

From: NIH Salutaris
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 11:35 AM
To: NIH Salutaris
Subject: Passing of a Salutaris Founder

Dear Salutaris Members,

It is with a heavy heart that we have to inform you of the death of Joe Pagano. Joe worked at the NIH National Library of Medicine until the late 1990's before moving on to the Library of Congress.

Joe was a founding member of Salutaris. He had the inspiration, vision and most of all the courage to start an employee group for Gay and Lesbian employees at the NIH during the first Bush Presidency in the summer of 1991. The group, then known as Salutaris: the Gay and Lesbian Employees Forum, has evolved to the robust employee group of which you are a member today.

Joe coordinated the first Salutaris meeting which was held during the lunch hour at the Eatery inside White Flint Mall. Joe believed strongly in the need for such an organization and paid for weekly advertising in the Washington Blade for the better part of a year-out of his own pocket.

In the years since Joe's departure from the NIH he is kept in touch with friends and former coworkers here. Information on Joe's memorial service and luncheon is provided below. If you are planning to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to John Talamo at john_talamo@yahoo.com or 703-582-4725.

Memorial Lunch and Program for Joe Pagano

There will be a memorial luncheon in honor of Joe Pagano this Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington in the lower level activity room.

There will also be a memorial program honoring Joe as part of the luncheon starting at about 3:00 p.m.

Food and beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring a dish, please let John know when you RSVP and let him know what you will be bringing for planning purposes.

Church Address:
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington
4444 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22204

Directions:

Intersection of Rt. 50 and George Mason Drive with entrance on George Mason on the northeast corner of the intersection. Take the George Mason Drive exit from Rt. 50.

<http://uucava.ning.com/page/locations-and-directions>

Parking:

Parking is also available in the Masonic Building lot across from the church on George Mason Drive. Parking may be challenging due to the snow and Sunday activities, so you are encouraged to car pool if possible.

RSVP:

RSVP to John Talamo at john_talamo@yahoo.com or 703-582-4725

Many thanks to Steve Benzek for making the arrangements to reserve this space for the memorial luncheon.

John Talamo will be coordinating the effort for the luncheon, so please contact him if you have any questions or want to be involved in the planning.