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SPRING EQUINOX

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April 19th
- Women's Celebration (Bali)
to the goddess of fertility



Does this →
make it more
interesting?

B. Worship Celebrations will be held in celebration of Yule (December), Imboic (February), Beltane (May 1), Green-Corn (July), Lannas (August 1), and Samhain (October 31) with worship activities, dancing, workshops and a shared meal.

C. Business meetings of the Inner Circle of OK-CUUPS will be held within a week of the solstices and the equinoxes. A quorum will consist of eight (8) members of the Inner Circle.

D. The Annual Business Meeting to review business and elect officers will be open to all members and will occur the Saturday following the new moon preceding October 31 of the calendar year.

E. All the preceding sections of Article III. shall be coordinated through the Keeper of the Wheel of the Year or the Keeper of the Wheel of the Year's designated representative.

F. Committees, both standing and appointed, will be convened at the pleasure of the chair, or co-chair, and should have a minimum of two members that are not Inner Circle members.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCE



A. Accounts:

1. All financial transactions by OK-CUUPS will be recorded in a financial journal.

2. A committee of at least three members and one other member of the Inner Circle will review the financial journal of all financial transactions twice annually.

3. The fiscal year for OK-CUUPS will begin on November 1 of each calendar year and end on October 31 of the following calendar year.

4. Petty cash funds shall not exceed \$1000. Funds in excess will be deposited in the bank account described in Paragraph 5 (below).

5. When petty cash collections first aggregate to an on hand amount exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) the Keeper of the Purse will open an interest accruing checking account at an Oklahoma City bank with an initial balance of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00). This checking account will be usable for supplies and services required by OK-CUUPS. This checking account will require the signature of the Keeper of the Purse and the member conducting the business, unless it is the Keeper of the Purse doing so and then the signature of the Keeper of the Keys, the High Priestess or Priest will be required.

6. The Keeper of the Purse will see to it that a report of the amount of Petty Cash on hand and the balance of the checking account to the membership monthly at New Moon gatherings.

7. As the membership deems, fund balances for administration, building, maintenance, outreach, visitation and community works shall be set in an annual budget. A committee of four members convened by the Keeper of the Purse will determine a feasible budget which will be presented for review at the quarterly meeting preceding the annual meeting. This budget will then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for adjustment and/or approval.

B. Income

All income shall be derived from donations, authorized sales of donated goods, raffling of donated articles, proceeds to carnivals and dinners that are executed on a voluntary basis with donated prizes and fare.

C. Chapter Assets-

Upon the wind up or dissolution of the Chapter, all assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall become the property of the UUA churches and fellowships from which our membership is drawn. The Scribe shall maintain a tally of such membership for this purpose.

ARTICLE V - STANDING COMMITTEES

Safety Committee. Pathfinder and Gatekeeper - co-chair.

Public Relations. Ambassador - Chair, Gate Keeper *ex officio* member.

Publication. Wordmonger - Chair, Ambassador - *ex officio* member, Scribe - *ex officio* member.

Newsletter. Wordmonger - Chair, Hamlet Crier - assistant chair

Finance. Keeper of the Purse - Chair

Children's Activities and Programs Sage and Elf Queen - co-chair.

Charitable Works and Projects. High Priestess and High Priest - Co-Chair.

Audit. Gate Keeper - Chair.

Adult's Activities and Programs. Keeper of the Wheel of the Year - Chair

The above Constitution and Bylaws was adopted by the membership the 24 day of the month of October, 1992, at Oklahoma City, OK. It was ratified by the membership the 24 day of the month of October, 1992, at Oklahoma City, OK.

Keeper of the Keys - Roene Lowry
Ambassador - Craig Corbin

Scribe - Clarence Cullimore, III.
M.Ed.

Keeper of the Purse
Vacant -
Scribe Acting

Keeper of the Wheel of the Year -
Vacant - Ambassador Acting

Pathfinder - Karen Haney-Beard

Hamlet Crier - Terry Haney
Wordmonger - Clarissa Sharp

Gate Keeper - Larry Gore

Elf Queen - Katy Walker



Sage - Vacant

Crone - Kathy Stone

High Priestess - Roene Lowry

High Priest - Clarence Culliaore

The members named below are active voting members of CUUPS Continental and members of one of the following WGA Churches, Society, or Fellowship. Roene Lowry, Craig Corbin, and Karen Honey-Bear.



From the Editor :

DEAR READERS, I HOPE BY THE TIME YOU'RE READING THIS THERE ARE SOME SIGNS OF SPRING APPROACHING. AS I WRITE IT'S STILL COLD, DAMP, GLOOMY, ETC.... MY DOOR POTTED HERBS ARE CERTAINLY FEELING HOUSE BOUND. ME TOO! NOW FOR BUSINESS... I'M EXPERIMENTING WITH A CHANGE OF FORMAT, BECAUSE ELLEN KUYKENDALL HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO SEND PAGAN PAGES OUT WITH HER OWN NEWSLETTER. IF THIS ARRANGEMENT WORKS OUT TO THE CONVENIENCE OF ALL INVOLVED, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH IT. OTHERWISE I WILL PROBABLY REVERT TO THE HALF-SIZE FOLDED FORMAT. TIME WILL TELL.

ALSO, I AM IN THE MIDST OF A TIME OF TRANSITION, AND WILL NO DOUBT BE MOVING RESIDENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MY PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CHANGING, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHEN. SO, IF ANYONE TRYING TO REACH ME AT 942-6812 SHOULD FIND THAT NUMBER NO LONGER IN SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT ERICA (KEEPER OF THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR), AT 366-0902 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. ALL SUBMISSIONS AND NOT-TO-URGENT MESSAGES MAY BE POSTED TO ME AT CLARISSA SHARP P.O. Box 75203, OKC, OK 73147.

CAN YOU BELIEVE I'VE HAD SEVERAL ENQUIRIES ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS? I THINK 7 DOLLARS A YEAR (8 ISSUES) IS A FAIR PRICE, TO HELP COVER PRINTING AND POSTAGE COSTS. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO GAVE ME SUBMISSIONS, AND -ONCE MORE- MY APOLOGIES IF YOURS HAS NOT BEEN PRINTED. NOW THAT THE CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN DEALT WITH, THERE SHOULD BE MORE ROOM FOR ARTICLES, IN FUTURE ISSUES. UNTIL NEXT TIME, BRIGHT BLESSINGS TO ALL !!!

SLAINTE, Clarissa



CONTACT LIST:

- * HP's: Roene & Clarence, 842-3548
- * Ambassador: Craig, 720-1648
- * Pathfinder: Karen, 525-8560
- * Gatekeeper: Larrisp
- * Crone: Kathy 681-9589
- * Word-monger: Clarissa, 942-6812
- * Keeper of the Wheel of the Year: Erica, 366-0902



RITUAL ALERT

Clarissa will be doing the April 10, Full Moon Ritual. This is a SPECIAL ceremony, requiring several particular items. Any dependable persons wishing to be in charge of one or more of these items, please see the list below. Choose what you wish to bring (ENOUGH for EVERYONE!), and contact me, PLEASE, so I can keep track of what I need to buy.

- * CHUNKS of MILK CHOCOLATE
- * CHUNKS of DARK CHOCOLATE
- * 1 BAR (or LESS) BAKING CHOCOLATE
- * 1 BAG CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- * HOT CHOCOLATE
- * 1 Box ASSORTED CHOCOLATES
- * BABY WIPES

EDITOR'S APOLOGY for such tiny print - it's the only way all this stuff would possibly fit!!!

Happy Birthday
ARIES & TAURUS!



FOR ALL YOUR READING NEEDS
&
RITUAL SUPPLIES
RUSH OVER TO
THE FOUR WINDS
761 ASP
(CAMPUS CORNER)
NORMAN-OK
329-6856



MORNING STAR-
MERCURY,
MARCH 8 - MAY 16

EVENING STAR-
JUPITER,
MARCH 30 - OCT 18



Committee of the Inner Circle Business Meeting
of the
Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans
of
Oklahoma City



The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., Saturday, January 2, 1993 at the home of the Scribe, 2804 NW 56th, Oklahoma City by the Keeper of the Keys, presiding.

Inner Circle members present were: Karen Haney Beard, Craig Corbin, Clarence Cullimore, III, Roene Lowry, Clarissa Sharp. Also present were Erica Arnold, Brett Hargrove and Patricia Khouri-Mehir. Absent was Larry Gore and Terry Haney.

As there was not a quorum present it was decided that specific business would be determined as a Committee of the Inner Circle to be presented at a special meeting convened by the Keeper of the Keys at such a time that a quorum can be gathered. Greetings and introductions were done by each member including views of what religion, spirituality and worship means, what CUUPS means, expectations of CUUPS and mention of subjects of reports for members of the Inner Circle.



REPORTS

The Keeper of the Keys presented and discussed the Inner Circle phone contact tree. See Attached (Inner Circle ONLY). It was suggested that the wheel be a part of a procedures manual for CUUPS. The need to develop a closer community between Inner Circle members and CUUPS members at large was discussed. The need to have a Keeper of the Purse and a Keeper of the Wheel of the year was discussed.

The Wordmonger opened discussion of the control and accountability for moneys used publishing our newsletter. Accolades were received on the first newsletter, *Pagan Pages*. The Wordmonger also shared some recent events that constituted prejudicial harassment by neighbors which may have culminated in the disappearance of the family cat.

The Pathfinder reported on Oklahoma City First Unitarian Church (FUC) Council meeting of 12-21-92. A set of rules was presented by a committee of the council and apparently approved by the Council titled "Organizations and Committees." It is noted by the Scribe that it seemed that the UUA concept of organizational governance was not too different to that of the US Government mistaken view that the Indian Tribal Chief was the authorized executive for the tribe or nation. There seemed to be a requirement by FUC to have its organizations on a hierarchical, rather than self-determinate system of governance. It was further reminded in our constitution the ambassador is our "Representative" leader to other organizations, such as "host" organizations. There would have to be a minor OK-CUUPS constitutional amendment to allow compliance with line 5 under responsibilities of FUC Organizations and Committees. However, if the Church treasurer would care to join CUUPS and take office as Keeper of the Purse, that would be an acceptable option.



SCRIBE-

As the minutes were published in *Pagan Pages* the Committee approved them as published.

There have been 42 attenders, to date, of which 39 are in contact by phone or mail. Sixteen have attended three or more meetings. The Scribe moved that the following Constitutional change be considered for approval by the Inner Circle to be presented to the Membership for a vote at the General Assembly in October 1993: The last sentence of Article III, Section C, be replaced by "A quorum will consist of 51% or more of the membership of the Inner Circle, but no less than four." Second by Craig Corbin.

The Scribe, acting as Keeper of the Purse, spoke briefly on the need to keep CUUPS and ESPERS business and collections of money separate. At rituals collections should be announced prior to the collection which organization and fund moneys are to be distributed. We are still spending more money than we are collecting, putting a great deal of burden on a few active members.

The Ambassador reported that key FUC persons standing in the path of normalized relations between CUUPS and FUC. Responses were discussed. Specific areas of the UUA Charter and the FUC Constitution were read and discussed in light of the rules that were unearthed in the Pathfinders report. Apparent conflicts that FUC behavior has with their own ruling documents were discussed. Based on comments of certain FUC individuals the publications of the "Organization and Committees" document we put together as an obstruction of a mutually supporting relationship between FUC and CUUPS.

The Ambassador moved that a Constitutional change be considered for approval by the Inner Circle to be presented to the Membership for a vote at the General Assembly in October 1993: The last sentence of Article III, Section A, paragraph 3, which states "When nudity is determined necessary for a worship ritual, notice will be given a minimum of thirty days prior, and the worship will be closed to non-members and children that are not accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian that are members of OKC-CUUPS," be deleted. 2d by Karen Haney-Beard.

Other Reports:

Patricia Khouri-Mehir volunteered to serve as Elf Queen. She proposed that the payment of persons contracted to care for children be set at \$10.00 with a maximum of 5 children and that for additional children \$2.00 per head be paid. The Elf Queen would work out the number of attendants necessary using DHS recommended child care procedures and the division of monies between attendants.

Erica Arnold has volunteered to serve as Keeper of the Wheel of the Year. The duties of the Sage, Elf Queen and Keeper of the Wheel of the Year were read. Larry Gore has agreed to replace Vicki Johnson as Gatekeeper. In accordance with Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2, Larry, Pat, and Erica will be members of the Inner Circle at the adjournment of this Committee Meeting. As there were no persons present at General Assembly that did not become members of the Inner Circle, no lots could be cast for the open offices. Therefore offices are being filled as persons come forward to fill them.



PRACTICE RANDOM KINDNESS AND SENSELESS ACTS OF BEAUTY

In keeping with the perceived spirit of Article III, Section A.1., the following policy should be adopted: "Persons filling vacant positions of the Inner Circle, should some positions be unfilled after General Assembly, there responsibilities will begin at the end of any business meeting, committee meeting or ritual gathering where they have publicly volunteered to fill the vacant position."

The Keeper of the Keys will convene a quorum as soon as possible to vote on the measures proposed by this Committee of the Inner Circle.

Consensus brought on adjournment at 9:48 p.m.

Faithfully,

Clarence Cullimore, III, M.Ed.
Scribe



Quarterly Business Meeting
of the
Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans
of
Oklahoma City

The Meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m., Saturday, February 6, 1993 at the First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City at 13th and Dewey Streets by the Keeper of the Keys, presiding.

Inner Circle members present were: Craig Corbin, Clarence Cullimore, III, Clarissa Sharp, Roene Lowry, Larry Gore, Erica Arnold, Karen Haney Beard. Also present were Celest Roth, Brett Hargorve and Mark Butler.

The Keeper of the Keys announced a withdrawal from OK-CUUPS by our Elf Queen and a resignation from the Hamlet Crier position. Those positions, the Keeper of the Purse and Sage are yet to be filled.

The Ambassador reported he had phoned Linda Pente and Leslie Phillips of CUUPS Continental and determined that at their last Meeting our Charter as a CUUPS chapter had been approved unanimously without reservation. We are now an official organization under the purview of UUA. Joy was expressed. Members are asked to participate in First Unitarian Church's (FUC) Church Council on the second or third Monday in March. The Ambassador will present OK-CUUPS's purpose and goals to the FUC Council. Things to bring up is reduced compensation for the use of the Church Grounds, who we are, what we are doing, and what we intend to do.

April 7th - Feast of Bajmi (Romania) - offerings made to the kindly ones water and underworld spirits

The Ambassador reported on the last meeting at the Green House, operated by Ellen Kuykendall and the opportunity to have her distribute Pagan Pages with her own newsletter. This met with the approval of the Inner Circle by Consensus. A discussion of approaching vendors of Pagan materials about advertising and the remunerations that could be offered ended with the decision that no store could be offered exclusive advertising. All must be treated equally. The Scribe was given the duty to talk to Joyce Aubry of Starwind about having an ad in Pagan Pages in the light of this policy.

The Pathfinder noted that the Southwest Unitarian Women's Conference vendors made lots of money selling Goddess oriented crafts and objects de Arte. She noted that Lee Marrs was doing a land office business selling Pagan Pages. It was requested that she determine if he has violated our copyrights and if he was planning to remunerate OK-CUUPS for the use of our material for sale.

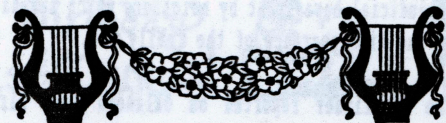
The Gate Keeper announced his address and invited visitors although he has no phone as yet.

The Sage was excused from reading the minutes of the last meeting as they were published in Pagan Pages. As acting Keeper of the Purse he reminded that all receipts and collections need to be reported to him for accounting purposes. The Scribe was further authorized to negotiate with Redbud Landing Naturist Club for dates and site where skyclad rituals could be performed.

Consensus brought on adjournment at 7:46 p.m.

Faithfully,

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Scribe



NEXT ISSUE: BELTANE !!!
DUE OUT: APRIL 24-ish.....
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
APRIL 10!!!

YES, THE PAGES ARE BIGGER, BUT THERE ARE FEWER OF THEM!
PLEASE TRY TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1/2 PAGE.

I CAN FIT A FEW FULL PAGE ARTICLES IN, BUT ONCE I RUN OUT OF SPACE, THE SMALLER PIECES HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING WORKED IN.
SEND EVERYTHING TO:

CLARISSA SHARP
P.O. Box 75203
OKC-OK 73147

6.



April 1st - All Fool's Day - Day of Hathor (Egypt)

GARAGE SALE !!!

WE ARE PLANNING A SALE, TO BE HELD IN LATE MAY. THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM & RENTING A BUILDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS. PLEASE BRING ANYTHING TO SELL - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CRAFTS, FOOD, ETC...

ALSO ANY DONATIONS OF MATERIALS FOR THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MAY BE BROUGHT - JUST BE SURE TO LET EVERYONE KNOW IT'S NOT THERE TO BE SOLD!

FOR DETAILS, CALL ROENE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE - 842-3548



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Eupid's Club!

FOR INFO NOW,
CALL ROENE:
842-3548



SOMETIMES ON A NICE DAY, IN A SPECIAL SPOT THAT IS "CLOSE TO THE SOURCE," I FEEL MOVED TO DO A LITTLE WORSHIPPING. I'VE DONE THIS IN SEVERAL VERY PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE. THE KEY, I THINK, IS THAT WE WERE VERY LOW-KEY, AND NON-INTRUSIVE ON OTHER PEOPLE. ONE PLACE THAT A FRIEND AND I DID RITUAL WORSHIP WAS THE SPRINGS DOWN BY SULFUR, OKLAHOMA. I TOOK A "MAGIC BAG" WITH A FEW CANDLES, SOME SAGE AND OTHER HERBS, STONES, AND A FEW OBJECTS FOR THE ALTAR. WE CLIMBED UP TO A SEMI-FLAT PLACE ABOVE ANTELOPE SPRING, AND BURNED SOME SAGE, PRAYED AND PRAISED OUR SURROUNDINGS. WE LEFT SOME OFFERINGS OF HERBS, INCENSE, AND STONES AT THE SPRING. THEN WE WENT TO BUFFALO SPRING. THERE WE CALLED THE QUARTERS AND LIT CANDLES SET IN JARS. AGAIN, WE BURNED INCENSE AND SAGE. WE THREW HERBS INTO THE SPRING BY THE OUTLET, CALLING ON THE QUALITY ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ONE. WHENEVER PEOPLE WOULD COME AROUND WHILE WE WERE AT EITHER SPRING, WE WOULD JUST SIT OR STAND STILL, OR VISIT AMONGST OURSELVES QUIETLY, UNTIL THEY LEFT.

IT WAS A GOOD TIME TO BE THERE - AN AUTUMN DAY WITH NOT TOO MANY FOLKS AROUND. ANOTHER GOOD TIME TO GO IS DURING THE WEEK, SOMETIME NOT TOO CLOSE TO A HOLIDAY.

WE LEFT SOME MORE OFFERINGS OF STONES AND INCENSE, AND WENT HOME VERY HAPPY AND SATISFIED.

THE SACRED AT HOME

JOSEPH CAMPBELL HAS SAID THAT WHEN A PEOPLE'S MYTHOLOGY IS DEAD THEY ARE IN TROUBLE; THAT WHEN THEIR SACRED IS FAR AWAY - IN ANOTHER PLACE, IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER TONGUE, IN ANOTHER CULTURE - THEY NEED TO RE-INVENT THEIR SACRED, THEIR MYTHS. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW SPECIAL OTHER PLACES ARE - OREGON, CALIFORNIA, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA. THEY ARE. HOWEVER, WE ARE MISSING SOMETHING IF WE FAIL TO SEE THE SPECIALNESS AND THE SACRED AROUND US RIGHT NOW. EACH OF US HAS SOMEPLACE VERY NEAR THAT IS "CLOSE TO THE SOURCE." MAYBE IT'S A PUBLIC PARK, OR A BACKYARD, OR A STRIP OF FLOWERS IN FRONT OF OUR APARTMENT. THE BOTANICAL TUBE IS A PUBLIC PLACE THAT IS VERY PERSONAL FOR ME. PERHAPS ALL WE MIGHT HAVE IS A SPECIAL CORNER OF OUR HOME WHERE WE PUT OBJECTS IMPORTANT TO US - A PHOTO, A CANDLE, FLOWERS, MOMENTS. BUT IT IS RIGHT HERE. IT CAN ALSO BE IN HOW WE PERCEIVE THE MUNDANE. NOTICE HOW "LACEY" THE TREES AND SHRUBS LOOK WHEN THEY ARE BARE? HOW THEY STAND OUT AGAINST A CLEAR BLUE WINTER SKY? SEE THE TEXTURES IN THE CLOUDS AS THEY HOWER OR SCOOT. LISTEN TO A PIECE OF MUSIC AND "FEEL" IT, MOVE TO IT. LOOK AT A WORD AND NOTICE THE SYMMETRY OF IT. MAYBE JUST BECOME VERY STILL INSIDE AND OUT, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN. DO YOU HEAR THAT VOICE, VERY SMALL AND DISTANT? IT TAKES PRACTICE AND SOME SMALL EFFORT, BUT WE ALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE SACRED. THE SACRED IS RIGHT HERE WITH US NOW, ALWAYS.

- KAREN HANEY-BEARD



HELPFUL HINT:

2 GUARANTEED WAYS OF GETTING YOUR SUBMISSION PRINTED - MAKE IT **SHORT** AND **EARLY**. THE EARLIER I HAVE IT, THE BETTER ITS CHANCES OF FINDING A PLACE. WAITING FOR THE DEADLINE CAN BE RISKY!!!

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KAREN HANEY-BEARD

Three Witches Gossip-

It is interesting how a certain Edmond clergy person has proclaimed his/herself Keeper of the Faith in his/her denomination. Did this person's congregation urge the pressing of school officials to fight against prayer at football games? Did the congregation demand the public fight for the removal of a religious symbol from the Edmond City seal? Does the clergy person's congregation approve of the personal crusade he/she wages against local organizations of his/her denomination's members, chapters of a North American fellowship that has the blessing of the church's national organization? Perhaps, the members who fiscally support this clergy person are blind to the rights he/she trends on while jousting windmills at their expense. Each member of that supporting congregation, and his/her following in general, share in the responsibility for harm caused that is not significantly outweighed by a measurable good.

It has been said this clergy person describes pagans as a group of people that couch their religion in halloween terms. I can only return that what good are people who speak of their religious experience condescendingly in words that common people do not comprehend? Some have said this person has slandered local pagans at speaking engagements throughout the State. Perhaps, someone should get this, so called, Christian minister to read Luke's Gospel, Chapter 18, verses 10-14. Perhaps, this clergy person should examine the bylaws that must be upheld by certified ministers of his/her own faith. Perhaps, this person does not listen to the wisdom of his heart. Often, it is the echoes of old voices in the mind that move such as he/she. He/she does not take the time to get to know and study the people practicing those things that he/she objects to and spends a lot of time ranting about. We are interested in the day he/she discovers the State flag depicts an Osage religious symbol. That will be exciting....

April 15th - Fordicalia (Rome)
Festival of Tellus Mater, Earth Mother

April 5th - Day of Fortune (Rome)
goddess of fate and fortune

April 4th - Palm Sunday (Daylight Saving's Time begins)

April 12th

- Cosmonautics Day (Russia)
- Cerealia (Rome)
Games of Ceres, goddess of grain



CUUPS CALENDAR April 6th - Full Moon
by Erica Arnold
11:43am PDT
2:23pm EDT
6:43pm GMT



Fancy whose various figure-
tines ever changing to a dif-
ferent hue.

April 11th - Easter Sunday
- Olympieia (Greece)
Festival in honor of Olympian Zeus

MARCH:
21th - Vernal Equinox at the Unitarian Church
(600 N.W. 13th, OKC)
7:00pm
27th - New Moon Ritual at the 'Green House'
(4032 Teal Drive, Del City)
7:00 pm

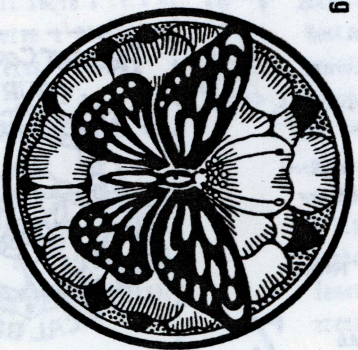
APRIL:
18th - Full Moon
17th - Business Meeting
24th - New Moon

MAY:
1st - Beltane
8th - Full Moon
22nd - New Moon
29th - Business Meeting

JUNE:
5th - Full Moon
12th - New Moon
20th - Solstice

JULY:
3rd - Full Moon
17th - New Moon
31st - Full Moon

April 3rd
- Buddha's Date of birth,
celebrated by Zen Buddhists



April 10th -
Sacred Embassy to Delos
(Greece)