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# President's Letter

Hello Family and Friends,

Even now, in late October, I fondly remember falling asleep to the sound of drumming, of Bob Key's Community Soup & Bruce losing his voice during the auction, of midnight games of bocce, and the spiritual comradery of good friends and family uninterrupted by the daily grind. How long until we meet again?



I am amazed at how far we have come during my tenure as a member of the Board of Directors. Moving to a new site which had so much potential, making the hard decision to cancel Dragonfest during the year of so much fire devastation, discovering our roots, rebuilding our community, seeing the talent of our community blossom and emerge through workshops, rituals, shared meals, deep conversations, late night glow games, fire circles that went on forever, and morning coffee rituals.

One thing I learned again and again during my tenure: we are a beautiful spiritual family! It doesn't matter where we hang our hat or where the soup is poured as long as we do it together. 30 years ago, who had any idea of how our family would grow, the trials we would face, the healing we sought, the love we would encounter? It doesn't matter which Pagan Path one follows, as our family accepts and welcomes all. We are inclusive & welcoming, embracing our elders as much as we embrace our children as each of us have lots to learn from both ends of the spectrum and everyone in-between.

Every year I am blown away by what our wonderful staff and Director(s) of Operations have put together through their labor of love and dedication. Very rarely, in today's clime, can an entity remain as an only volunteer-run organization. This is simply due to the sheer love these folks have towards Dragonfest and their desire to see it remain a viable retreat for all. If you would like to join this fantastic staff, their first meeting for 2016 is January 16th, 10am at Full Moon Books.

Live creatively,

**-= Cece Thomas, Exiting President**