

***Huston Smith passes December 30, 2016***

# **The Village eView**

**January 11, 2017**

Colette Hoff, Editor

## **Coming Up:**

Friends of Sahale Weekend – Friday,  
January 13 to 15

Third Age, Friday eve. January 20

Women’s Gathering, Saturday, Jan 21

Pathwork – Sunday, January 22

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This issue of the eView is dedicated to Huston Smith. I was literally reading a chapter in one of his books as I heard he had passed. John Hoff brought Huston Smith to the Goodenough Community over the years in a variety of ways. Smith worked with Aldous Huxley on the idea of the Perennial Philosophy, the core of truth that runs through all faith traditions.

While there were many obituaries posted on the Huston Smith web site, the following from Tricycle was the most comprehensive in the ways Smith impacted the world and the many scholars, philosophers, and theologians that influenced him.

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## **Religious Scholar Huston Smith has died at 97** By Dana Sawyer

The author of *The World’s Religions* offered a new way of understanding how different traditions overlap in their teachings and values.

The *Christian Science Monitor* once called Huston Smith “religion’s rock star.” The Dalai Lama, who met Smith in 1964, wrote that Smith knew the “real taste” of religion. Ken Wilber, Deepak Chopra, and Karen Armstrong have cited him as a major inspiration on their

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work. Bill Moyers, who produced a five-part PBS series featuring Smith in 1996, said that he had not only studied the world's religions but "practiced what he had learned." And Michael Murphy, co-founder of the Esalen Institute, has commented that of the many presenters they've hosted over the last 50 years, "only a handful 'glowed in the dark,' and Smith was one of them."

Smith was born in Soochow, China, on May 31, 1919. The second of three sons in a missionary family, he spent his first 17 years in Changshu, a small village near Shanghai. His father, Wesley, was originally from Missouri, and married Smith's mother, Alice, who was born and raised in China, in 1910. From his mother, Smith learned open-mindedness, faith in the value of life, and music, since she played the piano for her sons every day as part of their home-schooling. Years later, Smith realized how much of his disposition had been shaped by his mother's personality, including his belief that in gratitude for the gifts life has presented to us, "it would be good if we bore one another's burdens."

Smith's entire life was devoted to service, whether he was championing the cause of Tibetan freedom, as he did in his award winning film, "Requiem for a Faith"; testifying for Native American rights before the U.S. Congress, and in his book, *A Seat at the Table*; or protesting for civil rights with Martin Luther King Jr., which he did in St. Louis in 1957.

Smith came to the United States in 1936 to study theology at his father's alma mater, Central College in Fayette, Missouri. He was preparing to become a missionary, but was inspired by a philosophy professor to change his major to the philosophy of religion. Smith went on to finish his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago under philosopher and theologian Henry Nelson Wieman. He married Wieman's daughter, Kendra, in 1943. During an interview about his advisor, Smith once remarked, "I couldn't believe anything on earth could have topped Wieman's philosophy, but then I discovered his daughter and realized I was mistaken." Kendra Smith, an intellectual in her own right, helped Smith write all his important books, and together they had three daughters, Karen, Gael, and Kim.

Between 1947 and 2002, Smith taught at three major universities: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, and University of California, Berkeley. During that time he wrote 12 major books, including his breakthrough volume, *The Religions of Man*, which was published in 1958 and later renamed *The World's Religions*. The book has sold more than two million copies and has never gone out of print. It's easy to understand why the book is the most read—and most commonly assigned—text on religion ever written.

Smith changed the modern mind's view that religion was a waste of time. No small task, especially given that he did it in the the height of McCarthyism in the 1950s. Freud had said that "religion is a delusion we create to comfort ourselves in an uncertain world," and



argued that humans project a cosmic father or mother onto an indifferent universe in order to have someone to plead with for help. Marx, to cite another modernist who denigrated religion, argued that “religion is the opiate of the masses”—a drug fed to us by our oppressors to placate us in our misery. At the time, the job of every professor of religion was to explain religion as something quaint and outdated, something that we would be better off without. It was the fifties, after all, and some people thought it was high time we outgrew our irrational ways of making sense of the world.

But Smith changed all that. He saw religion as a set of traditional paths of meaning that still had significance and did not necessarily contradict science. While modernists and existentialists were telling us that the ultimate truth is that there is no ultimate truth, Smith urged us to keep an open mind and to not throw out our traditional platforms of meaning just because some philosophical theories found religion suspect. Perhaps the problem was not so much with religion as with the theories about it. New theories, he contended, could yield other possibilities.

Not only did Smith take religion seriously, but in *The World's Religions* (and later in *Beyond the Post-Modern Mind* and *Why Religion Matters*), he also gave us good reason to agree with him. He argued that religion can be useful in times of sorrow, inspire moral actions, and give viable reasons to believe life is more than a set of Darwinian events. In his comparative work, he showed us how each religion contains

Human intelligence is a reflection of the intelligence that produces everything. In knowing, we are simply extending the intelligence that comes to and constitutes us. We mimic the mind of God, so to speak. Or better, we continue and extend it.

Huston Smith  
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a message that, when looked at open-mindedly, can have appeal. One can even say Smith made the study of religion possible, because he showed us why other individuals and societies believe what they do, paving the way for interfaith understanding and tolerance.

Throughout his career, Smith worked with some of the major religious and philosophical figures of our time, including the Dalai Lama, Paul Tillich, Thomas Merton, Alan Watts, Stanislav Grof, D.T. Suzuki, Joseph Campbell, and Ram Dass. But nobody had a larger influence on Smith’s viewpoint than his friend and mentor, author Aldous Huxley, whom he first met in 1947. Huxley had theorized that there is a core religious experience at the heart of all religion and spirituality—a “perennial philosophy”—that rises in the human psyche for the simple reason that it is endemic to existence itself. Mystics of all religions—and those with mystical inclinations outside of religion—speak of what Huxley termed a “unitive knowledge.” This is a profound experience of absolute connection with all reality based on the cognition of what Meister Eckhart called the “Divine Ground of Being.” When Smith became aware of Huxley’s viewpoint, he embraced it immediately, seeking not only to articulate it philosophically (which he did brilliantly in *Forgotten Truth*), but also to cultivate it experientially. This led him to study Zen meditation in Japan, participate in sweat lodge rituals with Native Americans, meditate with Hindu swamis, and even work on the Harvard Psychedelic Project with Timothy Leary.

In discussions of religion today, there tend to be two significant groups of believers. *Exclusivists* maintain that their religion is best and that all other religions are bogus; *inclusivists* believe all religions are really saying the same thing. Smith, based on ideas he learned from Huxley, offered the world a third option, maintaining that religions say quite different things on the level of their teachings, values, and rituals (and these differences should be respected), but on the esoteric level of mystical realization they contain a surprising degree of overlap. For the mystics of all traditions, the most compelling insight is born of direct apprehension of the sacred, and this experience is the heart of all spiritual truth. Today, this third choice is primary for people who identify as “spiritual, not religious,” and has also become common among progressives inside the religions themselves. Furthermore, when we read the works of Deepak Chopra, Ken Wilber, Mirabai Starr, Andrew Harvey, Ram Dass, and many others, we find the stamp of Smith’s influence. In this regard, Chopra once wrote, “Smith has shaped my thinking and my lifelong quest, and guided me to where I am today.”

Like Joseph Campbell and Carl Sagan, Smith was one of the great explainers of our time. Marshalling an incredible ability to elucidate complex concepts in simple terms, Smith argued for a reembracing of metaphysical content in philosophy, partially to counteract the cynicism he saw growing in our society as the result of dogmatic materialism. Where science coaches us to look outside ourselves for meaning, Smith argued that we must look inside ourselves as well, and he made his case for that in brilliant language that anyone could understand. Today, academic conferences on religion are more nuanced and open-minded about the value of religion and spirituality than they were even 10 years ago, and we have Smith to thank for that.

For more, go to <http://hustonsmith.net/>



Huston Smith writes of Islam in his book, *The World’s Religions*, that it is mis-understood by the west. The standard Islamic greeting, as-salamu ‘alaykum (Peace be upon you) demonstrates the misunderstanding. Islam joins faith to politics, religion to society inseparably—a totally integrated culture.

The Pathwork Circle has begun a study of Islam that is proving to be interesting and insightful.

Come join the Pathwork Circle of Convocation on Sunday evenings. We will experience and experiment with practices of Islam and will work to understand the fastest growing religion in the world using a variety of resources including readings, videos, and invited speakers.



With an organized social response to the times we are in, the members of Convocation: A Church and Ministry have chosen to offer a series in which we will study Islam. Islam is a monotheistic religion articulated by the Quran, a text considered to be the verbatim word of God or Allah. The Arabic word Islam implies the attainment of peace through submission to Allah. The word Muslim is an adjective derived from the noun Islam, and implies one who has peace within from submission to Allah.

Muslims practice the five pillars of Islam, which are obligatory acts of worship, and follow Islamic law. Islam believes that people can come to know Allah and feel close to Him by means of proper prayer, fasting, charity, pilgrimage, and righteous deeds. The very practice of Islam is meant to purify the believer's soul and to bring him/her closer to Allah.

This 9-part series meets at 3610 SW Barton St. at 7:00 p.m.— January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16 and April 30. All are welcome!

Contact Colette Hoff ([hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)) for more information.



**The Second Annual Friends of Sahale  
Weekend,**

**January 13 to 15, 2017**

Dear Friends,

This second annual weekend is a time for appreciation as well as sharing information and continuing to envision the future at Sahale. We want to gather all who are connected to Sahale for a good weekend together.

We will have time to share about Sahale: past, present and future. We will have the opportunity to be informed about the various aspects of Sahale: the EcoVillage, the finances of running Sahale, residents and future residents, the retreat business, land use and restoration, food production, educational programs, and more.

We will review what we have learned this year and the status of various projects we agreed to at last year's gathering, including fundraising.

Together we will engage in shared visioning for the future and put some directions, priorities, and plans in place.

The Council of the Goodenough Community and the Sahale residents hope you will join us this weekend. Let Colette know if you are interested. [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)

My heart is overflowing with gratitude.

I have entered this New Year with my feet rooted in sacred ground; my spirit ready to move forward in a place of beauty.

The blessings of Sahale are too many to be counted.

*Words reflecting New Year's at Sahale*

Hello Men,

On **Saturday January 21st** there is going to be a nationwide and local “Womxn’s March” in support of personal and civil rights and liberties.

**As people of heart and integrity, Hollis Ryan and I are encouraging women, girls, boys, and men to attend the march in support of its largest purposes.**

While all of the details are not yet clear, we plan to gather at the Goodenough Community Center on Barton Street and travel together by bus and car pool to join the march. Tentatively, we are suggesting that we collect ourselves at 9:00 a.m. and leave Barton Street about 9:30 on Saturday morning, January 21. More details will follow.

For more information about the march, you may try these links:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/905054526294975/>

<https://womxnsmarchseattle.wordpress.com/logistics/>

<https://womxnsmarchseattle.wordpress.com/>

Be sure to click on the FAQ page if you have additional questions.

**I would like to hear from you if you plan to join us. And I would very much like to learn what is important to you about the march. Would you please write to me with a few sentences?**

For myself, I'm marching in this demonstration, and will in others, on general principles more than for a specific purpose. The current change in president and administration represents a monumental step backwards and I'm deeply concerned that we, Americans, would elect a man of such clearly low moral character. I believe that in our reactive anger, fueled by dishonesty and misleading information masquerading as truth, we've made a grave error that will cost us dearly in our progress towards a more just and benevolent government. I'm choosing to believe we are being tested as a citizenry, tested to see if we will stand up for what is right and good rather than continue to be distracted and apathetic.

Trump is not my president. He is the antithesis of an honorable man. I cannot sit back and allow my own integrity around the human equality, citizenship freedoms and responsibilities, and ethical governance issues to be misunderstood through my inaction. I must be active on behalf of my own values. I must march with others seeking to be known and heard for our own lives' principles. We cannot sit back and allow this degradation of our country to go forward, unchecked.

**What do you stand for? What will you march for?**

**Please share your thoughts ([bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)) so that we can more fully understand each other's feelings, concerns, values, and inspiration.**

And keep an eye on your email inbox. Hollis and I will be sending more details, inspiration, and thoughts about the march. Warmly, Bruce

## Why I March: Listen to the Voices!

Hollis Guill Ryan

Earlier today, Bruce Perler and I invited [*invitation on previous page*] the women, girls, boys, and men of the Goodenough

Community, and their friends, to join us in the “Women’s March” on January 21, 2017. There are

marches in many cities nationwide, including Seattle and other Washington cities, coinciding with and supporting the march planned for Washington, D. C.



In the words of the Seattle march’s mission statement, this march is intended “to provide the resources necessary for people to connect with one another, become [accomplices\\*](#), and work towards equity and social justice in this country.” The organizers invite “people of all gender identities, ethnicities, ages, abilities, religions, and sexual orientations to come participate in this amazing event.

Even though our invitation was issued less than 24 hours ago, the response has been immense! We have heard from women and men, ranging in age from early 30s to middle 80s, including people who cannot march but wish they could. Their reasons for marching are varied, yet have common themes. All are impassioned and inspirational.

Listen to the voices!

“I cannot march but I am knitting a Pussy Hat to donate because I am so distressed about Donald Trump and his many outrageous comments. Among them were the ones he said as he was getting off a bus and made references to grabbing women in the crotch. I have a knitting buddy who will be marching here in Seattle the day after the inauguration along with several women from our knitting group. I would love to go to the march but I just can't any more and this is what I can do. He is such a disgrace to this country, especially after the stellar time with the Obamas. Couldn't be a greater contrast.”

Susan Smith

**“I march because I can and want to do my part  
in not taking what we have for granted.”**

Elizabeth Jarrett

“I love the idea of doing this march with you all. I love the healthiness of your invitation to share our feelings and intentions ahead of time. Seems more sound



than just being 'pissed off' women. I want to be a woman with a voice of reason, even though yes I am pissed off.

"Why will I march?...

- I want other Americans and the rest of the world to know that I am NOT his kind of American.
- I want the rest of the world to know that I don't agree with what is transpiring in our government.
- I want to be a number, inside of what I hope is a large volume of women, standing up saying NO.
- I want to stand up FOR diversity, the collective, the beauty of the melting pot that IS America.
- I am a citizen of the United States and I am proud of this.
- As a citizen I want to publicly say I DO NOT share values with Mr. Trump.
- I won't tolerate the degradation of women, the cutting off of Mexico, the putting Muslims on a list, the reduction of women's rights, the denigration of GLBT rights.
- I MUST stand because I won't tolerate an American Terrorist President and it is my duty to stand.
- I have a zero bullying policy. I DO NOT support this bully and how Drumph incites others to bully.
- I must march because I feel the last 8 years launched us on a track I believe in, where we are all brothers and sisters, where there is room and respect for everyone...and I hold to a higher vision of peace, progress, and growth than the 1845 version of 'values' and 'ideals' that Drumph vomits so reactively out of his mouth."

Drai Turner

"I am marching because it is important to me to be counted among those who oppose the potential destruction of our democracy and society. Nationally forces are gathering to destroy peace, equal rights for all people, and a clean and nurturing environment. I want to stand in visible support of human rights and the environment.

***"This is also a march in support of.*** There has been a lot of negativity and expression of being against. I hope this march will also express support for justice, peace and democracy, and not just dwell on what we think may happen.

"I hope there is a large turnout of men and women to demonstrate the concern and love we have for our country."

Deborah Cornett

**"I want to march to be in communion with the voice inside every one of us, the voice crying in the wilderness that is the wildness of our lives**

today. I want to join with others wanting to be heard and preparing ourselves for what is to come, what we can be, and what we can change."

Hal Smith

"Up until the present, I have always had great pride in my American citizenship, wearing red/white/blue often in my wardrobe and accessories. I cannot bear those colors now; they have lost all sense of goodness, inclusion, optimism, and opportunity. The shame of this administration is a weight that is being borne by too many of us and it is breaking us."

Shannon Thomas

"I would march if I could because I'm deeply concerned about the future of my country and what this means for our values and our people. I'd march in support of the younger generations I see coming up who want to do good. And I'd march in support of human rights."

Joan Valles

It's hard for me to condense into a few sentences why I will march. The briefest version is that in my concern for the future of our nation and our society, I have to take a stand for my values, and for the freedom of each person to state their own values. I am also taking a stand **against** fear-mongering, expressions of hatred, and deliberate divisiveness. My stance encompasses far more than women's rights, although the fight for women's rights is the basis of my social consciousness. I stand up and march **for** treating all people with dignity, compassion, and respect."

Hollis Guill Ryan

Personally, for me, marching is important because:

1. As a woman, I'm extremely concerned about Trump/Pence's Pro-Life stance, and worry that their actions could affect decisions I should be able to make regarding my body.
2. As a woman who has faced sexual violation, Trump's recorded comments re: grabbing a woman's vagina disgust me to my core and I feel that women need to stand together as a whole to make it clear that this is unacceptable behavior from a President.
3. I want my stepsons to genuinely understand that Donald Trump is NOT a role model. That men who bully, insult, overcompensate, demean and degrade anyone who disagrees with them should not be allowed into a Presidential role, solely because of their wealth and status.
4. I want to march to support the fact that women are capable of accomplishing great things - like becoming the first female President!
5. And most importantly, nothing will change unless we stand together as a whole to say that this is not acceptable, that we demand to be heard and that we will not stop fighting until we see change.

Brittany Pettit

"I cannot be in the Seattle march, but I sooooo wanted to join the march with my Goodenough friends because I know we would create a solid team in

creating a powerful and safe experience as a group. I personally feel I've been called to action to protect and create the world that I want our children to grow up in.

"There's no going back ---I will never take progress for granted again and I will not sit back and let others do all the work. The world changed on November 8."

Leslie Norman

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**\*Q: The mission says one of the goals of the Womxn's March on Seattle is for marchers to "become accomplices." Don't you mean "become allies"?**

A: Many marginalized people who are doing the work of fighting for civil rights and against oppression prefer "accomplices" to "allies." Allies can align themselves ideologically with a fight or movement without actually taking any action to support that movement. Their support is in name and appearance only. Conversely, accomplices are defined by action – by giving time, money, skills, or materials to the movements they support. In keeping with the mission of the march, it is not enough for marchers to *look* supportive and take the actions we think are best. *We must **be** supportive, taking the actions requested by the people we are supporting.*

## Be sure to register

**From the March web site:**

**Q: Why is "Womxn" spelled with an X?**

A: Seattle has adopted the name "Womxn's March on Seattle" to promote intersectionality in our movement. Intersectionality acknowledges that different forms of discrimination intersect, overlap, and reinforce each other, and takes into account the impact of discrimination based not only on gender but also race, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, faith, class, disability, and other backgrounds.

**Q: I've heard the March is going to be silent – what's that about?**

A: The Womxn's March on Seattle will be a silent march, modeled after the successful silent Civil Rights marches that have paved the way for this movement. Marchers will rely on large numbers and powerful signage to speak more loudly than any individuals ever could.

*A bit beyond perception's reach I sometimes believe I see that life is two locked boxes each containing the other's key. ~Piet Hein, poet and scientist, 1905 -1996*

## **Save the date**

### **A Weekend for Men and Women . . .**

**February 24 to 26, 2017**

### **Men and Women Together: A New Relationship**

Join a deepening intergenerational conversation about:

- Maleness and femaleness
- Power and love and energy
- Past and future
- Cultural influences
- Tradition and transformation
- Healing and understanding
- A vision of integration of maleness and femaleness

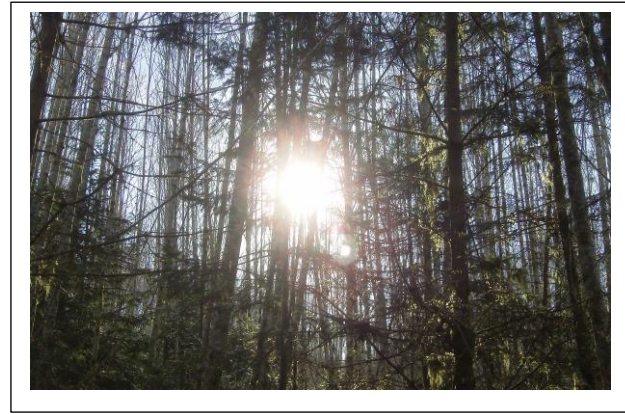
We think the Fantastic Mr. Fox may have something for this weekend. The team planning this weekend will appreciate your input. What are your questions, issues, resources? Send suggestions to Bruce Perler:

[bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)





## The deAnguera Blog: What Will 2017 Bring?



Another cold night. The moon is out and the coyotes are howling. Peaches dashed into Kloshe and I threw him out. He likes to wander at night. Luckily I can easily pick him up and carry him. Now back to typing this article.

We have two new Work Aways: Zach and Avi. They lend a cheerful presence to our everyday lives and they love chopping wood. Like me they are exploring life without a regular income earning job.

Want to know how cold it has been? Well the left photo shows a group of us clustered around the Kloshe living room stove eating our dinners. I don't recall we ever did this before. Wonder if we are setting any record lows for cold weather this time of year?

I have also captured the blazing sun shining through the forest in the right hand photo. In Central and Eastern Europe 60 people have died from the cold.

We seem to be stuck in a round of very cold weather. The lows continue to be in the 20s at night. Luckily I have my electric blanket which I turn all the way up.

The Olympic Mountains are full of snow and they look spectacular! Especially when the sun shines on them.

What are we doing differently in 2017? Well in Sunday evening Pathwork we are studying Islam so we can better understand and support Moslems in this difficult time. Islam involves practices such as praying 5 times a day and fasting during Ramadan.

We all wonder if such a practice oriented life like Islam would make a difference for us. I personally think practices like those in Islam could make us more mindful not only of our relationship to the Divine but also each other. They can keep our intentions on track and help us collectively fine tune them.

This last Sunday evening I left my car in the Southworth parking lot and walked on the ferry to Fauntleroy. Parking cost was only \$5 and the ferry ride was free. I even bought supper at the little Southworth Grocery store. A cheese burger with fries and a large soft

drink for only \$4.75. Barbara Brucker and Jim Tocher picked me up at the Fauntleroy ferry dock and brought me to the Community Center.

The more I explore transportation options the better it will be for all of us. Of course it takes courage to try anything new for the first time.

I am fortunate my car still works so well although the paint is peeling. My Honda Accord is 20 years old this year. I bought it used in 2005. Another thing to be thankful for.

I trust 2017 will be a good year for us. After all Sahale is a continuing experiment within the larger one of the Goodenough Community.



Winter time chickens: Tarzan and his hens now regularly cross over the road even during freezing conditions. It is possible for chickens to be bold even during uncertain times.

## Community News

**We are so happy to announce that Leslie Kay Norman and Jodine Hatfield were joined in marriage on January 8, 2017.**





## Congratulations!

### From Irene Perler all the way from New Zealand

Happy New Year...it sounds like its been quite eventful and stormy there! We haven't found much summer yet here either...its very stormy but very beautiful in its own right.

I hope that you are all warm and safe and I hope it will settle down!



It has been quite the adventure here and I am having a good experience. I just got back from a very long ferry ride from the south island paradise of Marlborough sounds back to Wellington via the famous/infamous Cook straight. Living up to its notoriety we encountered 3 to 4 meter waves crossing in a large 8 deck car/passenger ferry raising the bow of the ship up and hammering down again and again for about 2.5 hours of the 3 plus hour passage. Yes, many were very sea sick, but I took some herbal medicine and drank gingerly and meditated to relax and made it without getting sick. Sarah seemed to enjoy it quite a lot! So...we've had stormy weather here at the south hemisphere as well. I'm glad to be on land although there have been 2 quakes or aftershocks since being here as well.

I went fishing and we caught 7 medium sized fish for dinner one night...followed by picking up large green lipped mussels famous around the world. We also went sailing on a sunny day on a racing boat with a very experience crew.

New Year's was rainy but we celebrated with a BBQ, drinks and a dance party with all ages. The place we stayed is over an hour drive from any city and its all very windy roads that go along curving cliffs of the inlets of the bays of Marlborough sound...steep volcanic geology...gorgeous but also exciting driving! The bay we were in is literally all owned by several people all from the same extended family and has been for a couple generations...they all boat and love water sports and fishing. There were 5 families and assorted friends present over the new year holiday. It was very welcoming and exciting!

I'm back today doing housekeeping for Sarah while she spends a day with my Dad at the art museum. My Dad opted out of the adventure and I'm frankly glad he did. It was fun and exciting but stressful travel and he would have been in a house with 3 young women and me. Sarah had two friends traveling to visit the region and stay with her here as well.

She is back to work tomorrow and my father leaves on Thursday.

I am looking at heading back mostly on schedule but waiting to hear back from a very interesting and beautiful retreat that I heard of from someone I met at the new years party. I hope to stay for a few days and eventually perhaps return for a work exchange appointment. It is called Mana...check it out! [manaretreat.com](http://manaretreat.com). There is no doubt that New Zealand is one of the most breathtaking places on the planet and it is very good place for young people to come and work exchange and travel. It does help if you like to drive on narrow curvy roads, or if you are a boater...you can almost always travel faster by boat than by car!

Enough stories for now...and photos soon I think on Facebook...but I'll have to figure it out again...my password isn't working...I'll figure it out and post something soon...especially if it keeps raining...no reason to venture outdoors in the wind and rain here!

I'm thinking of you all as you prepare for the "Friends weekend" and as you care for Sahale. I appreciate all the care you each provide. A blessing on the chickens and the bees and each of you in your work and play! I wish I could be in two places! Please save material for me and if anyone takes notes, I'd love to get them and of course your stories and the eview reporting afterwards.

Peace to you all and HAPPY New Year...2017! How did that happen so fast?

Irene

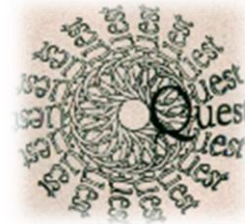




## Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest's counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and be more effective in relationships.

Call John or Colette (206-755 8404) or Colette and John at Sahale – 360 275-3957. In Seattle, John and Colette meet with clients at the community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106, as well as at Sahale.



**Cultural Programs in the Goodenough Community are created for visitors and they are developed as opportunities for our members and friends to practice our lifeways and apply them to contemporary issues and problems in our lives.** For instance, the men's program must be an expression of the best wisdom men have gathered from their life together—about what is a good man and how he could best express that in his own life. Similarly, women must return to the essentials of being a good woman in this day and age.

## Calendar of Programs and Events, 2017

What makes community meaningful and fun?

The richness of life in community comes in many ways – getting together informally over a meal ... celebrating a significant birthday with long-time and newfound friends ... working together in a creative endeavor ... collaborating in a work party ... thinking deeply with others about what it means to be fully alive and connected with ourselves, each other, and Spirit ...

In the Goodenough Community, we recognize such ways to connect as expressions of **community culture**. Throughout the year, we offer **cultural programs** so that you can engage with the community, participate in your own development, and have a good time. We **welcome your interest** and your participation, and hope that you will join us at any – or many! – of this year's events.



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**Annual Membership Meetings**  
**March 10 to 12**



**Men's Culture will be joining the women's culture for creative conversation February 24 to 26, 2017.** A weekend for men is being planned for the spring. Focal Person: Bruce Perler, [bruce\\_perler@hotmail.com](mailto:bruce_perler@hotmail.com)



**Women's Culture**

**Next Saturday gatherings are January 21 and April 8, 10 am -2 pm, at the community center in West Seattle**

**Women's Weekend, May 5-7, 2017 at Sahale**

Women of the Goodenough Community have been gathering intentionally and regularly since 1983 to discover in themselves and each other the essence of womanhood at any age and the presence of the Divine Feminine.

Focal Person: Hollis Guill Ryan, [hollis@comcast.net](mailto:hollis@comcast.net)

**Third-Age Gatherings**

**Next gatherings will be Friday evenings, January 20; March 31 and May 12 at the community center in West Seattle.** Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)

**Annual Goodenough Community Memberships Meeting: March 10 to 12 at Sahale.** It's a good time to support the organization that surrounds all our activities. We will share accomplishments in the prior year and join in visioning the future. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Kirsten Rohde 206 719-5364 for more information. And RVSP to??.

**Work Parties throughout the Year**

Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend (**May 26 to 29, 2017**), as well as other times throughout the year, to express gratitude for the presence of our beloved retreat center, Sahale, and to experience the satisfaction of playing and working together.

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)

**Summer Camp for Youth, June 25 to July 1**

A wonderful opportunity for children 9 to 12 to have a full camp experience in a beautiful setting with loving leadership.  
Focal Person: Irene Perler, [Irene\\_Perler@hotmail.com](mailto:Irene_Perler@hotmail.com)



**Human Relations Laboratory, August 6 to 12, 2017**

This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth, and has been presented annually and is now in its 48<sup>th</sup> year!

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, [hoff@goodenough.org](mailto:hoff@goodenough.org)



**True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 2, 2017**

Be part of this fun-filled family-oriented evening, and prepare yourself for a holiday season (whatever faith tradition you follow) that fills your heart.

Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, [krohde14@outlook.com](mailto:krohde14@outlook.com)



**Winter Solstice Bus Trip, Saturday December 16, 2017**

Board a bus, play in the snow, shop in Leavenworth, have a horse-drawn sleigh ride and enjoy an abundant dinner

Focal Person: Colette Hoff

**New Year's Eve at Sahale, 2017 – 2018**

Sunday will be New Year's Eve and Monday will be New Year's Day next year.

We all carry it within us: supreme strength, the fullness of wisdom, unquenchable joy. It is never thwarted, and cannot be destroyed.

~Huston Smith