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## CHRISTOPHER CUTLER WELCOMES THOUGHT ADJUSTER

Christopher Cutler and his parents (father Jeff was FUSLA's former book chairman) recently shared a very remarkable experience, the welcoming of young Christopher's Thought Adjuster following his sixth birthday. "It was a remarkable experience," Jeff writes, "it had snowed two days earlier and the road was closed to the Mariposa Grove. A ranger opened it especially for us and while we had a very long walk in new snow, we were the only people in the grove. We held our ceremony at the Grizzly Giant and were all very much filled with the Spirit. Christopher could not understand why the angels would not talk back to him . . ."

The Grizzly Giant and other redwoods in the Mariposa Grove in Yosemite National Park are over 2700 years old. Named the "pillars of heaven" by John Muir, this part of the Sierras is called the "range of lights" because of the unusual configurations of sunlight.

## HALES NOTES MONITOR ERROR

It has been brought to The MONITOR's attention by John Hales, president of the *URANTIA Brotherhood*, that the name of the Domestic Extension Committee has not been changed to the "United States Extension Committee" as reported in The MONITOR article on the Green Lake Conference last issue. Harry McMullen, chairman of the committee, reported to John Hales that the committee members recommended a change in the name at a meeting held at Green Lake Conference. However, before any change can be made to the Brotherhood Constitution, certain procedures must be followed. Final authority rests with the General Council who will meet in the summer of 1985.



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## FUNKY JUNK SALE: FESTIVE AND FRUITFUL

The Funky Junk Sale raised over \$1200 for FUSLA and was termed highly successful by all who participated.

At a critique meeting Sunday evening dinner following clean-up, the Sale Crew expressed elation over the monetary success, and enthusiasm for the fellowship experienced with friends and strangers alike. The rummage sale was an easy fund-raising event to produce and a real service to the community. Many low income families were able to take advantage of low prices to obtain good quality clothing and household items, plants books, records and children's goods.

We give thanks to **Lori Long** and her formidable culinary efforts in behalf of the hungry crew, and **Michael Long** for the use of their strategically located property and warehouse. We must mention Michael's extraordinary grace upon seeing his hard-wrought batik lampshades eagerly carted off for 25¢ each. To **Ernest Barbosa** for sorting and hanging and pricing literally mountains of clothing, blessings. To **Chick Montgomery, Don Alexander** and **Bruce Fiero** for their carpentry wizardry (Chick proved useful at food foraging also); the "Gold Medal" to **Ed Geisler** for coming all the way from Palm Springs to help set up; encores to **Marlene Chicoine** for her great bake sale and heavenly cinnamon buns (and thanks for bringing **Crystal** and **Pierre**) – it was a perfect way to break in new Hospitality Chairman **Cathy Jones** who co-manned the bake sale and coffee table.

**Vince** and **Roxy Ventola** did such a good job of repotting plants and giving artistic advice that the honorary "Funky Junk Award", a porcelain toilet-planter (which despite its charm, didn't sell), was left on their front porch by tooth fairies late Sunday night.

Our "Blazing Earlobes Award" goes jointly to **Wynette Alexander, Ellen Montgomery** and **Charles Arterburn** who, despite their fair complexions, braved the bright sun of a perfect November day to organize, sell and man the money box respectively.

A delightful array of potted plants was contributed by FUSLA's own Galloping Gardners **Paul Elofson** (please send any empty pots his way for next year!) and **Jackie Anderson. Bob Hudspeth** proved indispensable at the clothing section with his fluency in Spanish, while **Paul Cook** contributed his almost illegally delicious chocolate-sourcream cupcakes to the bake sale and offered invaluable advice on pricing. The "Above and Beyond Award" goes to **Lucille Kettell** who helped set up on Saturday after having just arrived home from a gruelling cross country trip, while also organizing a special study group pot luck the following day on behalf of **Beverly Wold** who was driving in from Hemet for the sale.

The "Tidy Diddy Award" goes to **Roselyn Armstrong** for her expert coordination and supervision of the children's table while husband **Lee** earns the "Sneaky Pete Award" for commandeering the book and record detail in the shade of warehouse!

**Diane Bishop** was a Godsend in helping **Ernie** to organize the mountains of clothing; and last but not least cheers to **Kermit Anderson** for organizing and agonizing, not to mention postponing eye surgery until after the sale!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is an important year for our Society. We are clearly at a crossroad moving from the past of *The URANTIA* movement into its uncharted future.

Membership in our Society transcends the initial exhilaration of finding the teaching in *The URANTIA Book* and experiencing their truth. Membership in a society indicates a desire that this revelation be successful on Urantia. *Committing to the success of the revelation on our planet is the difference between a society member and a reader who is content with the inner experience in attending a study group.*

The challenge given to all members of *URANTIA* societies is magnified by the fact that there are only 14 *URANTIA* societies in existence and FUSLA with only 35 members in good standing as of October 1984 is one of the largest societies. The challenge is also magnified with the realization that this is the Father's work. When the Father knocks, he doesn't want to know if you are home, he wants to know if you are available!

One of the most important challenges for the Society is to get the Book into libraries and bookstores. Our book chairman, Pierre Chicoine, needs an extensive committee to survey libraries and bookstores throughout Southern California. Call him at (714) 761-1565. Members of study groups and individual readers may help on any committee. Jackie Anderson needs assistance writing, pasting-up and mailing *The MONITOR*. Call her at (714) 894-5417. Our new hospitality chairperson, Cathy Jones, will need help providing snacks at our meetings and for planning our February party. Call her at (714) 960-8790 and ask how you can help.

We must also expand and strengthen our study group network this year. Help us in this vital and important task. Attend a study group! Start a study group if none is near you. We must have many centers of light in every area of Southern California. And as we attend to these gatherings, we will benefit from the supreme experience of fellowship with other God-conscious and God-knowing brothers and sisters.

There are many forms of contribution. FUSLA operates on a very small budget and needs financial support to do its work. Contact our treasurer Kermit Anderson, 15872 Wicklow Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647, for financial input.

As Christmas nears, I give thanks to the Father for all His blessings, for *The URANTIA Book* and the truth, beauty and goodness it has brought into my life, and for each of you and the sharing of our spiritual lives.



—Lee Armstrong

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING, THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT . . .

*Please put a penny in the MONITOR's hat!  
If you haven't got a penny  
An article\* will do,  
If you haven't got a thing to say  
Then God bless you! (anyway)*

\*A thought-provoking, spiritual article, 1-2 pages, double-spaced typewritten, or news from study groups anywhere are always welcomed! So are donations of money of any denomination. We are not proud and/or picky. Thank you.

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## FUSLA WELCOMES SEVEN TO THE FOLD

On Monday evening, September 24, FUSLA welcomed five new "soldiers of the circle" – **George Fledzinskas**, **Particia Kenny**, **Stella Religa**, **Dick Simmermacher**, and **Carmen Ulibarri**. The new members were installed following their final orientation meeting at the home of Membership Chairman **Hoite Caston**. Also in attendance were **Lee Armstrong**, FUSLA secretary, and **Charles Arterburn**, a new member recently transferred from the San Francisco Bay Area *URANTIA* Society, and **Frank Rangel**, who had completed the required orientation course but decided to wait on becoming a member of the Society.

**George Fledzinskas**, who makes it easy on new friends by letting them pronounce his last name "Fledge", is a television producer from Los Angeles. He is married and has a six-year-old son. George describes his membership in FUSLA as "the next step in my external doing of the father's will".

**Particia Kenny** is a filmmaker and writer from North Hollywood. Pat is looking forward to "interacting with other readers to gain further enrichment from the Book".

**Stella Religa** hosts a Friday evening study group in her home in Whittier twice a month. Stella is eager to spread the word about *The URANTIA Book*, which she thinks "is the most important publication in the last two thousand years".

**Carmen Ulibarri** is a secretary living in Los Angeles with her husband, **Frank**, also a reader. They were introduced to the Book about nine years ago and have been attending Stella Religa's study group. Carmen and her musician husband are interested in starting a band that promotes progressive concepts.

**Richard Simmermacher** lives in Placentia with his wife and son, and is part of the technical staff of Rockwell International. Dick has been attending FUSLA meetings for several years and feels that "there is an ongoing need for dialogue between *URANTIA Book* adherents and the more widely accepted Christian view".

**Charles Arterburn** is a student at Pepperdine College and is living with Julia Fenderson, assisting her in her many *URANTIA* activities. In October he was elected FUSLA secretary and has been an active member of the Education Committee. He is employed by Westfield, Inc.

**Cathy Jones** was installed as a FUSLA member at the October meeting. She has been a long time *URANTIA Book* reader and has attended the Huntington Beach study group for over five years. Cathy will add a generous amount of Southern charm to her new office of FUSLA Hospitality Chairman. She lives in Huntington Beach with her husband **Allen** and is a regional vice president with the A.L. Williams Company.



## YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS AN AGONDONTER . . .

The good news is that the long-awaited *Agondonter* magazine is in its final stage of production and will be available early in 1985. All of those who have so patiently and graciously waited for their copy can rest assured they have not been forgotten, nor has the *Agondonter* staff absconded to Bora Bora with the funds. They are alive and hard at work in Los Angeles.

## FUSLA AND VALLEY SOCIETY 1985 SCHEDULES

The following is a 1985 calendar of events for both FUSLA and the First URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley. Please note that many FUSLA meetings will be held on evenings and days other than the normally scheduled Sunday afternoon. This new, flexible schedule hopes to accommodate a greater number of members. Also meeting locations will vary with the program. For further details, please call FUSLA's Education Chairman, **Roselyn Armstrong, (818) 841-6286** or Valley Society's **Ray Caliguiri, (213) 993-5286**.

### FUSLA

**JANUARY 6** — *Setting & Achieving Goals: A Workshop*, Will & Corlin Sherwood, California Federal Savings, Downey, 2:00 pm.

**FEBRUARY 17** — Jointly sponsored *Fellowship Gala*, tentatively scheduled at Dorothy Elder's home, 11357 Berwick Street, Los Angeles.

**MARCH 2** — *Panel Discussion: Rewards of A Small Group Experience*, and potluck, at Kermit and Jackie Anderson's, 5:30 pm, 15872 Wicklow Lane, Huntington Beach.

**APRIL 7** — *Business Meeting: Election of Triennial delegate and alternate*, California Federal Savings, Downey, 2:00 pm.

**MAY 4** — *Planetary Broadcasts on the HAM radio*, at Bruce Fiero's 437½ Linnie Canal, Venice, 10:00 am.

**JUNE (no date)** — *The Secrets of The Master: How to Achieve Unbroken Communication with our Thought Adjuster and the Father*, Cori Bishop and Vincent Ventola.

**JULY 14** — Jointly sponsored annual "Summertime's Picnic Time."

**AUGUST (no date)** — *Marriage & Family Weekend Seminar*, location to be announced.

**SEPTEMBER 7** — *Enhancing Creativity*, Burbank "Circle of the Evening Stars", 7:30 pm.

**OCTOBER 6** — *Election Business Meeting*, California Federal Savings, Downey, 2:00 pm.

### Valley Society

**JANUARY 27** — *Prison Service*, Al Donovan, Glendale Federal Savings, Devonshire & Balboa, San Fernando.

**MARCH 24** — *Teaching URANTIA Book Concepts*, Michael Hill, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**APRIL 28** — *Fundraiser Dinner*, members meeting: Triennial Elections, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**MAY 26** — *Open Meeting*, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**JUNE 30** — *Open Meeting*, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**AUGUST 25** — *Business Meeting and Remembrance Supper*, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**SEPTEMBER 29** — *Open Meeting*, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

**OCTOBER 27** — *Elections and Open Meeting*, Glendale Federal, San Fernando.

## FRIENDSHIP: SPIRITUAL LOVE-AEROBICS

*"If you would share the Master's joy, you must share his love. And to share his love means that you have shared his service. Such an experience of love does not deliver you from the difficulties of this world; it does not create a new world, but it most certainly does make the old world new." p. 1945*

It is this most magical of seasons that brings the concepts of peace and brotherhood to the hearts of the Christian world. Each year, for a moment, the love of the Christmas season makes an old world new.

And, it seems, the closer one draws to Jesus, the more love abounds. Love. A soft, melodious word, easy to speak, but not always so easy to understand . . . unless one has learned to give and receive Friendship.

"Friendship is the springboard to every other love," says Dr. Alan Loy McGinnis in his book, *The Friendship Factor*, and Dr. McGinnis goes on to use Jesus as the perfect example of friendship. "Jesus placed great value on relationships. He chose to spend much of his time deepening his connections with a few significant persons rather than addressing the crowds. What is more," McGinnis says, "his teaching was filled with practical suggestions on how to befriend people and how to relate to friends."

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)*

To share the Master's joy! – surely a large part of his joy was the experience of discovering the special brilliance of another soul! In friendship, again and again, we are allowed that delightful experience. To be the recipient of another's warmth, compassion, loyalty and devotion is deeply enriching. To be allowed to give service, affection, support, and understanding is an opportunity to discover how infinite our capabilities truly are! This constant volley, this exchange of love in its myriad forms, is the most marvelous of spiritual exercises. And when you not only allow for, but anticipate, spiritual and emotional growth and change in one another, the delights of friendship are kaleidoscopic!

In times of distress, friendship is at its finest. Love, loyalty and courage go into high gear to overcome and transform "negative" experiences into new positive levels of spiritual blessing and growth.

Friendship! Perhaps Jesus' dearest gift and legacy. I give heartfelt thanks to him, because this has been a year abundant with giving, sharing, receiving and discovering with many, many beautiful, incredibly special souls! My heart is full, and I marvel at the wonder that is Friendship. Thanks God.



*"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. Then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."*

– Teilhard de Chardin

## NEWS NOTES



October in Southern California, was blessed with crisp autumnal breezes, brilliant skies, and two very special *URANTIA* marriages that promise to enhance and bless our Urantian community.

Amidst the serenity of the Self-Realization Lake Shrine on October 14, in Santa Monica, **Vincent Ventola** and **Rosanne Alessandro** celebrated their vows in the company of a few joyfilled friends. The ceremony was held at the Ghandi Peace Shrine, its meadow strewn with rose petals, while graceful swans rippled the lake beyond with a multitude of silver concentric circles. A garden reception followed at the home of **Julia Fenderson**, who honored the newlyweds with a traditional Italian wedding candlelighting ceremony.

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On October 27, in the sedate grace of the Westwood First Methodist Church in Westwood, **Martin Myers**, president of *The URANTIA Foundation*, and **Diane Elder**, longtime FUSLA member, were married. The ceremony was resplendent in banks of white chrysanthemums and exquisite harp, organ and vocal music. The luncheon reception provided a reunion feast for many, many *URANTIA Book* readers from all over the country and the joyous occasion was reflected in the radiance of the newlyweds. Congratulations to **Dorothy Elder**, who did a magnificent job of coordinating her daughter's Chicago-to-Los Angeles wedding plans!

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A "Read and Rap Study Group" for young men and women ages 13 through 18 is being held Thursday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. at the home of **Pierre and Marlene Chicoine** in Anaheim. The study theme is "Reason, Wisdom and Faith, Past, Present and Future". A ride home is available with a note of permission from the parent. Call **Marlene**, (714) 761-1565.

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**Kermit and Jackie Anderson** will be opening their doors **New Years Eve** for their annual **Remembrance Supper** pot luck. Those who wish to welcome 1985 in prayer, worship and fellowship are welcome. Please call for details as space is limited, (714) 894-5417. The Andersons also urge other study groups to join in this wonderful tradition which originated with Vince Ventola's original study group in 1973. (Due to the nature of the evening, no small children, please.)

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Congratulations to **Irving Townsend** on his new "Study Group Extrodinaire", being held every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at his home, 11910 Mayfield, Apt. 303 in Brentwood. Please call Irving at (213) 207-3187.

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A tour for students of *The URANTIA Book* of France, Italy and Israel is being organized for May 11 — 29, 1985. For information and reservation contact **Mrs. Berkely Elliott**, 14 Southwest 97th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139, or telephone (405) 794-2978.



## AREA/CONTACT

## MEETING INFO

<b>Anaheim</b> Pierre & Marlene Chicoino	Mondays @ 7:00 PM (714) 761-1565
<b>Arcadia</b> Hal & Lucille Kettell	Mondays @ 7:30 PM (818) 447-1403
<b>Brentwood</b> Iving Townsend	Sundays @ 7:30 PM (213) 207-3187
<b>Burbank</b> Lee & Roselyn Armstrong	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 841-6286
<b>BOM Radio Net</b> Bruce Fiero (213) 827-1015	Fridays & Sundays @ 10:00 PM PDT <small>10:00-7:30A; 10:05-7:25A; 10:10-3:52A; 10:15-3:55A; 30s jump every 5 min. if necessary to find open frequency</small>
<b>Calabasas</b> Polly Friedman	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (818) 880-5943
<b>Camarillo</b> Gary Reedy	1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 PM (805) 484-2991
<b>Chatsworth</b> Ray Caliguiri	1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (818) 993-5286
<b>Fresno</b> Jim Brannon	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (209) 255-2147
<b>Hemet</b> Beverly J. Wold	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (714) 927-1015
<b>Huntington Beach</b> Kermit & Jackie Anderson	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (714) 894-5417
<b>La Mesa</b> Jim Felt	Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (619) 286-8220 (Business)
<b>Los Angeles</b> Ernie Barbosa	Sundays @ 7:00 PM (213) 477-5992
<b>Malibu</b> Duane & Lucile Faw	2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30 PM (213) 456-4927
<b>Palm Springs (Pinyon Pines)</b> Ed Geisler	Sundays @ 5:00 PM (619) 349-3544
<b>Palmdale</b> John Dees	Sundays (No Time) (805) 948-7063
<b>Rancho Santa Fe</b> Rich Keeler	Alternate Thursdays @ 8:00 PM (619) 755-0264
<b>San Diego</b> Bill & Dorothy Hazzard	3rd Sunday @ 2:00 PM (619) 299-4195
<b>San Diego</b> Dick & Cheryl Prince/Phil & Cindy Calabrese	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (619) 270-6558
<b>Santa Barbara/Goleta</b> Samsara Amato-Duex	Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 967-0975
<b>Santa Barbara</b> Barrie Bedell	Thursdays @ 7:30 PM (805) 969-1565
<b>Van Nuys</b> Dick MacDonald	2nd & 4th Thursdays (818) 343-3364
<b>Ventura</b> Larry Whelan	Weekly @ 7:00 PM (CALL for Day) (805) 643-8728
<b>Whittier</b> Stella Religa	1st & 3rd Fridays @ 7:30 PM (213) 698-2122 (Evenings)



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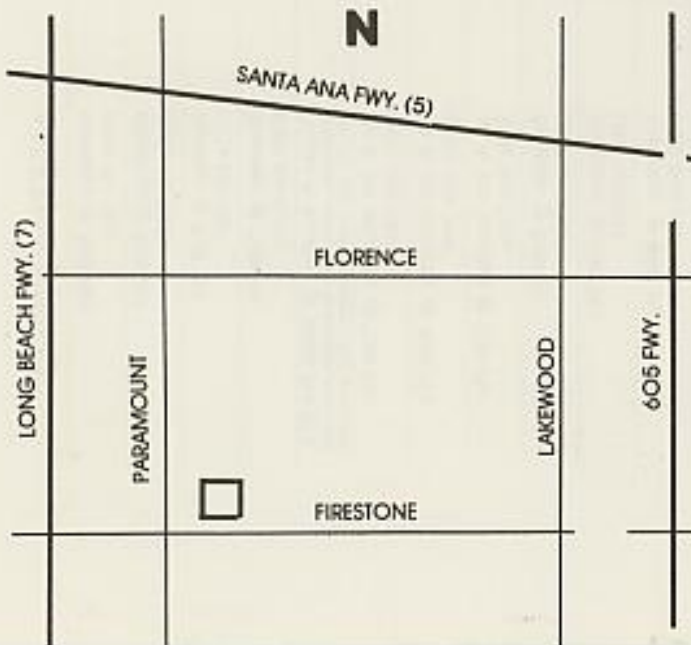
## JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION

### "Setting and Achieving Goals: A Workshop"

Hosted by Will and Corlin Sherwood  
Sunday, January 6, 1985 at 2:00 p.m.  
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