

One Island Family September 18, 2019 Weekly E-letter

Please send announcements to office@oneislandfamily.org+

View this newsletter online at <http://www.oneislandfamily.org/currenteletter.pdf>

Weekly E-Letter Deadline: Tuesday 5 p.m. Sunday Announcements Deadline: Thursday Noon

All One Island Family activities and events at the Fellowship Hall can be viewed at the following link: [calendar](#)

Like us on Facebook "One Island Family Official"

Summer Gatherings

We will resume weekly services in October

September 22 - Sunday, 11 a.m. at Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden-
518 Elizabeth Street, Key West

Nancy Forrester has invited us to join her in the garden for guided story telling surrounded by the orphaned macaws, parrots, cockatoos and other rare birds in her Educational Parrot Sanctuary. She inspires all who visit with her knowledge and dedication to the mission of providing a caring sanctuary while educating the many locals and tourists who enter the garden. According to her website (nancyforrester.com) "Nancy Forrester, artist, teacher, environmental activist, and plant & animal lover, has been rescuing, rehoming orphaned parrots for 30 years."

THIS IS ONLY A GOOD WEATHER EVENT. Because of limited space, we will have to cancel this if there is heavy rain. Contact Marilyn Smith for last minute updates.



OIF News- The next board meeting will be October 1, 2019 at 4:15 at One Island Family. All are welcome! Contact Marilyn Smith or Claire Hurd with any agenda items.

From Jim and Marilyn Smith:

Just so you know we are not goofing-off, we went to the UU Church of Honolulu this morning! It's in a big private home, converted to a church and an art gallery. They have great spirit J. But no parking L.



September is NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH! (Note from Marilyn Smith- Since my August newsletter note where I shared some of my reading choices of this summer, I have heard from some of some of you. Debby Palmisano let me know that she's in two book clubs, one with her UU congregation in Cincinnati and another with college friends that started about 36 years ago! Her summer reading has included: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Women Rowing North, Where the Crawdads Sing, Caleb's Crossing, Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Book Store, and So You Want to Talk About Race.

Who is ready to restart our One Island Family book club?)

Bahamian Survivors. Help extend Temporary Protected Status (TSP) to Bahamian survivors of hurricane Dorian. Legislators recently introduced a bill to extend TPS to Bahamians in the United States. This will allow survivors to live and work safely in this country until their communities recover. Contact your members of Congress to ask them to uphold the right to safety of thousands of families impacted by this climate disaster. The UU Service Committee has a web site to help you send your message to our representatives in congress. [Click Here](#)

Bahama Relief Effort. You all know of the destruction Dorian has done to the Bahamas. And you may already know about the Key West Cares relief effort. But if you don't know here's some info. Key West Cares, a 501(c)3 charity, has been quickly organized to assist with the relief effort. A group of over 200 folks in Key West attended a the meeting at City Hall to participate in this 100% volunteer effort.

You can join the volunteers and help Key West Cares organize and carryout this relief effort at <https://www.keywestcares.com/contact> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Keywestcares/>. More information on Key West Cares was published in the The Florida Keys and Key West. Monetary donations can be submitted at (<https://ctcnetworkarm.org/key-west-we-care>). There are a number of pickup points in Key West for material donations. I know there's one a Winn Dixie. Dave Arnold 757-285-1609

KEY WEST COMMUNITY NEWS:

Unity of the Keys, 1011 Virginia Street, offers "Meditation and Healing Circle" Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Judi Elia, who has been practicing meditation and teaching Mindfulness Practices for over 25 years.

Tuesday, 5:30pm - All are welcome to join the sangha in mindfulness meditation, sitting and walking, in the tradition of Vietnamese teacher Thich Nhat Hanh.