

The Existentialist

Newsletter of the First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta

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First E's Lorraine Fontana Named One of Grand Marshalls of Atlanta Pride Parade 2013

Lorraine Fontana, a member of First E since 2004, will be one of the Grand Marshalls of the Atlanta Pride Parade this year. The Grand Marshalls are people and organizations in Georgia who have contributed significantly to the LGBT community in Atlanta and the state of Georgia.

These community leaders will be featured in the annual Parade that takes place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 13.

Lorraine has led an extraordinarily full, busy life. Born and raised in a working class Italian family in Queens, NYC, she became a supporter of the Civil Rights and Black Empowerment Movements and an anti-war activist early in life. She came to Atlanta as a VISTA volunteer in 1968 and was a founder of the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance (ALFA, 1972-1994, where she worked on the ALFA newsletter) and DARI (Dykes for the Second American Revolution). She studied law at the People's College of Law in Los Angeles and worked with the National Jury Project, did poverty law with Georgia Legal Services, worked as a paralegal for EEOC in New York, and was a legal assistant for Lambda Legal Education & Defense Fund, an organization that provides legal aid to LGBTQI people, in Atlanta until she retired in September 2012.

She has worked for numerous progressive organizations and coalitions. She is a supporting member of Southerners on New Ground (SONG) and took part in their 2009-2010 Mentorship Circle a 10 session Organizing school and discussion series with other progressive, intersectional-visioned queer activists in Atlanta. She is a member of the Atlanta Grandmothers for Peace, which work toward raising consciousness around military recruiting in schools and alternatives to military service. Most recently, after retiring from Lambda Legal, she joined SAGE Atlanta (Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered Elders) and is currently the chair of its Senior Voices outreach group. She is a member of First E's Social Justice

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Top to bottom: Lorraine with Barbara Joye in Avondale at an Occupy Our Homes action; at birthday dinner with friends; and at One Billion Rising. (Photographers unknown.)



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Notes From the Board

By Libby Ware, Board Chair

The Board met on August 5, 2013. We started by going outside to decide on where the free bicycle racks will be located. They have been installed on the northern side of the sanctuary set back a few feet from the sidewalk so as not to interfere with where we often put a tent when we have outside activities. Many thanks to the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, who donated the bike racks and to Amy Stout, who arranged for First E to be a recipient, and to Ted Pettus for coordinating the installation.

Cheri has applied to Bright From the Start to conduct her after-school program, but they have told her it will take from six weeks to three months for approval. Once it is approved, she will start the program again.

We approved hiring a webmaster to fix the problems we have had with the website and to better integrate the external and internal pages.

Bill Laney is coordinating with Don Aiken on getting bids for a lift. When we got estimates over two years ago, both were around \$19,000. Now that we are closer to our goal, we will determine what type of lift we want and the cost.

Based on comments from newcomers, a quick meeting was called in late July. Most of the membership guild, some board members, other members, and Marsha attended. Some action items were agreed upon. Most importantly, all congregational members are urged to help newcomers feel welcomed. Libby and Stell are working on a survey on Survey Monkey to link to the e-mail Robert sends to people who sign the log. Since the survey will be anonymous, this will enable us to find out what people like and don't like about their experience with us.

Bill Read will gather important documents to be placed in a safe deposit box. Bill Laney, Elaine Gale, Marsha Mitchiner, and Bill Read will be able to access the box.

Stell ordered new t-shirts in new colors and a new French-cut design. Some were immediately snapped up at the Board meeting.

Charlene announced that there will be a fundraiser on November 9, "An Evening of Southern Storytelling," with three or four storytellers and a musician, Tia Rix. Mary Turnpaugh and Karla Crawford will be in charge of refreshments.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, due to Labor Day being on the first Monday. ~

***If you would like to become a member or friend
of First E, please fill out a pledge form located on
the sanctuary literature rack or download the form
from our website at
<http://www.firstexistentialist.org> .***

Guild Reports

Program Guild

by Charlene Ball

In September, we will hear from the pulpit Rev. Kate Hauk, Rev. Marsha Mitchiner, Rev. Janna Nelson, and Duncan Teague. Since the month has 5 Sundays, we will also hear from another guest speaker, Rev. Dean Rowley. Like Marsha and Janna, Dean was ordained by our congregation as an Existentialist minister.

September 29 is our annual Founders' Day, when we honor the founders and history of First E and also the history of our building. This Founders' Day, Rev. Marsha Mitchiner will speak.

If you would like to be a facilitator or suggest a speaker or musician, please contact one of us: Patton White: patton@beacondance.org; Charlene Ball: mcharleneball@yahoo.com; Linda Bell: lbell@gsu.edu; and Bill Laney: bill339la@yahoo.com. ~

Membership Guild

by Wilj Sturkey and Charlene Ball

The Membership Guild met on Aug. 11. We spent time discussing membership and strategies for increasing it and also for making newcomers feel welcome. We mentioned Founders Day, which this year will be September 29th. Marsha will be speaking that day. We plan to have a kiddush or a potluck, which we will announce at a later date. The month of November will be Guild Month at First Existentialist. Each Guild will make a presentation on a particular Sunday, and Membership Guild will be the first Sunday in that month, Nov 3. Also, Bill Laney will ask that the Board at First E speak during the month and spotlight the idea that everyone at First E is a member of the Membership Guild and can help us in greeting newcomers and promoting First E.

We defined the responsibilities of the Sunday greeter:

Arrive at First E at 10:50 a.m. or before.

Get the Sunday bulletins from downstairs.

Make sure the newcomer sign-in sheet is in place and pens are available.

Offer newcomers a name tag (have pens on hand).

Greet people as they enter. Explain the COL to newcomers.

After the COL, get the newcomer names and addresses from the newcomer sign-in sheet and send them a welcome message (send this message to the whole Membership Guild. Robert needs the addresses so he can include newcomers on his weekly e-announcement list).

Get help from another Membership Guild person if there are too many newcomers to handle alone.

Sunday openers are Elaine Gale, first Sunday of the month; Wilj Sturkey, second Sunday; Andy Weiskoff, third Sunday; Stell Simonton, fourth Sunday; and Marsha Mitchiner, fifth Sundays when they occur. Openers arrive early and turn on the lights and air conditioning, straighten up if needed, make coffee and set out cups, etc. From now on, the Opener will be the Keeper of the Downstairs key. She/He will hold on to it until the service is over. ~

Communications Guild

By Andy Weiskoff

The Communications Guild has printed multi-colored marketing cards for congregation to distribute to local businesses and bulletin boards. We bought a stand for the info box in the front yard and will install it at the

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July 2013 Finance Report

2013 Cash Flow	Operating	All Other
Total Income	32,036	29,445
Total Expenses	(37,990)	(18,650)
Net thru June 30	(5,954)	10,794

Fund Types & Names	Account Balances on July 31	
	< unaudited >	
General Operating Account		(3,175)
Designated Operating Funds		19,174
New "Use As Needed" Fund	2,444	
Gay Dellinger Estate Gift	297	
Sanctuary Accessibility	9,314	
Lanier Clance Lighting	1,244	
Leadership Development	215	
Community Garden	(143)	
Building & Grounds	586	
Woodland Sanctuary	1,569	
Minister's Discretionary	682	
Original 1st E History	68	
Labyrinth & Garden	256	
Social Justice	1,121	
Attic Insulation Fund	1,250	
Children's Program	122	
Music Fund	150	
Pat Hewatt Revolving Loan Fund (\$8K)		5,065
Special Use Permit Loan Fund (\$4.5K)		44
Total First E Funds		21,108
Old Stone Church History Project		1,764

**Third Friday Film Series
presents
Gun Hill Road
Friday, September 16, 2013
Doors open 7:00 pm – film starts at 7:30 pm
Popcorn and refreshments available
Donations welcome - \$1 to \$10 sliding scale
No one turned away
Co-sponsored by
TILT
(Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth)
and First E's Social Justice Guild
Discussion after the film led by TILT Founder
Cheryl Courtney-Evans
See our facebook event page at
[https://www.facebook.com/events/622469534439997/
?context=create](https://www.facebook.com/events/622469534439997/?context=create)**

**Wednesday Night Ukeleles!
each Week
6:30 to 8:00/8:30 pm
in the Sanctuary
Bring your ukelele**

Geek Chorus on First Wednesdays

Howdy Merry Music Makers!

Our next get together is Wednesday, September 4. Bring enough of your favorite beverage to share, a love offering to the First E for allowing us to use the space and any musical instruments you want to pluck, bang or strum.

Future Geek Chorus dates:
Wednesday, October 2
Wednesday, November 6
Wednesday, December 4

**Please consider a special donation
to the Accessibility Fund
(formerly Ramp/Lift Fund).
We have almost reached our fundraising goal!
Many thank-you's to all the generous givers--the Chalice Lighters, CPNO,
and First E Members and Friends
for your support.**

Social Justice Corner

Ban the Box

By Charlene Ball

Imagine you are in Piper Chapman's shoes. Piper is the main character of the new Netflix series "Orange is the New Black," about a middle-class white woman who was arrested for taking part in a drug deal and sentenced to a year in prison. Suppose you are Piper, and you've served your time, and you are released. You're ready to get on with your life. You have plans, you have ambitions, and you've been put on hold. You can't wait to get back on track.

So let's picture Piper starting a job search. She finds a job listing—say in marketing or advertising. She researches the company, sends in her resume, and goes to fill out an application prior to being scheduled for an interview. While she is in the tastefully decorated lobby, she is handed a form to complete. Name, address, phone number, gender, race (they're not supposed to ask that, but since they say it's for information purposes only, she checks "Caucasian"). She stops at a line that reads: "Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a felony?" After a moment's pause, she checks, "yes."

The smiling assistant takes the application. Piper goes home and waits for a call to schedule her interview. She waits and waits. After a few weeks, Piper picks up the phone and calls to ask why she hasn't been contacted. The person on the other end mumbles something about the position being filled. Piper hangs up, thinking, "But I was qualified! I know I was the best candidate." Finally, she faces the fact that she didn't get an interview because she checked that box.

The next time she fills out a job application, she doesn't check the box. She receives a call-back, gets an interview, and is hired. But she lives in fear that someone will discover where she really was during her "lost year" and fire her, not only for her prison record, but for having lied on an application.

Many Americans face Piper's dilemma. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world. According to an article by Mary Sanchez (*Atlanta Journal-Constitution*: August 20, 2013), one in every 100 adults was in prison in 2010, according to the Pew Center on the States. That includes a few white, privileged types like Piper who have run afoul of the law, but those incarcerated are overwhelmingly people of color. Not for violent crimes like rape or murder, but most often for nonviolent minor

drug offenses. One in 28 children in the U.S. has a parent in prison, and more than half of prisoners are parents with a child under 18.

Black males in particular are incarcerated at rates disproportionate to their numbers. Nearly one in three African American males in their 20s are under some form of criminal justice

Ban the Box is a nationwide movement to end employment discrimination against the formerly incarcerated.

supervision whether imprisoned, jailed, on parole or probation; and black males ages 30 to 34 have the highest incarceration rate of any racial or ethnic group (America Community Survey, Wikipedia.)

As Michelle Alexander says in *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (The New Press, 2010), mass incarceration in the U.S. has become a "new Jim Crow," a caste system that deprives black Americans of their rights and sentences them to permanent second-class citizen status, even after they supposedly have done their time and paid for their offenses.

Signs of change are appearing. Attorney General Eric Holder has instructed prosecutors in cases of low-level drug crimes to "avoid bringing charges against certain offenders that would trigger severe federal mandatory sentencing." In Georgia, Governor Nathan Deal has indicated that the state will look for alternatives to mandatory sentencing for minor nonviolent offenses.

One major step against the effects of a prison record is the growing campaign in Georgia and other states to "Ban the Box," that is, to eliminate the box or line on job applications that asks whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a felony. Ban the Box is a nationwide movement to end employment discrimination against the formerly incarcerated. The City of Atlanta banned the box in March 2013. Now the Ban the Box Campaign in Georgia, led by 9to5 Atlanta, is working to get other cities, counties, and private employers in the state to follow suit.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has stated that it is unlawful for an employer to have a policy or practice excluding individuals from employment on the basis of their criminal record" (Fact Sheet, 9to5 Atlanta). So it is already against the law.

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THE GREAT EXISTENTIAL BOOK and BAKE SALE

The 2013 Book and Bake Sale was a great success! We made over \$1,400, the best year yet. Many thanks to Libby Ware and Charlene Ball, who created the event about 5 years ago and, put forth much energy and time putting it together, generating enthusiasm (the Libby and Charlene show at COL is a real treat each year) and "working the stacks" for 3 straight days.

Thanks to Andy Weiskoff for his clever, eye-catching flier; Rhonda Wildmon for her creative handmade book bags; Braden Baker, Nathaniel Jones, Ted Pettus, Bill Read, Joseph Verdell, and Andy Weiskoff for hauling loads of books; and Arlene Arp, Linda Bell, Sandy Delrie, Lorraine Fontana, Elaine Gale, Elaine Hall, Carol Harter, Edi Kelman, Harvey Meisner, Marsha Mitchiner, Cate Morrill, Ted Pettus, Susan Rawlston, Bill Read, Carol Sandiford, Stell Simonton, Wilj Sturkey, Andy Weiskoff, Cindy Lou Who, Kitty Wimbish, and any others I forgot for all the tasks needed to make this event a success. Thanks for everything. *Marsha ~*

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

We are a warm, loving group of people who care deeply for our community and each in our own way take an active part in seeing us thrive. One very important act that reflects both our caring and our commitment to thriving is how we open ourselves to newcomers. We are very fortunate to have new faces visit with us every week. It's important to them that they feel welcome and just as important to us if we want to see them come again. As a fellowship, we are one big welcoming committee.

If you are shy, it will be harder to begin a conversation with a newcomer, but it's probably hard for them, too. Maybe you can introduce yourself and add something that invites a response (eg, "I live in Decatur and have been coming to First E since _____. What area of Atlanta do you live in? What's brought you to First E?") Feedback we have received from individuals and material from UUA emphasizes the critical importance of personal contact to help someone feel welcome and interested in returning. So, everyone, let's put ourselves in a newcomer's shoes and show them how glad we are they came. *Marsha ~*

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Guild, the Georgia Peace & Justice Coalition, and Charis Circle.

"Always acting as an out lesbian and feminist while working against all aspects of patriarchal oppression was for me the obvious way to demonstrate an inextricable interdependence of all those parts of my life/our lives," Lorraine says.

When asked what she sees as the most important focus of her life right now, she answers, "Not one focus - learning to be a good billiards player; reinvestigating my artistic side; social justice work with SJG, the Race Discussion Group, Grandmothers for Peace, SAGE, and GSU Women & Gender archive work."

The other 2013 Pride Parade Grand Marshals are Dr. Christina Bucher, Mark S. King, Evelyn Mims, Charles Stephens, Atlanta Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Charis Circle. ~

Community News & Activities

--**The Extraordinary Photographs of Glen Lopez are on the wall.** Glen's marvelous nature photographs will be on the Sanctuary walls for the next few weeks.

--**Wednesday evening Ukuleles Galore**, practice & community, at First E around 6:30 or 7 start time, including instruction.

-- **Martha Renfroe-Garner** is home from the hospital after her latest surgery. Since Sharon, her partner, has resumed her teaching job, any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

--**Stephanie Murphy** is available for house-sitting, child care, pet sitting. Contact her at yoohoosm@yahoo.com

--**Discussion group on race** meets at the Little 5 Points Community Center on September 15 from 5-8:00.

--**Cate Morrill of Shoulders Down is offering Movement Improvement classes** to members (existing or newly signed up) of SAGE for \$7/each for drop-ins at the Phillip Rush Center (by Radial Cafe). cate@shouldersdown.com, 404-525-6466.

--**Carol Harter asks hopes, prayers, and any other support for her partner Elaine's son Allen**, who has had surgery for colon cancer.

--**Lorraine asks for loving support for her friend Sally Gabb** in New York, whose cancer has re-emerged.

--**Bennett's Market opens October 1!** Sandwiches, prepared foods from local farmers and growers, and locally produced arts and crafts. Proprietor: Victoria Bennett-Trestrail. Check it out.

--**Carl Owen, long-time friend** of First E, says "Hello" from Mexico and asks our attention to the UUSC support for the human right to water and for persons with disabilities in other countries.

--**The Candler Park Geek Chorus** meets once a month at First E on Wednesdays at 6:30.

--**Obsessively Clean Domicile:** expert house cleaning at reasonable prices. Call 404-287-4372.

--**The Decatur Book Festival is this weekend** in Downtown Decatur. John Lewis will be signing his graphic book *March* at 1:00 at the AJG booth (his keynote address is sold out). For information, visit <http://www.decaturbookfestival.com/2013/index.php>

--**The Feminist Women's Health Center will host An Unruly Night of Political Misbehavin' 2013** on Thursday, September 26, 2013, 7-9:30pm at The Shelter Atlanta.

--**Submissions and news for the October Newsletter** are due to Charlene by September 15. Board and Guild reports and member news items, opinion pieces, poems, meditations. The newsletter welcomes your submissions.

--**Contact Robert Stewart** with your news and activities: rstewart@toyodausa.com . ~

Join us at Mary Lin Elementary School Curriculum Night
- 586 Candler Park Drive , Atlanta , 30307 -
Tuesday, August 27 from 5:30-7 p.m.
for the BiRacial History Project's unveiling of the
Candler Park Local History Collection
set up in the Media Center for the first time -
to introduce to the staff, families, neighborhood, & friends.

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No one suggests that employers hire someone who presents a danger. An employer would still be able to do a background check on the applicant, ask the question in an interview, and decide whether to hire. The Ban the Box Campaign wants the applicant to simply get an interview, get a chance to make a case for being hired, instead of being automatically dismissed from consideration.

Piper, a white woman with a stylish appearance, educated background, and socially skilled presentation, will eventually get a job. But what about all those other women, many just as intelligent and capable as she? ~

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Ban the Box, contact Marilynn Winn at Marilynn@9to5.org (Marilynn will be a guest speaker at First E on this subject in December.)

Or go to

<http://www.radioproject.org/2012/03/ban-the-box-the-campaign-for-post-prison-employment/>

<http://www.afsc.org/resource/ban-box>

http://www.whsv.com/home/headlines/NAACP_Proposes_Ban_the_Box_Plan_to_Get_More_Americans_Jobs_130096598.html

<http://www.equalvoiceforfamilies.org/city-of-atlanta-joins-growing-list-of-employers-to-ban-the-box/>

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first opportunity. We will propose a new banner for the outside rotation at the next Board meeting. We continue to work towards having a First E info sheet with information on front and back, as well as a rental trifold available for Sunday services. ~

GENEROSITY UPDATE

Although the last days to donate have not quite passed, we have already collected several boxes of school supplies for students who are unable to afford them on their own. Intown Collaborative Ministries(ICM) will receive what we gather. ICM's mission is "to prevent and reverse homelessness and hunger in the intown Atlanta area by building a healthy community through caring relationships and transformed lives." Check out their website for more information: <http://www.intowncm.org> . Marsha ~

Speakers in September

Rev. Dean Rowley is a long-time member of First E and an ordained Existentialist minister. ~

Rev. Kate Hauk is an ordained U.C.C. (Congregational) minister of 27 years. She has lived in Atlanta for 22 years and has two children: Alexis, a recent creative writing graduate of Emory, and Thomas, a sweet, Buddhist-gourmet chef with many future aspirations. He would have been 20 on July 18th. Kate has been a storyteller and a writer/editor (mostly personal essays) since winning the essay Contest at Camp Allegheny at fifteen. She has worked in a variety of churches—U.C.C, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, The Friends School of Atlanta, and is now a part time interim minister at Oakhurst Baptist Church, a liberal congregation. (A short piece by Kate is on the Back Page this month.) ~

Rev. Janna Nelson is an ordained existentialist minister. She served as full-time minister at First E from 2003 to 2005. In addition to speaking, Janna perform Jazz music with her husband, Scott Hooker, and their band, Standard Deviation. They have performed throughout Atlanta and the south. In April 2005, 7 Stages Theater presented Standard Deviation in concert performing This Jazz Century. Janna teaches at the International Community School. ~

Duncan Teague is a Ministerial Candidate with the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Association, where he also serves on the Appointments Committee of the UUA Board. He is a member of the UU Congregation of Atlanta. He has more than twenty years of work in HIV/AIDS advocacy, prevention, education and research and is a recognized leader in the GLBTQ community. He was the senior member of the ADODI Muse: A Gay Negro Ensemble. He is happily married to his long-time companion of nineteen years, David Thurman. ~

Rev. Marsha Mitchiner is an ordained Existentialist minister and the fellowship minister of First E. She is also a licensed massage therapist. ~

The courage to be is the courage to accept oneself, in spite of being unacceptable. ~ Paul Tillich

September 2013 Sunday Celebrations of Life

- September 1 Health: An Existential Exploration*
Speaker: Rev. Dean Rowley
Facilitator: D. Patton White
Accompanist: William "Bill" Chelton
- September 8 Marking the Beginning*
Speaker: Duncan Teague
Facilitator: Bill Laney
Accompanist: Richard Rifkin
- September 15 Readings, Stories, and Reflections of the Season from Kate Hauk*
Speaker: Rev. Kate Hauk
Facilitator: Libby Ware
Accompanist: Alan Dynin
- September 22 Control, Coercion, and Choice*
Speaker: Rev. Janna Nelson
Facilitator: Charlene Ball
Accompanist: Scott Hooker
- September 29 Founders' Day Celebration*
Life in the Real Lane
Speaker: Rev. Marsha Mitchiner
Facilitator: D. Patton White
Accompanist: Charli Vogt

*As a congregation, we pledge: to explore and take seriously our central values of freedom, justice and responsibility.
~ From 1st Existentialist's Commitment Statement*

The Back Page

Members and Friends Speak Out

Grief Has a Life.

By Kate Hawk

Grief has a life all its own. July and August contain the anniversaries of Thomas' birth and death. On August 21, 2002, we said goodbye to my amazing son who gave me gifts I'm still realizing, one of which is a "cast iron" awareness of being embraced and upheld by the love of friends and family. Today I'm posting this poem, written by Jerry Gentry, about singing with friends at Oakhurst's richly diverse, musical memorial service, one that began with chanting Buddhist monks and ended with "I'll Fly Away."

Today, after visiting the Decatur Cemetery, I knew where to go. My car seemed to automatically steer itself into the driveway of a friend who lost her seventeen-year-old daughter only three months before Thomas died. When I came to the door, she invited me in. We both spoke not a word, cried in each other's arms, and I left, fully comforted.

I hope that none of you ever experiences this kind of loss, but if you do, I hope that you will let yourself be sustained by those who will weep and sing with you. For me, it has given me the grace not only to survive, but also to continue celebrating existence, itself—in all its beauty and sorrow. ~



A Mother Sings at Her Son's Memorial Service

By Jerry Gentry

*Swaying, standing among her friends,
A mother sings at her son's memorial service.*

Standing not alone, but surrounded

Not silenced by her grief but singing

"I'll Fly Away"

Because he flew away

A delicate quizzical boy

A beautiful boy

A rascally intelligent boy

Flown away, beyond

*She sings to ears and eyes and faces
Gathered to float into the melody of longing,
Resounding through the church*

A mother whose son is gone,

Singing with friends,

Is why we shall go on living

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