



Thursday July 19th
Blacksburg, VA
SUUSI 2007: *To Live Fully*

Hi 88

Low 68

Chance of
PM Thunderstorms
Again!



DINNER TIME 6:30-8 PM

Dinner last night was a bit chaotic. More than 400 of our 900+ SUUSI participants entered the dining hall between 6 and 6:30 pm which is exactly when VT Freshman Orientation students and their families were scheduled to arrive for dinner.

Virginia Tech and the SUUSI Staff arranged for us to have a special dinner time from 6:30-8 pm to improve the dining experience for both SUUSI participants and others.

In the interest of our sanity and our relationship with Virginia Tech and fellow event participants, please enter the dining hall after 6:30 pm. Unless you have a trip to go on or a small child who needs to eat earlier, please honor the official SUUSI dinner time.

Thanks for your cooperation and help to make dinner time more pleasant for everyone.

FROM THE BOARD

It's Election day!

SUUSI registrants age 6 and up are encouraged to vote today in our Board elections. Adults may choose from four candidates vying for two positions (a three-year term and a one-year term). Vote for one; the top two will get Board positions. Youth ages 6-17 may vote for one of three junior youth candidates.

Ballot boxes will be set up outside the D2 Dining Hall during meal times.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

A Happy Birthday today and many more to:

Kinsey Barrett, Leah Davis, Charles Dieterich, Edward Lewis, & Carol Narigon.

Minister of the day: Rev. Alane Cameron Miles

The minister of the day is on call for pastoral emergencies in the SUUSI Community. Stop by the SUUSI Info Office in Payne from 8 am to 7 pm for assistance in contacting the Minister of the Day (after hours, go to the VT 24-hour desk in Peddrew-Yates).

Theme Talk: Rev. Cheryl Walker

Living Fully in the Tension
Owens Ballroom 9-9:45 am

As Unitarian Universalists we are often accused of being a happy religion, more than willing to celebrate our joys but reluctant to celebrate our sorrows. To live fully is to honor and recognize the full spectrum of our human emotions, from our greatest joys to our deepest sorrows. Living fully is living in the tension between the heights of bliss and the depths of despair.

Rev. Cheryl M. Walker serves at the Assistant Minister at the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City. Previously she served as Intern Minister at the Unitarian Church of Montclair. She graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in New York where she was awarded the Maxwell Fellowship for Excellence in Parish Ministry.

Evening Worship: Rev. Bill Neely, Bridging Service

Honoring the Fullness of Life
Owens Ballroom 8-8:45 pm

Come join together in honoring and reflecting on some of life's important passages. This service will include a SUUSI baby dedication, a Bridging Ceremony for teens heading in to young adulthood, and a time to remember those who have passed away.

Rev. Bill Neely is a long-time SUUSI participant and currently serves on the SUUSI Board. He is the minister of Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church in Cordova, Tennessee.

Thursday at a Glance	
6:30-9:30 am	SUUSI Breakfast All SUUSI Meals are in D2
9-9:45 am Owens Ballroom	Theme Talk: Rev. Cheryl Walker <i>Living Fully in the Transition</i>
11 am-1:30 pm	SUUSI Lunch
Noon-1 pm SUUSI Store	Singings & Signings: Steve Greenberg
1-2 pm SUUSI Store	Stories & Signings: Pete Leary
2-4 pm Owens Ballroom	Showcase of Stars: Rachel & Henry Cross, Sarah Gonzalez, Ned, Angel Wall \$5 drop in fee
4-5 pm SUUSI Store	Singings & Signings: Rod MacDonald
5:15-6:30 pm Owens Ballroom	Community Concert: <i>Beaucoup Blue</i>
6:30-8 pm	SUUSI Dinner Time
8-8:45 pm Owens Ballroom	Evening Worship: <i>Bridging Service</i> Rev. Bill Neely
9:30-midnight Owens Ballroom	Cabaret: Joe Zimmerman, Kym Tuvim, Meg Barnhouse, SUUSI boyZ, Bonnie Whitehurst, Louisa Wimberger, Sarah Gonzalez and more
10 pm-1 am Owens Hokie Grill	Serendipity: <i>Peanuts meets Rocky Horror Picture Show</i>
10 pm-1 am Owens Food Court	CACHE: Drag Night
1-4 am Slusher 120	Late Night in Common Ground Cafe
SUUSI Office Hours	
Payne 1-A 7:45-8:45 am 12-1 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	Health Office
Payne 1002 8 am-7 pm	Info Office 540-231-6254
8-9:45 am 4:15-6:15 pm Payne 1-B	Registration Office <i>For all your drop/add needs</i>
10 am-5 pm P-Y 140	SUUSI Store Signings at Noon, 1 pm, 4 pm

Banners from Your Home Congregation

Banners will be taken down immediately following Friday's Theme Talk and draped on chairs. Pick up your banner by noon. SUUSI cannot be responsible for them if not picked up. Banners not picked by noon on Friday will be taken to the SUUSI Info Office.

Let's give a SUUSI Cheer to:

Alexis Jones, *Banner Coordinator Extraordinaire*
If you see Alexis Jones, please thank him for the wonderful job he has done ensuring our banners are hung for all to see every year. Thank you, Alexis!

Star Car: The TWOB Trolley

Need the Star Car to get to TWOB on Friday night? You must reserve a 7:30 pm ride for the 8 pm show, and a 9 pm ride for the 9:30 show. See the SUUSI Info Office in Payne or Nancy Mayer or Dave Salman.

Star Car Drivers Needed Saturday Morning

Drivers needed Saturday morning for breakfast and Closing Circle. Sign up at the Info Office in Payne.

We Love the Star Car!

A big "Thank You" to the Star Car volunteers who help make it run smoothly. Please remember that the primary purpose of the Star Car is to transport those with accessibility needs. If you do not have accessibility needs, please leave the Star Car free for those who need it. Also, if you see a SUUSI Star Car being driven in an unsafe manner, report it immediately to the Info Office in Payne. If you are a rider, you have the right to ask the driver to slow down.

Community Concert Hour: Beaucoup Blue

Beaucoup Blue is the Philadelphia-based father and son duo, David and Adrian Mowry, who have been performing their music strongly rooted in the blues up and down the Eastern seaboard. Bridging many gaps in American music, their soulful traditional and contemporary style meshes into an innovative and authentic sound. Although blues is a staple in their repertoire, they also base their sound on folk, soul, R&B, jazz, country and bluegrass traditions.

TWOB (Teen Way Off Broadway)

The TWOB Teens are pleased to invite you to the Friday night performances (8 pm & 9:30 pm) of Harriet Potter and the Flaming Chalice. Hope you had fun guessing this week and we'll see you tomorrow. Remember to leave a note for the TWOB director in the Info Office in Payne if you have any special seating needs.

Give Us your Feedback about SUUSI!

We really do read all of your feedback and use it to improve future SUUSIs. Fill out an evaluation online at <http://www.suusi.org/eval2007>. You may complete a paper evaluation as well – copies are available at the SUUSI Info Office in Payne. (We prefer online so we don't have to enter all the data.)

Don't Forget to Hug-A-Bee!

Newcomers have a Bee Sticker in the lower left corner of their name tags. There are still "Secret Bees" – 12 a day – who have slips of paper that are redeemable for a Chalice Chocolate. If you receive or have received a piece of paper on a past day, go to the Info Desk on 1st floor Payne and exchange it for a Chalice Chocolate. Good Hugging! (Don't forget to ask permission first!)

Location Changes

Friday's Workshop 151 "How to Meditate" will meet at the huge shade tree in Eggleston Quad, opposite Owens, weather permitting. Bring a chair or blanket if desired. Spiritgourd (216) will meet in P-Y A-10 Lounge Friday from 2-4 pm. Down the Rabbit Hole (207) will meet in NRE A-1 Lounge.

Another Brew

By popular demand, we added a second session of The Lighter & Darker Sides of Beer. Stop by the Registration desk to sign up for #310. The workshop meets in the Payne 2001 crossover lounge tonight from 8-11 pm.

Nightlife Notes

If you want to perform at Cabaret on Friday night, Jamboree is for you! Find someone you've never performed with before at SUUSI then see Miriam during Cabaret in Owens Ballroom to sign up for a Jamboree slot.

Meanwhile, don't miss tonight's midnight performance at Cabaret of SUUSI's first ever rock & roll band the NUUBS.

Serendipity: Peanuts meets Rocky Horror night. Are you a Janet or a Magenta? A Lucy or a Peppermint Patty? What a party that would be!

CACHE: It's drag night, so guys, borrow some high heels and a swanky dress and meet us at Cabaret.

2007 SUUSI Fun Run/Walk

Congratulations to the winners in the 2007 SUUSI Fun Run/Walk! In the runner category, the adult male best time was by Peter Lazar (8:32), adult female Windy Fullagar (10:57), youth male Grant LaCombe (10:08), and youth female Kinny Chaconas (10:27). In the walker category, the best adult male time was Doug Hughes (15:11), adult female Ginger Long (16:28), and youth male Bowen Merkle (24:19)

Mugbook: Now with group photos!

The staff at Christiansburg Printing has been working to convert the collection of zeros and ones compiled by gnomes of the SUUSI Mugbook staff into your likenesses as ink on paper. If all goes well, we'll have mugbooks for you to pickup outside D2 today! Any extras will be for sale in the SUUSI Store.

Nature Notes

Teens on the rained-out Monday tubing trip may either receive a refund or go tubing Friday at 1:15 pm. Stop by the Nature Tent from 7:45-9 am or 12:45-1:45 pm. You may add or drop nature trips at the registration office in Payne, or at the Nature Tent. Tent hours are 7:45-9 am and 12:45-1:45 pm.

IC, UC & we'll all CU @ the SUUSI Store!!

Where else can you do this? Find things to keep you and your stuff dry (ponchos & neck safes), keep you wet (water bottles to hydrate you after those late nights!), keep you clothed (shirts galore!), keep your identity known (lanyards & neck wallets), put your beliefs out there for all to see (bumper stickers, magnets and lots more), and even the means to carry it all (cool tote bags)?! All of this, and, we'll entertain you with phenomenal live music while you peruse & commune! See Thursday at a glance (page 1) for the Singings and Signings menu.

Make Common Ground part of your SUUSI

Fresh Roasted, Fair Trade and Organic Certified Coffee is available for \$8 a pound. The 24-hour cafe is located on the first floor in Slusher Hall. Stop by and brew yourself a fresh cup of coffee any time, or grab a pre-brewed cup between 8:30-11 am. If you would like to perform in the coffee house, please contact Erin Lieb, Payne 334. Please settle your tab today or Friday from 10 pm to 1 am while Common Ground is staffed.

NUUS Deadline is Noon next day NUUS

Email articles to nuus@suusi.org or drop information by the Info Office at Payne.

TEEN BOARD NOMINEES

Through no fault of the candidates, all of the Youth Biographies were not able to be printed Wednesday. Below is the complete Youth Representative Nominees.

Griffeth Whitehurst

Youth Representative Candidate

Hello, my name is Griffeth Whitehurst. I feel I am a qualified candidate for the SUUSI Board because I am a motivated individual, well spoken, and amiable. I strive for excellence in all aspects of my life and you should expect no less in my service to the Board. I have been coming to SUUSI for 12 years and it has shaped me into the man I am today. In addition, I would love nothing more than to work with and represent the youth here at SUUSI. For all of these reasons and more, I feel it would be an honor to be the Junior Youth Representative on the SUUSI board. Thank you for your time and attention.

Michael Buffum

Youth Representative Candidate

Hi, I am Michael, and I would like to be nominated to the SUUSI board. I believe I would be a benefit for the board because I have had leadership positions in my school and community before. For example, I am on teen counsel of the public library in my town, which helps plan library events for peoples from the age 3 to 18. Another reason I believe I would do well on the board is because I intend to try my hardest and do my best which is a major part in the position. Despite the fact that the board will be hard work, I can take pleasure from knowing that I helped you have fun during this time of gathering in our own unique SUUSI style, in other words, FUN!

Alex Deloach

Youth Representative Candidate

I'm Alex Deloach. I'm 15, and this is my 8th SUUSI. I live in Rockledge, Florida, and I play trumpet in the high school band. I am the senior Patrol Leader of my boy scout troop, and an active member of the Order of the Arrow. I have two siblings, a twin sister a younger brother.