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Everybody counts in the U.S. Census

This month the U.S. Census is doing its big 10-year count of everyone who lives in the country. Everyone. And it doesn't matter if you're here without papers, if you're a baby or a student or can't speak English. The Census is completely confidential. It's against the law for U.S. Census workers to give information to other agencies about individuals who filled out the form. It's only 10 questions, yet there's so much at stake.

If you're counted, this community will receive its proper amount of federal funding for important social programs. If you're counted, we will have the proper number of representatives in the U.S. Congress (we hope). If you're a student, you live here at least nine months out of the year. You must count here, where you use the social programs and public funds that keep your highways in good shape and provide you health, heating and food assistance when you need it.

So fill out the form by April 1 and send it

from the desk of managing editor

Suzan Erem

in. It's easier than ever and it matters.

This month we highlight various women and women's issues in honor of Women's History Month in addition to other news. We hope you enjoy it and let us know what you think by writing to oped@voicesweb.org.

And please sign up early for our Spring Fun!Raiser Monday, March 22 at India Pavilion. This year we honor, for the first time, a Progressive of the Year—Mary Vollero of Bellefonte. Mary led the fight to require paper ballots to maintain the integrity of the election process. The awards committee had a tough time picking a single winner; we had to remind them there's always next year! That's a good sign that Progressive of the Year is something worth continuing so we can recognize those unsung heroes who work so hard to make this an even better place to live.

And just a couple of days before the Fun!Raiser is an important educational event the Unitarian Universalists and Voices are sponsoring on the state of healthcare legislation today. They've recruited me to emcee this event so please come, cheer or cheer and see what it's all about. They've assembled an

amazing group of experts from the medical and policy fields to have this discussion over breakfast at the Penn Stater March 20.

Tickets for both events are available at www.voicesweb.org.

Finally, special thanks to Hannah Abelbeck and Tamara Conrad for putting this issue of Voices to bed because I was

called out of town. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help produce the paper, so I hope you'll find some free time and see where you can plug in. I'm confident if we can keep this going as a volunteer enterprise for another year or so, we'll be able to begin paying a stipend to our hardworking writers and editors. But the heart and soul of Voices has always been its volunteer workforce, so please, drop a line and ask how you can help.

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