MY PRAYER FOR ALL SENTIENT BEINGS

MAY
LOVE WEAVE
A GOLDEN CACOON
OF ITS POWER
AND PEACE
AND LIGHT
AROUND YOU......
MAY YOU BE CLEANSED OF
ALL HURT
AND ALL HATE
ALL JUDGEMENT
ALL BLAME
AND ALL PAIN.......
MAY THE LOVE-LIGHT
IN YOUR HEART
SHOW YOU
THE CLARITY
OF YOUR TRUE PURITY
THE TRUTH OF YOUR
LOVING, COMPASSIONATE
HEART......

MAY
FACT, nobody—but nobody—can experience our lives for us; nobody can feel for us the pain that life inevitably brings. The price we must pay to grow is always in front of our noses; and we never have a real practice until we realize our unwillingness to pay any price at all. Sadly, as long as we evade, we shut ourselves off from the wonder of what life is and what we are. We try to hold on to people who we think can mitigate our pain for us. We try to dominate them, to keep them with us, even to fool them into taking care of our suffering. But alas, there are no free lunches, no giveaways. A jewel of great price is never a giveaway. We must earn it, with steady, unrelenting practice.

We must earn it in each moment, not just in the “spiritual side” of our life. How we keep our obligations to others, how we serve others, whether we make the effort of attention that is called for each moment of our life—all of this is paying the price for the jewel.

—CHARLOTTE JOKO BECK, EVERYDAY ZEN

LOVE REDEEMS LIKE THE SNOWS OF DECEMBER
PURE AND DEEP AS THE INFINITE SOUL

CHRIS VAN CLEAVE

WA-KONDA,
HERE NEEDY HE STANDS
AND I AM HE

OMAHA TRIBAL PRAYER

NO LONGER FORWARD OR BEHIND
I LOOK IN HOPE OR FEAR;
BUT, GRATEFUL, TAKE THE GOOD I FIND
THE BEST OF NOW AND HERE

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER
CELEBRATIONS

The Lunar New Year falls on this Friday, February 12. We are moving into the Chinese New Year, the year of the ox, the white metal ox. After the wild year of the rat, I'm hoping the ox will bring stability, calm and the determination to make things turn out OK. Imitate a dragon parade, bang gongs and make big noises. Last year I discovered that stomping on bubble-wrap perfectly imitated the sound of small fireworks without any of the dangers or liabilities. Make a stir-fry with fresh ginger, burn some paper money and stomp on some bubble-wrap to honor the moon who calls our tides.

This is just the beginning of a flurry of celebrations. Sunday is February 14, Valentine's Day. One of my favorite celebrations despite poor St. Valentine. To me its hearts and love day. Chocolate, flowers and love, no wonder I love it so much. And I love to wear pink and red. One year I searched the People's Store for all the red food they had, lox, beets, red onions, red lettuce, cherry this, strawberry that. Give everyone in your bubble a kiss.

Monday is presidents day, not my favorite holiday, but Stuart has a great song called Dead Presidents Day. I'm not sure how one celebrates president's day, but it is especially special this year.

Then when you think you don't really need another holiday. Along, comes Tuesday, and my god, its Mardi Gras and time to really party. This year we all know why its called Fat Tuesday, because that's what COVID has given many of us. This is the last chance party because then comes Lent and we all have to pretend to give something up. But on Tuesday wear some beads, dress up (it will make you feel better) make some gumbo, take too many drugs (I include coffee, tea and wasabi in the drug category and maybe ice cream) and sing a song.

Four celebrations in less than a week. WOW
— Kathleen O'Neill

Annemarie Russo from the West Marin Literacy Program will speak at Rotary Club of West Marin February 10, 8:30am Zoom (email: Annerwm@gmail.com :for zoom invite.

Annemarie is the West Marin Literacy Coordinator and Community Library Specialist. She supports adult and family literacy efforts by coordinating 6 online ESL classes, one-on-one tutoring for adults and children, bilingual storytelling workshops, and community events.

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ALERT!
WATER CONSUMPTION INCREASED NEARLY 10% THIS WEEK

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PROPERTY FOR POSSIBLE LEAKS
MANDATORY RATIONING ANTICIPATED EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021

We are writing to alert the community that water consumption in town suddenly increased by nearly 10% this week. We are checking the distribution system for any leaks and would like our customers to check their properties, as well. You may have a slow toilet leak for example, or a leak on an outdoor plumbing fixture that is going undetected. To check if you have a leak, turn off all water use at your property and then go look at your water meter – if the dial is moving, you almost certainly have a leak. Please call the BCPUD office at (415) 868-1224 if you suspect a leak and we will help you identify where it is.

As was discussed at the BCPUD Board special meeting on February 8, 2021, due to the district’s extremely limited water supply resulting from the lack of rainfall this year and last, the district anticipates that the BCPUD Board will approve a resolution later this month implementing the mandatory rationing of water effective March 1, 2021 (125 GPD per property). More information is available on our website (www.bcpud.org) or by calling the office. We would like to thank everyone in the community for their continuing efforts to reduce their consumption in order to ensure a reliable water supply during 2021.

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager
February 10, 2021

Sunshine
Dr. Ibram X Kendi’s 10 Best Political Books of 2020 by Black Women - The Atlantic 1/18/21

Our Time Is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America, by Stacey Abrams

Our Time Is Now is more than a comprehensive chronicle of voter suppression. It is more than a comprehensive exposé of voter suppression. It is a book of clarity. It is a book of inspiration. It is a book of empowerment. Abrams points the way forward to American democracy.


Reclaiming Her Time renders Representative Waters’s extraordinary career in penetrating detail and with razor-sharp wit. Andrews-Dyer and Thomas have created a beautiful celebration of Waters’s great vision, wisdom, and heart.

Say It Louder!: Black Voters, White Narratives, and Saving Our Democracy, by Tiffany D. Cross

Say It Louder! shows precisely, how white narratives, political campaigns, and voter suppression have combined to diminish the power of Black voters. But this is not a despairing book. Through it all, Cross brilliantly and poignantly foreshadows the power of Black voters—and their role in saving American democracy. This farsighted book portends the 2020 election.

The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart, by Alicia Garza

“Black lives matter” was Alicia Garza’s love letter read around the world. The Purpose of Power is another love letter that should be read around the world. It speaks to all that molded Garza, all that molds organizers, all that molds movements.

Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All, by Martha S. Jones

Jones is the leading political historian of African American women. And this book is the commanding history of the remarkable struggle of African American women for political power. The more power they accumulated, the more equality they wrought. All Americans would be better off learning this history and grasping just how much we owe to equality’s vanguard.

Hood Feminism: Notes From the Women That a Movement Forgot, by Mikki Kendall

Hood Feminism paints a brutally candid and unobstructed portrait of mainstream white feminism: a narrow movement that disregards the needs of the overwhelming majority of women. In the storied tradition of Black feminism stretching back to Maria Stewart, Kendall persuasively contends that women’s basic needs are feminist issues. The fights against hunger, homelessness, poverty, health disparities, poor schools, homophobia, transphobia, and domestic violence are feminist fights. Kendall offers a feminism rooted in the livelihood of everyday women.

The End of White Politics: How to Heal Our Liberal Divide, by Zerlina Maxwell

Just as I can listen to Maxwell all day long, I can read her political analysis all day long. The End of White Politics is a clear-eyed critique of the racism and sexism corroding American politics, including the Democratic Party. To read this book is to understand the unifying and democratic path forward for the American people.

Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America, by Ijeoma Oluo

Trumpism—and its mission to maintain white male supremacy at all costs—is hardly a new phenomenon in American politics. Oluo adroitly historicizes the brutal effects of white male supremacy on people of color, white women, and white men. In charting a new white masculinity free of racism and sexism, Mediocre is a liberatory book. Liberatory for white men. Liberatory for us all.

This Is What America Looks Like: My Journey From Refugee to Congresswoman, by Ilhan Omar

Representative Omar has one of the most inspiring, engrossing, and American life stories in U.S. politics today. This Is What America Looks Like shares the tale of a little girl who lost her mother, fled war in Somalia, ended up in a refugee camp, learned hunger and death, missed school, immigrated penniless to the United States, and overcame it all to become a college graduate, community leader, and member of the House of Representatives. As this book shows, Omar embodies the American dream if there is one for Black women.

No, You Shut Up: Speaking Truth to Power and Reclaiming America, by Symone D. Sanders

Stewart would probably adore Sanders and No, You Shut Up. The book offers stories of Sanders resisting those who attempted to silence her, of Sanders finding her political voice. No, You Shut Up rouses political voices to make progressive change. Sanders issues a powerful call to speak in a political culture still silencing young Maria Stewarts. In Stewart’s first public speech, in 1832, she uttered words that have echoed throughout the history of Black women’s political literature. She voiced a fortitude exemplified by Black women in all 10 of these political books of 2020: “The frowns of the world shall never discourage me.”
What Happened? Plus a Gratitude Spotlight from Jennie Pfeiffer 2-8-2021

Looks like Monday's recap will be on Wednesday this week due to missed deadline. Apologies.

One thing that happened in a busy, meeting-filled week, was that we moved into the second month of the year, with lovely longer days, and some rain now and again, but not what we needed to alleviate the concerns for major drought conditions stalking us as we move toward spring. The special emergency Bolinas Community Public Utility District meeting held Wednesday (open to the public by phone because COVID 19 restrictions on gatherings) gave a thorough but stark update of our water crisis, impressively presented by Jennifer Blackman, BCPU manager:

According to my notes of the meeting, we had 10.2” of rain this year as of 2-1-21, half of last year’s below average numbers. At this rate, mandatory rationing will begin the first of March, with 100 gallons a day PER METER, not per person. The District last imposed rationing in 2009, after a string of low rainfall years. February 24th, the BCPU will be reviewing requests for family exceptions. The March 1st mandatory rationing will be enforced on a weekly basis. There will be written warnings for excess water use, then some decisions as to more drastic consequences. The BCPU is offering tours of our water source and catchment sites, and help with instruction on how to read our meters—highly recommended.

I am shining the GRATITUDE SPOTLIGHT on our water district, with hardworking Board members: Jack Siedman, president, Don Smith, Lyndon Comstock, Grace Godino, and Kirsten Walker. Also, the excellent staff members: Administration Jennifer Blackman, stellar General Manager; Belle Wood, excellent Administrative Assistant; Maintenance/Operations, Bill Pierce, long time Chief Operator; Stewart Oakander, Shift Operator; Andrew Spalding, Shift Operator; Resource Recovery Project, Mike Aiken, Site Manager; Joe Bracco, Site Attendant; Oscar Salazar, Site Attendant. I have mentioned this awesome crew in the past, but under present stressful circumstances it is worth repeating as a reminder that the water that runs out of the tap when we turn it on doesn’t come to us by magic, but through the consistently competent efforts of individuals who work to keep clean water coming to our homes. Please be mindful of your use by reducing amount used, reusing dishwasher, etc on plantings, and recycling rainwater by catching it in tanks for garden use. The point was well made at Wednesday’s meeting that if you use more than your allotted 100 gallons, others will have less to use. Perhaps we can use the carbon trading approach by matching a large household with a small one to share water use. In any case, conserving water is paramount.

Otherwise this week, there was a Monday evening meeting of the newly formed, and highly active Bolinas Anti-racism group. This meeting was admirably chaired by Estella Mora-Lopez and Tahalia Amanson, (assisted by Chloe McCollum), who are to be commended for their newly acquired competence in hosting zoom meetings, and for their care and passion in working to eliminate cultural bias and

In other housing news, there was a meeting Friday of the Bolinas-Stinson School Housing Committee. Now that teaching is back on site, the District is once again mobilizing efforts to locate staff housing. If you have available space, or room for an RV hook up to rent, please contact our Finance and Facilities Administrator, Catherine Hawes, chawes@bolinas-stinson.org

Also on Friday, there was an inspiring New School at Commonweal conversation called Recognizing Thresholds, that was recorded and very worth checking out on their website archives. Ladybird Morgan was the host, interviewing first nation leaders Pat McCabe, and Susan Balbas. It covered much ground, from the value of listening, to the ever-arching need for a paradigm shift away from the modern world paradigm of “power-over” ($ = power), which results in winners and losers and is not a good process. One large take-away was a call for acknowledging the earth and the value of all things on it. I’m leaving you with this concept from that enlightening exchange—culture is not a human construct, culture is Mother Earth expressing herself through life. P.O.R. jp

COMMUNITY GARDEN SHARE PROJECT

Let’s grow together

Many in town are fortunate to have gardens where they grow food and when home gardens flourish they can produce more food than a gardener knows what to do with. But not everyone has access to land, vegetable starts or fresh food. So let’s grow together!

Starting Small

We would like to invite the community to a seedling swap at three locations. Take starts if you need them and leave starts if you have them. You can swing by one location or make it an activity and visit all three! Contact Tristan to learn more tristanconway@yahoo.com.

March 13th 10 am – 2 pm

The BLM kiosk where Birch meets the Ocean
The Scott House Garden at Grove and Alder
The Striped Garage at Elm and Dogwood

Room to Grow

Do you have land but not the ability to tend a garden? Do you have the know-how but don’t have access to land? Chloe is building a cooperative gardening network to match land with people. Contact her at Chloemccollum@hotmail.com to learn more.

Share the Bounty

When your gardens explode and you have food to share you can drop off the fruits and vegetables of your labor at one of three future neighborhood garden stands at the

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NOTE: MEETING, HELD AS
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www.bolinasfire.org;
dial-in info will be available by 2/15/2021

MEETING AGENDA
BOLINAS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FINANCE COMMITTEE of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY February 18th, 2021 at 2:00pm
(This agenda is posted in accordance with the
Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government
Code Section 54950, et seq.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. General Business
   a. Discussion – FY20-21 YTD Financial Summary
   b. Discussion – Audit Trail Procedure for Mid-Year Budget Changes and/or Funds Transfers
   c. Discussion – County Transfers for Operating
   d. Discussion – CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability
4. Public Expression
5. Good of the Order
6. Adjournment

One Screw Does It
by StuArt

Love Valentine’s Day. It’s a great holiday for romantic artists. Love making hearts and asking people to “be my Valentine.”

Two years ago made a bunch of red paper hearts and developed a fun way to give them to people. First I’d inquire politely with a straight face, “May I ask you a question?” When they looked up, expecting to field a question, instead I’d hold out a heart and ask, “Will you be my Valentine?” The surprise factor worked every time.

Hearts again this year, but plywood instead of construction paper. Bigger and tougher hearts, waterproof for mounting on a wall or a fence. Big Bolinas Hearts for all to see - SignHearts you might say.

SignHearts had to be easily mountable on fence or wall. Decided on a single screw drilled through the exact center of the Heart. Coincidentally that same screw went through the exact center of the “I” in BOLINAS, the inscription on the Heart’s banner.

The stunning symbolism made me stop and think. Not only did the mounting screw pierce the SignHeart but also the “I” in Bolinas, an obvious reference to me, myself and I. The Heart was screwed and so was I.

Perhaps Love fixed to Place is like screwing a sign to the wall - right through the center - binding and bonding where we are. Perhaps Love is a screw, a fastener holding everything together.

Maybe we need to rethink “getting screwed”

Only one screw
One screw will do
HeartSign this space
Love fixed to place.
Embody Rhythm with Amber Hines
Encarna el Ritmo con Amber Hines

FOOD for the SOUL

Celebrate Black History Month at MCFL
Celebre el Mes de la Historia Afroamericana en MCFL

Embody Rhythm with Amber Hines
Bring awareness to the body through rhythm and repetition. Explore your groove!

Encarnar el Ritmo con Amber Hines
¡Trae conciencia al cuerpo a través del ritmo y la repetición. ¡Explora tu ritmo!

Saturday, February 20th at 10:30am.
Sábado 20 de febrero a las 10:30 am.
Register for this Zoom event here:
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LA 2/15

SEEKING: GROUND FLOOR GARAGE OR SMALL WAREHOUSE LIKE SPACE to work on speaker and sound system design projects. Anyone in Bo excited by tube amps and old Altec gear? Would love some audio community in addition to workspace.
Realms.manifести@gmail.com 310-429-3461
Taliesin Gilkes-Bower

TB 1/30

SINGLE GUY, LONG-TIME INVERNESS RESIDENT, SEEKING SMALL, QUIET AND IDEALLY MESA-RURAL BOLINAS HOME. Employed full-time in Stinson; local references available. No pets (cat lover), non-smoker, quiet and excellent tenant. Thanks! Marc @ jolaiemhara@gmail.com

MM 3/3

The Peoples Store has nutritious delicious dandelion greens. Going fast, get them NOW!

Valentine ©2000 Stuart

Bright red lips and deep, long kisses
sweeten up love's reminiscences.
Valentine. Be my Valentine.
Red hearts on your underwear
sweetie I know that you care.
Valentine. Be my Valentine.

Love's what the world needs today.
Needs your love in every way
And Saint Valentine would say:

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: RING in the restroom of the Bolinas Community Center. Call to describe 415-450-8362

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LOST: HALF OF A TWO PIECE KAYAK PADDLE
(Werner, black w/ glitter tape band near blade) washed off my boat at the Patch last week. Would gratefully appreciate its return. Marc <Garsisch@gmail.com>