SLATE OF NOMINEES FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE, SPRING 2010

Board Officers -

President Elect - 3 year term

Roberta Watson

Bobbie grew up in Boise, Idaho. She received her undergrad degree at the University of Idaho and her law degree at Harvard. She was a UU in Massachusetts for about 10 years before moving to Florida. She has been a member of UUC since 1985. Her extensive service to UUC includes serving on the Board of Trustees multiple times, most recently up until a year ago; using her talents as an attorney for UUC legal matters; chairing the PSI Symposium; and serving on the Foundation Board for many years. She will be remembered as parliamentarian at UUC business meetings. Bobbie lives in Tampa with her husband, Bob. Their daughter Rebecca, who grew up at UUC, is a college graduate studying for her teacher certification in New Jersey. Bobbie is an employee benefits lawyer with Trenam Kemker. Much of her time lately has been spent learning the ins and outs of the new health care law! With all her UUC experience and service, she has been nominated to serve next year as President-Elect.

Treasurer – 1 year term

Dick Rolfes

Dick grew up in Northern Kentucky and received his undergraduate degree and Masters in Economics from the University of Cincinnati. He worked as an investment manager in Cincinnati and Dayton until retiring more than 10 years ago. Dick moved to Florida from Ohio seven years ago. Much of his free time these days is used to play competitive Bridge. He and his wife, Susan Allen, live in St. Petersburg but head to Dayton, Ohio in the summer to spend time with their grown son and daughter and six grandchildren. This is the third Unitarian congregation where he has been a member. His volunteer activities at UUC have been varied. He is a past president and current treasurer on the Foundation Board. Currently he is also serving on the Finance committee, chairing the Usher committee, and co-facilitating the St. Petersburg Covenant Group. This is the second UU congregation where he has been Treasurer. He was Treasurer at UUC during 2007 to 2009 and is nominated to return to that position for a one-year term.

[Note – Dick is nominated to start his term in Aug. Bill Norsworthy will continue as Treasurer for June & July.]

Secretary - 1 year term

Sheila Knaust

Sheila was born in New York State and moved to Florida in 1967, where she graduated from St. Petersburg Junior College and then USF with a BS in Social and Behavioral Science. Since then, she has lived in California, Virginia and Connecticut, before moving back to Florida. Sheila has always been involved in social action, with particular emphasis in women and children's issues. While living in Connecticut she was very involved in All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation of New London, where she was chair of the social justice committee. Since returning to UUC, Sheila served as co-chair last year of the auction committee and enjoys working with the children's RE program. Sheila remarks, "Making a better community and having fun doing it is what

has driven all my efforts in the past. UUC is facing a lot of challenges. I believe that my business and socially active background will be helpful in finding answers to the many questions we are facing as a community." Sheila is nominated for a one-year term as Board Secretary.

Board Trustees – 3 year term

Lynette Wood

Lynette writes, "I have been a proud member of UUC for three years. I was raised in Southern California and have been a Unitarian all my life. My mother and grandmother were Unitarians from Massachusetts. I am working on the Archives at UUC now and have participated in signage and the flea markets at UUC. I am an artist, but also was an Ethics Professor at SPC and in CT. I taught Management and Leadership at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT and was on the Board of Directors for Association for Psychological Type in CT. I had my corporate life in Chicago (20 years in Print and Marketing). There I was also on the board of Directors at Oasis, Center for Human Potential (similar to Esalen in CA.) I have an BA, majoring in economics, an MBA and am certified in the Myers Briggs Type Indicator (Jungian psychology). I currently teach short workshops at University of New Haven 2-3 times a year in CT in their graduate Leadership Program. I also teach art in Florida. I live with my domestic partner JoAnn VanDenHeuvel and her chihuahua, Spikey. I have 2 lovely grown children and 5 super grandchildren. I am honored to be considered for the UUC Board." Lynette served on the Board for the last year as an Alternate to complete the term of a Board Member who resigned. She is nominated for a three-year term as a Board Member.

Hal Sparks

Hal Sparks was born in Louisville, Kentucky and grew up in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He lived in an historic home on the banks of the Ohio River. Hal's parents were UU's and raised him as one. His mother was 43 and his father 55 when Hal was born. His mother was an *Agnostic Psychiatric Registered Nurse* "who taught me to use my head," and his father was an *Atheist Heating & and Air Mechanic* that "taught me how to use my hands." Hal has two brothers--an identical twin in Atlanta, and an older brother in Southern Indiana. He is an Indiana University Graduate and earned a B.S. degree at Kelley School of Business. Hal is married to Meena Saxena and is the father of Raina (age 9) and Jai (age 6). They live in Carrollwood. Hal works in Sales Management at the Licensed Sports Group, division of VF Imageware. Some of Hal's interests include music, sports, golfing, fishing and "playing with the kids." Hal joined UUC in 2003. He has been the Chair of the *Committee on Ministry*, an RE teacher, and past Co-Chair of the *UUC Auction Committee*. He is nominated to serve a three-year term on the Board.

Denise Seeber

Denise was born and raised in a small town in northern Illinois. She received her BA and MA in Sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. While living in Illinois, she worked in inner-city Chicago with young mothers of at-risk babies. Since moving to Florida, she has worked in domestic violence shelter and outreach programs, homeless and runaway shelters, and assisted in coordinating health care services for the uninsured.

Denise joined UUC in spring of 2008. That summer she helped coordinate the Social Justice Film Series and that fall she began attending a Covenant Group. In the spring of 2009, she co-facilitated the UUC Leadership Class. That fall she helped revive the UUC Women's Night Out group and continues to help coordinate the group each month. In January 2010, she helped coordinate the International Association for Religious Freedom's U.S. Conference held on Martin Luther King weekend and, in March 2010, began as Co-Facilitator of a new Covenant Group. She currently serves on the Membership Committee and the Cares and Concerns Committee. She is nominated for a three-year term on the Board.

Alternates to Board – 1 year term

Janet Clark

Janet Clark has been on various committees at UUC, including being chair and current co-chair of the RE Committee. She was also a member of the committee which defined the role of and selected the consulting minister for 2009-2010. She is an enthusiastic RE teacher, most recently with the K-2 class. Outside of UUC she spends time on various community boards including the Pinellas County School Board, currently serving as its chair. Janet has many interests, including Buddhist meditation and knitting...even "competitive knitting"...ask her about it! Other priorities are spending time with her husband and adult children. Janet's daughter, Katie, posing with her in the UUC directory, has helped in RE, was a past playground assistant at UUC, and now is a freshman at the University of Florida. Janet is nominated to serve for one year as the 1st Alternate for the Board.

Scott Milinder

Scott Milinder, along with his wife Jeanie McKnight, has been a member of UUC for 5 years. Scott grew up as a UU when his family joined the First Parish Unitarian Universalists of Canton, MA when he was 10 years old. A primary motivation for joining UUC was to give their daughter Joanna, now 8 years old, a religious community in which to grow up. Scott has a BA from Tufts University (Philosophy), a graduate certificate from Harvard University (Computer Science), and an MBA from Sykes School of Business, University of Tampa. Professionally, Scott has been involved in information technology and marketing for more than two decades, working as a senior manager in several firms. Most recently, he is focusing on building more sustainable and green organizations, reformulating business strategies and operations. At UUC, he has worked on the District-wide marketing campaign, with the Publicity Committee, Environmental Justice and on the 2010 Auction. As co-chair of the Racial Concerns sub-committee of Social Justice, he wants to help UUC be truly welcoming to the entire community that encompasses our beloved congregation. He is nominated to serve as 2nd Alternate to the Board for a one-year term.

Committee on Ministry – 2 year term

Jackie Brown

Jackie is a long-time Florida resident having moved to Pinellas County in 1977 from the Washington, D.C. suburbs. She worked as an indentured servant (aka "Middle Management") for several Fortune 500 companies in Tampa for about 25 years. She is now retired and lives in Palm Harbor. She has been a member of UUC, off and on, since the 1980's. She was instrumental in the start up of the Spirit of Life Fellowship (now located in Odessa, FL). She was on their Steering Committee and 1st Board before rejoining UUC. She has been an avid volunteer at UUC, including stints as the chair of the Social Action Network (now Social Justice Committee) and as a Board member. For the last several years she has chaired the Cares & Concerns Committee. She is nominated for a two-year term on the Committee on Ministry.

Nominating Committee - 2 year term

Charlotte Olson

Charlotte has been a member 6 years here, after moving to Pinellas County from Nashville, TN, where she was a member of First UU Nashville. She and her husband Todd, a friend of UUC, have 3 children, ages 11, 9, and 6. They live in Seminole. Her youngest, May, was dedicated at UUC in the spring of 2004. She has been involved in the RE activities at church as a teacher and a parent. You may also recognize her for her story reading/ performance talents for children (as well as adults) throughout the community, as well as at UUC. She is nominated for a two-year term on the Nominating Committee.