

Nominations
First Unitarian Church of Orlando
Board of Trustees

President (1 year term) 2018-19

Karen Ramberg

President Elect (1 year term) 2018-19

Mary Dipboye

Treasurer (2nd year of Tommy Harrison's term) 2018-19

John Hartgering

Secretary (2 year term) 2018-20

Jeffri Moore

Trustee (2 year term) 2018-20

Mary Ann Horne

Trustee (2 year term) 2018-20

George Hooper

Trustee (2 year term) 2018-20

Alan Oberholtzer

Trustee (2nd year of Mary Dipboye's term) 2017-19

Sandy Cawthern

Trustee (2nd year of his 2-year term) 2017-19

Tim Wiley will be completing his 2nd year of a 2 year term and does not require a vote

Nominating Committee

2-year term 2018-20

Bonnie Rich

Suellen Rose

Rosemary DuRocher

2nd year of their 2-year term 2017-19 (no vote required)

Cathy Spoone

Eileen Simoneau

Lisa Ruckman

Board of Trustees Biographies

Karen Ramberg, President

I grew up in a UU community just outside of Boston. Although I drifted away from attending church until my retirement here in Orlando, I always considered myself a UU and tried to live by its principles. During the intervening years I trained as a pharmacist with additional specialization in Nuclear Pharmacy. After practicing Nuclear Pharmacy in Boston, I joined Johnson & Johnson where I provided commercial input on drug development and led new product launches. I was fortunate to work (the rest of the entry was accidently left off and will be inserted soon.)

Mary Dipboye, First Vice President

Mary Dipboye joined First U in 2005 along with her husband Bob. She has served on the Endowment Board for four years, been part of the Welcome Team, and various other volunteer posts in the church. Mary is an active volunteer in the community for environmental issues, often teaming up with other First U members.

John Hartgering, Treasurer

I have been a member of First Unitarian for ten years, and served as Treasurer on the BOT from 2009 to 2014. From 2014 - 2018, I was the finance lead for the Building the Dream Team, responsible for coordinating financial planning, setting budgets, investigating financing options, and tracking project costs. I am also currently a member of the Long Term Maintenance and Enhancement Team, and enjoy singing with the Folk Ensemble.

After service in Germany and Vietnam, I spent almost twenty years in commercial real estate finance and property management before retiring in 1993. I then became active with the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Hartford, CT, for ten years, including service as interim Executive Director for two years, and President of the Board for my last two years before moving to Florida. I joined the American Red Cross in Hartford after 9/11. I am currently the Information and Planning Lead for the Central Florida Region. In addition to enjoying the challenges of volunteer work, I am an avid reader and photographer.

Jeffri Moore, Secretary

My husband, Alex, and I were members of 1U from 1996 to 2002. We joined 1U again in early 2015 and are grateful to be part of the 1U church community.

I have served 1U in many ways. In the past:

- Chairing the Fellowship Committee for several years (planning, organizing, and coordinating events like monthly games nights, Black Cat Café, and other activities);
- Participating in worship (including organizing the content of and leading several Sunday morning worship services);
- Teaching a class on Camera Phone Photography during the Welcome Home Wednesday series;
- And, have been a member of a Covenant Group for several years.

Current activities:

- Helped organize and coordinate the Thanksgiving pot luck dinner in 2016 and 2017;
- I coordinate the 1U 1st Sunday Fellowship monthly dinners for the East Orlando/Avalon Park/Waterford Lakes/Oviedo Group;
- Co-leader (past years as well) of the Folk Ensemble (we provide music for worship and other activities);
- Member of both the Welcome Team as a Greeter/Usher, and the Offertory Counting Team.

I have been retired since early 2015 after working for 25 years with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. For the last 15 years of employment, I provided a variety of independent, complex administrative/project assistance to executive level and other management staff, including taking minutes of meetings.

Skills:

- Project management skills
- Ability to pay attention to detail and meet deadlines, strong organizational skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong computer skills

I enjoy volunteering, music, reading, cooking, digital scrapbooking, photography, and creating digital art.

George Hooper, Trustee

My wife and I became Unitarian Universalists many years ago, at a time when just one church in our Pennsylvania valley was calling attention to the injustices of the Viet Nam war. As visitors, we found a congregation that was struggling internally over their growing antipathy to the war. We found that these people talked to each other. They clarified values, listened to the minister as he tried to guide, and relied on the recently adopted set of UU principles to set a course of action. We joined--And now we know that this is a model that successful UU churches employ again and again. My involvement grew, and eventually I served on the Board, ran the buildings and grounds program and helped out where needed.

My work career as an educator spanned 30 years. For most of that time, I was a public school principal, working at all three levels. I eventually left my high school principal position and moved to the central administration to oversee the district's curriculum and instructional programs.

Upon retirement, we gave away or sold almost everything we owned. Gone were cars, furniture, household items and the house. We kept only limited clothing and a few items that would fit into an RV trailer. It was difficult to leave our friends, family and the familiar, yet we were determined to explore this big country. I just never imagined at the time that our adventure would last 16 years!

While "on the road," we moved about every two weeks, meeting "new best friends" everywhere. Some still remain friends today. We also became RV Care-A-Vanners, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Our mission was to travel the country, mostly to small towns where a volunteer base was not big enough to build a basic house structure. With 15 to 20 people, we would have a house framed, sided, roofed and "dried in" in two weeks. Then we would say goodbye and go our separate ways. While we mostly built "stick" houses, we also built prefab Styrofoam block houses in North Dakota and worked on adobe homes in New Mexico. We even rehabbed houses on an abandoned naval base in the middle of Iowa. I never did figure that one out.

And so seven years ago, we brought our adventure to an end. We bought a house in Orlando to be near some of our grandchildren. We wanted to be in their lives before it was too late and the teenage, electronic device, years set in. We love going to their school concerts, plays and recitals, clapping as loud as we can.

Our daughter, Cheryl, introduced us to First Unitarian. It felt like home right away. When the congregation voted to call Rev. Kathy, we joined and have helped out wherever we can.

Mary Ann Horne, Trustee

I began coming to 1U in 2000 and joined the church in 2002. I have been a Children's R.E. teacher, R.E. committee chair, a member of the Nominating Committee, a member of the Program Coordinating Team, an Adult R.E. teacher and continue to help out on the Welcome Team. My day

job is Community Outreach Specialist at MetroPlan Orlando. Previously I worked at the Orlando Sentinel, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services and for a year part-time in the 1U office. Since joining the board in 2016, I have worked on several projects and attended my first GA. I am married

to David Horne and the mother of Cammie Horne.

Alan Oberholtzer, Trustee

I was raised in Southern Illinois and attended Southern Illinois University where I met my wife Suzanne. I am now retired and working part time after a long career as an Electronic Test Engineer in the defense industry. Suzanne and I have two children Ian (31) and Kaitlin (26). We were active members in the Kirkwood, MO church until I was transferred to Orlando in 1995. We came to 1U in 2008 and have been active members since. I have learned and grown a lot from my experiences at 1U.

Some of my 1U experiences include organizing and/or participating in Buildings and Grounds, Dinner with Friends, Camping trips, Second Harvest Food Bank, Game nights, Program Coordinating Team, Building the Dream Team, General fix-it person and the Community Garden.

Nominating Committee Biographies

Rosemary DuRocher

Rosemary DuRocher, a retired Guidance Counselor, has been a member of 1U for almost twenty years. During this time she has served the church in many capacities, from Board member to Chair of the Committee on Ministry, from member of the search committee for an Interim Minister to Greeter. She hopes to continue to serve and looks forward to being a member of the nominating committee.

Bonnie Rich

I've been attending First Unitarian for 4-5 years and have been a member for 3-4 years now. I have enjoyed meeting everyone here and thoroughly appreciate the safe space that 1U provides to me, my husband, and to the community. I have been married to my husband, Steve, for 14 years and we live in Oviedo with our 5 cats and 2 reptiles. I was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia; I moved to Orlando in 1993 and my life has taken off since then. Since becoming a member of 1U, I have helped with and taken part in many things: *help set up Social Hour on Sundays whenever I can. *helped put together Thanksgiving dinner for 2 years (with lots and lots of great people!) *been a part of a covenant group for 1 year *taught a couples massage class during Welcome Home Wednesdays *walked with other members of 1U in the Pride Parade *helped with the 1U tent at Orlando Pride and Veg Fest *enjoyed the Adult RE's I am looking forward to helping 1U in the future, in any way I can and am able to.

Suellen Rose

I joined the church in March 2017. I have been involved with UU churches since the early 60's, from Fargo to Madison to Des Moines to Charlottesville. I taught RE in Madison and became involved in membership activities in Des Moines, also working there part time as a program director. I moved to Orlando in 2015 to be near my youngest daughter, Linda. I have another daughter and one son in Des Moines and a son in Berkeley. My 5 grandchildren are all girls. Professionally, I am a Physical Therapist, mostly retired. My passions are music, writing, digging in the dirt, and my 3 dogs.