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## **JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **WELCOMING SUMMER ALREADY!**

**PLEASE NOTE** - For the month of June, our service format will be varied and will be noted for each Sunday. If the presenter is able to be in our LUUC sanctuary, that service will be hybrid (in person and on Zoom). If the speaker will be present on Zoom, then that Sunday service will be Zoom ONLY.

### **LIVING OUR UU PRINCIPLES AND VALUES and LEARNING FROM FIRST NATIONS**

Topics for our Sunday services are inspired by the UUA's monthly Worship Themes, and our presenters are found thanks to the great work of our Sunday Services Planning Committee.

For June 2022, the worship themes are *Play and Prophetic Imperative*.

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**~ Sheila Laursen**

**June 5, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Hybrid Service**

**Poetry and Song to Greet Spring**  
**LUUC Members**

With the arrival of truly spring-like weather, it is a good moment to let our hearts sing and be filled with poetry. Lakeshore members will contribute their presence and talents in this service given over entirely to songs and poems. Kerry-Anne and Rob will contribute songs; Paul, Sari, Sheila and Christopher poems. And additional participants are welcome.

**Service leader - Christopher Thomson**  
**Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz and Rob Lutes**  
**Zoom host - Margaret Godbeer**  
**In-church greeter - Sheila Laursen**  
**On-line greeters - Kathy Matyas (J&S) and Nancy Schmidt**

**June 12, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.**

**SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS**

**Zoom Only Service**

**Rev. Dr. Heather Fraser Fawcett**

You are jolted awake from a deep sleep by the sight of a man plunging down past row after row of windows, the windows of a gleaming sky-scraper, to his death.

In our service today, we'll be reflecting on the mystical, the uncanny, the confounding, the troublesome, sometimes frightening, sometimes joy-filled experiences that many would prefer to keep to themselves.

We hope you'll join us.

**Service leader - Paul Sullivan**  
**Musicians - Kerry-Anne Kutz and Rob Lutes**  
**Zoom host - Margaret Godbeer**  
**On-line greeters - Toni Smith and Nancy Schmidt (J&S)**

**June 19, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Zoom Only Service**

**The Times They Are a-Changin' – And So Are We**  
**Dorothy Latta**

How much can things change and still remain the same?  
And how do we maintain our personal identities when we need to adapt to the changing world around us?

It is always a pleasure to welcome Dorothy back to LUUC, even when it is on Zoom! She will give us much to think about today....

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## **SUNDAY JUNE 19 AT 1 P.M. - OUR JUNE PICNIC**

**THIS IS FATHER'S DAY - LET'S CELEBRATE IT TOGETHER!**

Mark your calendars for a very special Sunday event at the church in Lachine on **June 19**.

After the service with Dorothy Latta, we will be getting together for our annual year end picnic, preferably outside. It will be a chance to meet one another in person with restrictions as to the covid protocol appropriate for that day in June as well as respecting our individual requirements as to personal safety.

Please bring some food for yourself, and something to put on our sharing table. Bring lawn chairs too - we will gather on the church grounds, near our Memorial Garden to enjoy each other's company - and offerings brought to share.

Part of the festivities will include the accepting of new members in our congregation, memorable photos of the day (group photo) as well as a few surprises. Bring the kids and grandma too.



## SUSAN'S MESSAGE



June is AGM time.

Annual General Meetings are always important events in the life of an organization. They present the “summing up” for the year. When things are going well, they might seem to be somewhat formulaic – no drama. But that is not the case this year for LUUC. Just getting through the second year of a pandemic pushed us to try hybrid services – a big departure from days gone by. Health precautions meant that we couldn't undertake many of the other activities that we consider to be our *raison d'être*. And then an instance of life's biggest dramatic moment – the sudden death of our remarkable **Margaret** made this an end of year which tests our capacity for solace and resilience. I hope that you will all make an effort to attend the AGM on Wednesday evening, June 22, to 'show-up' and honor the spirit of Margaret of who always showed up.

~ *Susan*

## WHAT'S ON FOR LUUCERS?

June 1	7:00pm	Elder Circle #4 -	see page 9
		<a href="https://cuc.ca/events/elders-circle-4/1654110000/1654115400/">https://cuc.ca/events/elders-circle-4/1654110000/1654115400/</a>	
June 5	8 -8:45pm	Story Time – Zoom	see page 11
June 12	7:00 pm	Choir Concert @ LUUC	see page 6
June 19	1:00	Annual Picnic	see page 3
June 19	1:00pm	New Member ceremony	see page 10
June 22	7:00pm	AGM - Lakeshore Church	see page 5
June 24	11.00am	Memorial for Mary Rowan @ LUUC	see page 5

## **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**OUR LUUC ANNUAL MEETING.**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 22 - 7 p.m.**

**THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL**  
**- with REFRESHMENTS**

### **SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM**

We are looking for a motivated and animated Director for our SE program next year, with experience and knowledge of Unitarian Universalism. The director will be responsible for developing an appropriate curriculum and guiding the participating children through weekly lesson plans. The contract would run from September 2022 through June 2023. If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to **Caitlin** at [caitlinberry.88@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinberry.88@gmail.com) or 289-937-1625.

### **TREASURER WANTED**

**"TREASURER NEEDED FOR LUUC!** Contact **Sheila Laursen** at 514-697-4195 if you would be willing to fill that important position held by our beloved, but departed **Margaret Godbeer**. **Christopher** will help with training."

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARY ROWAN** **FRIDAY JUNE 24 - 11 a.m.**

This Memorial service is being arranged to celebrate the life of Mary Rowan by her family. It will be held in our LUUC sanctuary. All of us are welcome to attend. The Montreal Raging Grannies will be present to honour Mary, who was a co-founder of their Grannies Gaggle back in 1989.

## LUUC COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT



The Lakeshore Community Choir will present a concert on **Sunday, June 12th at 7 p.m.** at the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

The choir rehearsed throughout the pandemic on-line and is now thrilled to be singing together once again!

They will sing a program of wonderful songs including All About the Blues, Mon Pays, A Heartsong Blessing, Gens du pays, Roots-Shorashim, Winter Wren, Hearth and Fire, Angels on the Roof and four beautiful nature songs by our own Shannon Thomson.

Featured on piano is the young and infinitely talented Daniel Benedetti who will also play a solo on piano.

A suggested donation of \$20. per person will go toward the choir music fund. Children 14 and under are admitted free.

Come one and all for a beautiful evening of music!

**For more information please contact Kerry-Anne at [kkutz@videotron.ca](mailto:kkutz@videotron.ca)**



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**Here is an interesting link for alternative senior living:**

... [info@radicalresthomes.com](mailto:info@radicalresthomes.com)

<https://www.radicalresthomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Research-Report-RRH.pdf>

## M A R G A R E T



Margaret Godbeer is dead.

When she didn't call her blind friends about picking them up for lawn bowling, and then didn't answer her phone, they became suspicious. They left an 'Urgent Contact Us' message on her Facebook Page and when no reply came, they called her brother in Edmonton, who gave permission to enter her Condo. They found her in her bed.

For the moment that is what is known.

Margaret is no longer keeping our accounts, being our Zoom host, singing with the Raging Grannies.

Losing Margaret is like opening a huge gash in the hull of The Good Ship LUUC. Let us honor Margaret's memory by pulling together to find new material to mend the gash and keep our boat afloat.

Further plans for paying our respects await her brother's arrival.

~ **Susan Czarnocki**

### **In Sorrow, Sheila said:**

How will we recover from the loss of Margaret in our lives?

Margaret quickly became a solid pillar of strength for LUUC - and LUUCers - and everyone she knew. Margaret was always there for us when we needed help - and her support was generous, kind and without judgement.

Margaret was the same in our larger community. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Citizen Advocacy, and for many seniors. She was a dedicated Raging Granny and she and I shared many Granny rages, actions and adventures that I will treasure.

Margaret was our "invisible" Rock of Gibraltar - whether learning and then hosting Zoom services, to carrying out the relentless challenges of being our Treasurer.

And Margaret left us quietly, without fanfare - almost invisibly. Hopefully peacefully.

She leaves us to wail and mourn our loss.

~ **Sheila Laursen**

## HAVE ROBE WILL TRAVEL



Three weddings and a funeral. No, not a sequel to the British comedy but **Chaplain Paul** will be busy this summer representing our congregation at various acts of civil status.

A lovely couple from Laval will join in holy wedlock on June 11 during a ceremony designed by them under the guidance of our chaplaincy procedures that ensure their experience is dignified and has meaning for them, leaving a good memory of what was said and done in their names.

Another contribution by the Abbott family, grandson to **Dori and Peter Abbott, Francois Abbott**, son of **Neil**, will be married in a beautiful setting in downtown Montreal.

One of the requirements of Lay Chaplaincy at LUUC is to have a car (or truck), a valid license and a willingness to travel some distances to officiate at a wedding - a sort of *Have Robe, Will Travel*.

A third wedding will take place on June 25 in the Eastern Townships in Waterloo, Quebec at the cozy Maplewood Inn. The couple will say their vows to each other in a unique Unitarian ceremony designed by them under the watchful eye of the Chaplain, who makes sure the legal requirements are covered, and the marriage meets the rules set out by the provincial government to make it legally recognized by the E'tat Civil of Quebec.



The memorial service for our dear **Mary Rowan** will take place on June 24 at our church location in Lachine. Mary was a long time Unitarian - Universalist and very active in social issues.

The service will be about Mary's life and her contributions towards working for justice at home and abroad. The service will be at **11:00 am** on **June 24<sup>th</sup>** in the church as well as zoom.

We miss **Mary's** smile.

~ **Paul**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN CANADA – WHAT CAN LUUC DO TO HELP?



As we listen to the politicians debate Bill 21 and Bill 96 it is clear that they are again ignoring indigenous voices in Quebec as the two colonial powers try to assert their rights to the land.

There is no mention of the Land Back Movement in the news! Most of us have never heard of the Land Back Movement - the Truth and Reconciliation Commission did not even address it!

The **Social Action Committee** encourages all members of our congregation to register for the Indigenous **Elder's Circle June 1 at 7pm ET.** Some of us attended last year's circle with **Chief Stephen Paquette** and found it very enlightening. This is a chance for you to pose questions that non-indigenous people often ask such as "Why has the Federal government addressed so few of the 94 Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations, Why did the TRC not include Reparation and what is happening with the Land Back movement to recognize Treaty rights and restore Crown Lands to the indigenous people instead of leasing their use for forest clear-cutting and mining. When will the Indian Act be replaced or amended to recognize hereditary chiefs? Please register using this link: <https://cuc.ca/events/elders-circle-4/1654110000/1654115400/> Please call me if you need assistance with registration.

### ELDER'S CIRCLE No 4: MEET STEPHEN PAQUETTE

**June 1, 2022, 4 pm PT | 5 pm MT | 6 pm CT | 7 pm ET | 8 pm AT (90 mins)**

We are happy to continue our relationship with Stephen who has agreed to be an Elder to the CUC this congregational year understanding our goal to actively engage in radical inclusivity. We have [offered tobacco](#) and asked him to spend some time sharing a teaching he feels will help us as we learn the process and experience of decolonizing ourselves and dismantling racism. Topics will include decolonizing our spirituality, decolonizing ourselves, being in community, embracing elderhood, and more. Stephen is a skilled bridge-builder between cultures and has a passion for helping people understand Indigenous history and culture. We have worked with Stephen in the past – and we're excited to have him involved in a more regular way as he leads more teaching circles for the CUC this year. **Cost: \$25, Students/seniors- \$10.** Please call me if you need assistance with registration.

If anyone cannot attend, please send your questions and we will follow up with Chief Paquette.

~ **Gary Spiller**

## NEW MEMBER CEREMONY

Our lovely "new" members are in need of being celebrated!

LUUCers are finally able to gather in comfortable safety, dispersed amongst Norwegian wood pews or spread out throughout our church gardens.

As such, folks have expressed to the board their desire to hold a long-awaited Membership Sunday Ceremony.

We have all agreed that the ideal date for such an event would be **Sunday, the 19th of June.**

The new members' ceremony would take place **after** Sunday service, as part of our popular garden picnic—another most anticipated event!

Remember to mark your calendar for this very special day of social & spiritual celebration!

Come **out** and **into** our lovely **Peg Wooley Memorial Garden** to share in a welcoming ritual that will include for each new member:

- A congregational welcome!
- A reading gift—*Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer*
- A floral gift—*the queen of flowers*
- LUUC's ceremonial chorusing of our congregational covenant
- A spiritual salutation! ;)

Let us all join in this wonderful celebration to welcome our new members of all ages!

Be sure to note LUUC's Garden Picnic & Membership Sunday on your calendar!

Details to follow later in June via congregational email.

~ **Selina**



**Constance Belanger** will be the **Caring Person** for the month of June. She can be reached at 514-542-3381.

## **SPRINGTIME STORYTIME**



Dear story lovers,

It has been a blessing to have shared, for a second year, winter and springtime reading sessions with you.

Thank you, dear LUUCers, family & friends, for sharing with me in the tranquil energy that is storytelling.

*Invitation for all ages: **Sunday night, June 5th, from 8 – 8:45pm**, let's travel together to far-off, fantastical story lands while cuddled up securely at home.*

You are invited to brew your favourite cuppa too! 

 Our theme is ENCHANTED WORLDS, PART I: THE FAIRY TALES OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN (1805–1875) 

♥ A special reading will be dedicated to Margaret Godbeer ♥

Though our storytelling sessions are reaching their bittersweet end, may our hearts forever beat to the rhythm of our inner child:

*That youngster who wishes open-heartedly each night,  
on their very own "second star to the right".*

"Stay Gold", dear dreamers.

Warm wishes,

**Selina Ann Rooker**



**Selina Ann's StoryTime:**

**LUUC Lakeshore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Springtime Storytime**

**Time: 8pm, Sunday the 5th of June**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/97891799730?pwd=YXBuRINLUHppaXNOT2NzOGdtNmpMQT09>**

**Meeting ID: 978 9179 9730**

**Passcode: 123456**

## THE KNIT CHICKS



The Pointe-Claire Bayview Center CHSLD just received four fiddleblankets, knitted by **Helene Cimon-Auer**, **Dori Abbott** and **Nancy Schmidt** on behalf of the **LUUC Knit Chicks**. These blankets are a help for people with dementia because the blankets have different fun items attached (wooden dowels, buttons, strips of fur, pockets), which keep people's hands busy. This helps people stay calm and happy and be less anxious. The recreation team at the Bayview Center was very pleased to get them!

~ **Nancy Schmidt**

## LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for this beautiful donation and very hard work from your group. I had the chance to look at them and we have incorporated the fidget blankets on our MSE trolley and in our MSE room as well as using them for certain residents that really benefit from this type of stimulation.

We are the luckiest group here as I agree with you that my staff, volunteers and residents are really special and one of a kind.

Please extend our thanks to you and the "Knit Chicks" for great work! We are adding this picture to our facebook and highlighting your group!!!

Wishing you all a great, healthy summer as well!!!

Patricia Jones, **C.H.S.L.D. Bayview Inc.**

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The Knit Chicks are devastated to lose one of their own. **Margaret** was a very active member of our group – always finding things for us to knit for charities – always dashing off early to either help a friend, work on the LUUC books or sing with the Raging Grannies – always ready to take on a challenge. We will miss her cheerfulness, her competence and her sound good sense.

~ **The Knit Chicks**

And the **Knit Chick** ladies aren't finished yet...



The photo shows Ruth Frenette of Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC) welcoming teddy bears knitted by **Nancy Schmidt** and **Dori Abbott** of our **LUUC Knit Chicks**.

The teddies will be given to children in distress (in hospital or during other difficult situations) in Africa, South America and the Middle East. HPIC has an office on Sources Blvd. and they will send our teddies to Oakville, Ontario, where they will be shipped out with medicines to countries in need. The teddies were all smiles--so excited to finally be on their way to children who will love them. 😊 The website is [Health Partners International of Canada - Delivering Health and Hope \(hpicanada.ca\)](http://HealthPartnersInternationalofCanada-DeliveringHealthandHope(hpicanada.ca))

~ **Nancy Schmidt**

## **BOOK NOOK**



One of my favourite authors is the prolific [Daniel Silva](#) who writes spy stories. His hero is an Israeli spy of the famed Mossad. I thought I had read all of his books - so imagine how pleased I was to find yet another while I was perusing in the NOVA book shop in Ste. Anne. This latest book is a 500-page thriller – called *The New Girl* – concerning a Saudi Crown prince (MBS thinly disguised) and the kidnapping of his only child. Although completely fiction, the book was inspired by the brutal death of Jamal Khashoggi of the Washington Post. I have several of Silva's books should you care to borrow them.

~ **ed**

## **SPRING DUGNUD**



The spring “Dugnad” at the Norwegian church building in Lachine was a great success due in part to the helpful hands of some LUUC members who gave of their time and talents.

Many thanks to **Sheila Laursen, Christopher Thomson, Margaret Godbeer, Gary Spiller, Jose Van Amergon** and **Paul Sullivan**. Our efforts were much appreciated by our Norwegian hosts.

~ **Paul**

## **NEWS UPDATE ON THE AFGHAN REFUGEES**

With the 3 Afghan siblings' applications to come to Canada approved last month, Step 1 (of 3) was successfully completed. Since then, Rev. Diane Rollert of the Unitarian Church of Montreal and the UCM \ LUUC sponsorship team have been working to complete the 24 page document of details required by Quebec for their approval for Step 2 of the refugee application process. That was submitted on May 22, well ahead of the June deadline. Cross your fingers!

Meanwhile, generous individuals have been contributing between \$25 and \$200 each month so we can support the 3 siblings with enough funds to rent a small apartment and for food and other household expenses. They are very grateful for our monthly support. Even while Islamabad sweltered in 45 degree temperatures, with frequent power outages, they have kept safe and well.

If you would like to contribute to the support of these 3 youth, please contact **Sheila Laursen** ([sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net) or 514-697-4195) for details.

## **EMPTY BOWLS A SUCCESS**

The Empty Bowls event on April 30 was preceded by 2 weeks to buy bowls online. and the out of doors day brought many others to view and purchase beautiful bowls and mugs donated by 46 local potters. There was music to enjoy, with cookies, coffee and picnic tables that invited relaxing in perfect weather.

374 bowls were sold and the event raised over \$9,000 for the West Island's Bread Basket \ Corbeille de pain Lac St. Louis' programs and services that reduce food insecurity. Each purchaser received a 500 ml. container of frozen vegetarian or non-vegetarian soup and went home very happy!

*~ Sheila Laursen*

## **STE. ANNE'S SUMMER MARKET**

Ste-Anne's Summer Market – Every Saturday morning from 9 am until 2 pm over thirty vendors are there to welcome you with fresh produce that will bring a smile to your face – T.W.I.G.S. offers coffee and pastries – all in a beautiful setting by the River. Bring your reusable bags and your smile and enjoy yourself. <http://marchesainteanne.ca>

*~ ed*

## SOCIAL ACTION REPORT - OUR GARDENS



The gardens around the property at the church are evolving and work has begun on maintaining and expanding them.

We have memorial gardens for two of our members, **Jean Merrifield**, a life long Unitarian, who lived to be 104 and **Peg Wooley**, a founding member of LUC. Peg left us a precious legacy, as her daughter **Christine** and grand daughters **Caitlin** and **Erin** are all members of our congregation. These gardens were dedicated last year at the June picnic.

**It was Gary Spiller** who suggested that we make the gardens pollinator gardens, and the picture on the left shows a couple of busy wild bees doing their thing.

Many people have willingly helped create and plant the gardens, but it is **Gary** who has done all the heavy lifting. **Thank you so much Gary – we appreciate all the thought and work you have invested into the gardens** – (and he promises more action on June 19th at the annual picnic.)

~ ed

## JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT



Do look at this most unusual plant - **Jack in the Pulpit** grows in damp, shady wooded areas. These plants are not at all easy to grow in suburban gardens as conditions have to be just right. However, **Sheila** has mastered the art and has a couple blooming in her garden. A garden tour??

~ ed

## FRESH LOCAL VEGETABLES

Tourne-Sol Cooperative Farm has been offering fresh organic vegetable baskets to over 700 families in the region for more than 15 years. You can pick up on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule from delivery points in Pointe Claire, Beaconsfield, or pick up directly at the farm in Les Cèdres. For more information <https://www.fermetournesol.qc.ca/en/>



**Reasons behind refugee and immigration favouritism:** Here are a few links of interest from our April 25th Circle of All Races Equity meeting:

Canadian Council of Refugees, background stats.  
<https://ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-facts>

The Conversation Canada, video and related article.  
<https://theconversation.com/ukraine-how-citizenship-and-race-play-out-in-refugees-movements-in-europe-178118>

CBC News article on Ukrainien refugee bias  
<https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.6380344>

### **Excerpt...**

"... a bias that most other people share, whether we know it or not. It's called the racial empathy gap.

Race is, in essence, imaginary: the particular way we divide people into groups based on some physical traits and not others is a reflection of our history and culture more so than our biological reality.

Still, race is one of several social categories each of us uses to organize the world around us, and we empathize more with people we perceive to be of the same race as us than with people of other races."

☕ ☐ Anyone interested in holding an **in-person, coffee & tea**, CARE gathering in the church this June (or early July) may contact **Selina Ann Rooker** at (514) 659-2534 or email her at [selrook@gmail.com](mailto:selrook@gmail.com) **Selina**

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"Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in"

**~ Leonard Cohen**



**A Happy Birthday to all the June LUUCers:**

**Christopher Thomson** on June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Tim Byrnes** also on June 10<sup>th</sup>

**Gabriel Shaar** on June 11<sup>th</sup>

**Monica Warren** on June 18<sup>th</sup>

**A Happy Birthday to all our July LUUCers:**

**Karli Warren** on July 5<sup>th</sup>

**Ofie Spiller** on July 8<sup>th</sup>

**John Schmidt** on July 12<sup>th</sup>

**Huntly McNiven** on July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Monique Riedel** on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**COOKIES**



Do look at these tempting Minnie and Mickey Mouse cookies my grand daughter **Chelsea** made for our dessert last Sunday night. They tasted as good as they looked. ~ **ed**

*Photo by Briony*

## ON THE GO - AND NEED TO KNOW

**JENIN** – Huge sorrow for the killing of news/war correspondent **Shireen Abu Akleh**, while on assignment in her own country of Palestine – and anger for the disrespectful behaviour of the occupying forces when they stormed members of her funeral procession in the church courtyard.



**LONDON, ONT** - A Maud Lewis painting, once traded for a grilled cheese sandwich 50 years ago in London, Ont., has sold for \$350,000 at auction. It was expected to realize 1/10<sup>th</sup> of that. It marks the first time a painting by the artist has exceeded \$100,000. The painting depicts a little black truck tootling along a country road set in a very bright yellow background - charming! Did you see the movie Maudie?

**MONKEY POX** – This rare disease, which is usually confined to West Africa – is spreading throughout the world and has now reached our Province. These pestilences which are currently visited upon us are almost biblical in scope!



**DANDELIONS** – These bright golden darlings are everywhere – and no one is beheading them as people are keeping their grass long. Why? So that the bees can gather more pollen as they buzz from one flower to the next. But now the dandelions have turned into feathery spheres, each carrying 200 fluffy parachutes – seeds – ready to fly away with the first breeze - and next spring we can look forward to having thousands more golden flowers to brighten up our lawns. (**P.S.** I have seen lots of dandelions – but only one bee.)

**SYDNEY** - Australians awoke last week to a new prime minister - Anthony Albanese. The 59-year-old career politician described himself as the only candidate with a "non-Anglo Celtic name" to run for prime minister in the 121 years the office has existed, and thanked electors for making him the country's 31st leader.

**TEXAS** – Irony – The NRA - (National Rifle Association) - held its annual convention in Austin Texas, a few days after the horrific mass school shooting in Uvalde, Tx. Ironically, no guns were allowed in the convention hall – where ex-President Trump was the keynote speaker!

**PARIS** – A climate activist, posing as an elderly wheel-chaired person, threw a creamy cake at the Mona Lisa, smearing its protective glass shield... and she kept on smiling!

~ ed

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The Flag of Ukraine consists of **equally sized horizontal bands of blue and yellow**. As a national flag, the blue and yellow bicolour has been used since the 1848 Spring of Nations, when it was hoisted over Lviv Town Hall.

**Strength is granted to us all when we are needed to serve great causes.**  
- *Winston Spencer Churchill*

**Our hearts and prayers remain with the Ukraine and its courageous people.**

