

Unity of Bellevue

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Susan Neidig – President

Susan was introduced to Unity of Bellevue in 1990 while in search of a spiritual community. Life took her in a different direction and she attended other New Thought centers until 2016 when she came back. Susan has been attending this church consistently since August of 2016. She quickly found a home here and joined the Unity of Bellevue Ensemble. She attends with her daughter Kate and grandsons Ewalds and Koseya. Susan participated in the winter and summer retreats this year and rejoices in the spiritual support she feels from this community. She became a member May 2017. "This year has been rejuvenating for me, becoming a student of Truth, finding a supportive spiritual community, and participating in the retreats have all led me to a deeper connection to spirit. I welcome the opportunity to apply my talents and leadership to the Board of Trustees. I look forward to being a part of the growth of this community by expanding our connection to those in search of Truth". Susan retired from Boeing after a 30 year career and now works part time for Virginia Mason Institute transforming Healthcare around the world.



Paul Roof - Vice President

Paul was introduced to Unity of Bellevue in 1972. At that time there was a little Oak tree at the SE corner of the sanctuary, which had been planted when the "new" sanctuary was completed in the 60's. Paul also remembers an open air courtyard—before there were skylights in the atrium. So much has changed! After several years, Paul returned to his home town of Tucson, AZ, completed a degree in Business Administration, and then worked in the mortgage industry for 26 years. In 2002 Spirit came to Paul with the words, "2002. It's Time to Renew! Renew spiritual values in your life." That year he became a member of Unity of Bellevue. Paul has been an Usher and a Greeter, served on the Landscape Committee, led the Blue Jean Sundays, been involved with the Men's Group, and attended many classes. He also served on the Board in 1994 and 1995. Paul did attend several other New Age churches from 2011 to 2014. During that time, he always felt Unity of Bellevue was his spiritual home. Paul says, "I'm excited and pleased with the new leadership and the growth we are seeing. I want to help this growth continue. I look forward to serving on the Board once again!"



Dorothy Bosteder – Treasurer

I came to Unity with a deep connection to its mission of awakening people to their spiritual nature, after my own experience of being awakened by New Thought teachings at Center for Spiritual Living nearly 20 years ago. I find my greatest fulfillment being in service. I know my purpose is to be a Light in the midst of darkness, and to remind others (as well as myself!) that we are all worthy, sacred expressions of God.

After receiving my Bachelors in Economics and minor in Rhetoric from UC Davis, I moved to Seattle area in 1986. Since last fall I have lived on the Eastside with Kelli, my partner of six years, and our sweet cat Zoe. I have two young adult children and have worked at HomeStreet Bank for 32 years, currently as the manager of the Commercial/Consumer Technology team in IT. My volunteer experience includes five+ years serving on board of Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN), including four years as Board President, volunteering for United Way, Sustainable West Seattle, Peace on the Streets by Kids from the Street (PSKS), KNKX Public Radio (formerly KPLU), and Seattle YWCA.

For fun, I enjoy gourmet cooking, entertaining, kayaking, biking (mountain and trail), long breakfasts, wine tasting, reading *The Sun* magazine, staring at the moon and interesting, thoughtful movies.



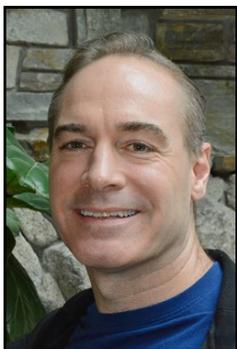
Alison Ogliore – Secretary

Alison has attended Unity of Bellevue almost her entire life, and officially became a member in 2012. She has volunteered in the Youth & Family Ministry, was the Director in 2012, and has enjoyed participating in the Choir. As life has taken Alison in different directions, she has attended Unity Spiritual Centers in Idaho, Colorado and Seattle, but Bellevue has always been her home. Alison has a degree in Communications and has produced events for Seafair and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. While currently staying at home to raise her two small children, she continues to volunteer in the community as an event producer and fundraiser. Although Alison's life is quite busy, she thoroughly enjoys every chance she gets to further her study and practice of Unity principles and spirituality, via classes at Unity of Bellevue, Unity Village retreats, and regional and national Youth & Family Ministry trainings. Alison says, "I am so excited to work with the other Unity of Bellevue Board members and staff to further grow and nurture the place I call my spiritual home. I enter this new role with so much gratitude, and I look forward to serving as part of this fantastic team."



Rita Ann Schwarting – Member at Large

Rita originally came to Unity of Bellevue in 2002. Her Unity involvement dates back to 1986 in Santa Cruz, California. She attends and participates because of the teachings and the community. She's especially delighted to serve on the Board with Rev. Marla as our Spiritual Leader. Her passion is around the floral décor and general ambiance. She is married to Jim, and they have two adult children and three teenage grand-children. We're Seattle Thunderbirds fans, enjoy theatre and live with our adorable dog and cat. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Children's Therapy Center and SKCAC, organizations in Kent that serve our disabled population in South King and Pierce Counties and she's also very active in the Kent-AM Kiwanis Club.



Kenneth Paterson – Member at Large

Unity provided me with the huge wake-up call I needed in my life. The idea that creating successful lives originates from our thoughts is just the reminder I needed when I found Unity of Bellevue.

I am a single dad with two wonderful children, Amy and Kyle, that also attend our incredible spiritual center. We love setting our intention daily by asking who is going to have a great day and who's going to be best version of themselves for the next 24 hours. We practice intentional gratitude each night by stating five things we are grateful for from that day. We then meditate to close our day.

I have a Bachelor of Science in aeronautical engineering and did some graduate work toward a master's in mathematics. I've worked as a HVAC testing technician, a substitute teacher, taught chess and have been in the restaurant industry for over 20 years, including passing the first level sommelier exam.

I serve on our Board of Trustees because our Center is important to me and my family. It feels right to give back in this way.