth century Europe has affected our current knowledge of food and the social organization of food in the modern home.

Revs. John and Sarah Millspaugh will co-minister the week. A graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, John is editor of the 2009 book on UU theologies and ministries in justice, “A People So Bold”. He is a burrito enthusiast, amateur nature photographer, not-so-disciplined meditator, and skilled magician. Sarah is the author of Coming of Age Handbook for Congregations and served the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ as outreach coordinator for the Our Whole Lives sexuality curricula during their development. Sarah and John currently co-minister the Winchester Unitarian Society in Winchester, MA.

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LOAS registration fees for 2103 will be \$75 per child under the age of 18 and \$100 per adult.

Each November the former LOAS chairs and the upcoming LOAS chairs meet for a weekend to plan for future conferences and to discuss any concerns or problems which happened at previous conferences. There are many issues which need to be dealt with each year. At our meeting we elect members to various committees and groups for the upcoming year. If at any time during the year or during your conference week you experience any problems or have any concerns, you may speak to a member of the coordinating committee. Members are available by phone, e-mail and each LOAS conference week there are always some members of the coordinating committee present on Star Island.

Below are the results for various positions and committees voted on at the LOAS Chairs 2012 Fall Meeting.

Treasurer for 2014– John Pustell – jpustell@verizon.net

Registrars for 2014 – Joyce and Jim Pickel – loasregistrar@yahoo.com

Provisioners for 2013– LOAS I - Tom Kennedy and LOAS II - Matthew King

Coordinating Committee: Patti Emmons, Chair – (off in 2014), Martha Pereli (off in 2013), Randall Grometstein (off in 2015), standing members: Treasurer – John Pustell and Registrar – Joyce & Jim Pickel.

Marketing Committee: Co-Chairs are Judy Samuelson & Cindy Wollman. Members are Aaron Hamburger and Irene Bush.

2013 Delegates to the Council of Conferences – LOAS I delegates are – Jill Brody & Marie Dupree with Bill Licea-Kane as alternate. LOAS II delegates are Phil Sears & Darren Grebe with Irene Bush as alternate.

Scholarship Committee: Will Emmons, Chair (off in 2013), Michelle Kunz (off in 2014) and Diane Taraz Shriver (off in 2015).

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



You should be receiving the Blue Book from Star Island Corporation in the mail within the next month. If you do not, you may go to their website at www.starisland.org and download a blue book, or you may contact the SIC office at 603-430-6272 and request one to be mailed to you.

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:

Tanya Van Order and Beat Barblan have welcomed a grandson, Luca Huckleberry Mathew born to *Susanna Van Order-Barblan and Ankur Mathew*, former conferees. Luca was born on December 16, 2012, at 7 lbs 8 oz, 19 1/2 inches, and is adored by the whole family.

Marriages:

Penelope Gnesin and Brenda Sue Fulton (former LOAS conferees) exchanged vows in the Cadet Chapel at West Point on December 4, 2012. The ceremony was conducted by Army Chaplain Col. J. Wesley Smith from Dover Air Force Base and attended by 250 guests. Sue is a West Point graduate and former Stuart resident. She served with the Army Signal Corps in Germany and rose to the rank of captain. President Obama appointed her to the U.S. Military Academy's Board of Visitors in 2011.

Promotions:

Patti Emmons has been promoted to Deputy Coroner for the Coroner's Office in Chester County, PA.

Change of Address:

Michelle & Gary Kunz have moved. Their new address is 10281 Allamanda Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Their cell phone numbers and e-mail have remained the same.

Wilma Ronco has moved. Her new address is 3402 Main Campus Drive, Lexington, MA 02421. Her phone and e-mail have also remained the same.

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