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NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

A Beacon of Light in the Northwoods

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Coming Sundays

Sunday, May 3, Hoyts, Barnes, Braunsteins,
Joan Hauer, Pat Buehler, Mollie West, Kay Lizee, Jerry Woolpy and hopefully many others
continue their bi-weekly study of Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism with
video lectures by Professor Robert Oden. Come and bring food. We may be in the wilderness
but we have no manna.

Sunday, May 10, Terry Hoyt.

Sunday, May 17, more Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism.

Sunday, May 24, Mary Ann Fields.

Sunday, May 31, Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism continued.

Sunday, June 7, Rabbi Dan Danson.

Sunday, June 14, Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism still.

Sunday, June 21, Jerry Woolpy.

Sunday, June 28, Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism yet again.

Sunday, July 5, Reverend Robert Reed.

Sunday, July 12, Christian Religions and Religious Fundamentalism continues.

Sunday, July 19, Reverend Max Gaebler.

Harrington Nominated for Presidential Role

"The challenge of an actress," says our own Pat Harrington, "is to interpret the character for the audience." She has done this admirably as Amanda in Tennessee Williams', "Glass Menagerie" and Claree in Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias," two of her favorite roles. Theater is Pat's fifth and present career. Before that she was a college administrator who founded and managed the Lakeland Campus of Nicolet College-- being named the first ever "Business and Professional Woman of the Year" along the way. She was a technical editor for Dun & Bradstreet in New York City and for the Human Resources Research Office of

George Washington University on the Presidio of Monterey, a librarian at Humboldt State College and then Rockford College, and before that a head of household who raised three children--without benefit of the presence of a father.

To add to her academic credentials of Bachelor of Philosophy--Aesthetics from Wells College, and Master of Library Science from the University of California at Berkeley, while serving in the President's Council at Nicolet, Pat was chosen to attend the world renown administrative leadership school of Harvard University.

The Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is Pat's fourth UU church and the one in which she is most at home. "This Fellowship is special for me and it is important for us to put energy and effort into making it special for everyone." Actors speak their lines as written, but with interpretation. They must be careful not to express their own character at the expense of the one in the script. Presidents, on the other hand, must preserve their own integrity in the role, although their leadership may be modeled on the previous fine examples such as we have had at our Fellowship. They need to listen carefully to all members of the congregation to get a measure of the collective consciousness rather than focus more narrowly on their own personal objectives. And, they need to be thoughtful in formulating goals.

Of course, not just the President, but all members of the Fellowship ought to listen to each other and share the responsibility of consensus building. Here are some of the ideas Pat thinks she has heard. Having founded ourselves and then built a sanctuary, it is time to consider what new and emergent purposes we might serve that are beyond immediate self-interest and in keeping with worldwide Unitarian Universalist doctrine. We may need a sort of "UU wounded baby elephant" on which to focus our energy. We should also have clear definitions of the responsibilities of each committee and office and stated procedures for making decisions and formulating policy. And, we ought to respect one another despite differences of opinion, style, and temperament.

The Nominating Committee, Marie Adams, Irma Braunstein, Bob Dallapiazza, and Tim Kratz, have selected a person with the spirit and will to lead us, a person with administrative experience, artistic sensitivity, and a devotion to duty. Though other nominations may be made at the annual meeting, May 29, when the election will be held, Pat Harrington is their choice and a good one. Thank you Marie, Irma, Bob, and Tim, for a difficult job well done.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held Friday, May 29. There will be a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. This is a very important meeting for our members to attend. Election of officers, approval of the budget for next year, and the sharing of ideas about the fellowship are some of the reasons to make sure we all attend. Thirty percent of the membership or 12 members, whichever is greater, shall form a quorum

according to our bylaws. The agenda for this meeting will be sent within the next few weeks.

Annual Committee Reports Due

The deadline for Annual Committee Reports is May 10. If you are a Committee Chair or if you are responsible for the report, please turn in the report to Diane by the deadline. The report should include an accounting of what your committee achieved this year and what goals are intended for the future. Thanks.

Social Action News

Joe Strauss has agreed to be the interim Social Action Chair. He urges anyone on the committee or anyone wanting to be on the committee to join for a brief meeting after the Sunday Service on May 10.

Calendar of Events:

May 10: Social Action Meeting after Sunday Service (see page 2)

May 10: Annual Committee Reports due (see page 2)

May 29: Annual Meeting (see page 2)

*June 6-8: Allerton 98: UU Women's Federation Retreat

*June 25-30: General Assembly in Rochester, NY

June 26-28 About Your Sexuality (AYS) Curriculum training, Madison, WI

*July 5-11: Lake Geneva UU Summer Assembly

*July 18-25: Midwest Leadership School, Beloit, WI

*July 19-25: Bayside Lake Geneva Summer Camp

Oct. 30-Nov 1: UU Women's Federation Fall Retreat, Lake Geneva, WI

Nov 7: CMD Fall Leadership Conference

Nov. 20-22: Conflict Management training for congregations, Crystal Lake IL

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Planning for Conflict Management in UU Fellowships

The next resource to be field tested this November by the UUA is a workshop on developing and implementing a congregational plan for dealing with conflicts. Societies will be asked to send teams ranging in size from three to six participants. The field test is scheduled for November 20-22 at Lakeside Center in Crystal Lake IL. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis to the first ten congregations that indicate interest. If we as a fellowship would be interested in this event, and you think that at least three of our members

would attend, please contact Diane, 282-5400.

A New Look!

Take a look at the **kitchen** at the fellowship and you will see the product of hard work. We now have a new dishwasher, range and range hood. Thanks to the efforts of Marie and George Adams and Bob Dallapiazza, our gatherings will be safer by reducing the risk of contamination from improperly washed dishes. An anonymous donor presented us with a new range/oven and the dishwasher and rangehood were funded by the building and grounds committee budget. Marie and George spent many hours researching the most cost-effective units and then donated several days off in order to install the new items. Bob was ever present in the decision making process. Thanks so much to all of you.

A Call for Stories

Skinner House is publishing a story anthology called "Stories of Principle". They are calling for previously unpublished stories by UU's (youth or adult) which:

- 1) Illustrate one of the following principles: the inherent worth and dignity of every person, a search for truth, a world community based on peace, liberty and justice.
- 2) Reflect human diversity
- 3) Incorporate dramatic and/or participatory "storytelling" elements
- 4) Are 1-3 pages (double-spaced) in length. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. Send to Colleen M. McDonald, Editor, 417 N. Rockford Ave., Rockford, IL 61107.

NUU Words

Pat Buehler

Sesquicentennial Sensitivity

Pat Buehler

For a dandy prize arrange the following Wisconsin events in chronological order? Give entries to Pat or send them to her at P.O. Box 885, Woodruff.

- A) Wisconsin is first state to ratify the Women's Suffrage Amendment to the US Constitution.
- B) Dillinger has shootout at Little Bohemia.
- C) Milwaukee turns sewage sludge into lawn fertilizer.
- D) Curly Lambeau starts the Green Bay Packers.
- E) Robert La Follette becomes governor.
- F) Work begins on State Capital Building.
- G) Wisconsin is third state to abolish capital punishment.

In 1634, French explorer Jean Nicolet landed in "Green Bay" in search of:

- A) season tickets to the Packers,
- B) an affordable college for his kids,
- C) a Northwest passage for a slow boat to China,
- D) the Mississippi River,
- E) a good domestic brie he could sell in France.

Notes From the President

Diane Reupert

Anyone not present at the April 25th Service really missed a powerful message. The children of our fellowship under the guidance of Dawn Holt and Andrea Billings gave a very talented, thoughtful program on racism. It was evident to the audience that the children put a lot of their own ideas and talents into the production to present the idea that racism is present within our own church community. The younger children demonstrated that we are all connected to the web of life. We were more than a little proud of our youth...we were bursting with pride! Thank you Dawn, Andrea and our children of the fellowship.

NUUs Travels

Joan Hauer, Travel Editor

Featured in each edition will be the travel of the UU's, the globetrotters who wish to share their insights, as well as tips on great day or weekend possibilities. A favorite place only just a few hours away may be news to others, just a pleasant day or weekend.

Strauss's are currently in China, more about that next time.

Martha and Fred Urban returned from an architecturally focused tour mainly in London and nearby, Renaissance to Tudor periods. They also enjoyed the theatre, Invitation to Love by Tom Stoppard, the London Symphony, and the musical, Chicago. Martha shared her cough with the group, but both had a wonderful time, a preview of spring.

The Braunsteins traveled to Oregon for a variety of Elderhostels covering the flora and fauna to Shakespeare. One segment dealt with the art of the WPA period, another memoir writing presented by a Dubliner. Paul kept count on the UUs represented, faculty and colleagues--quite impressive numbers.

If you are traveling anytime between apple blossom time and late fall in the Fond du Lac area, take a little time to stop at the Little Farmer. A third generation strawberry farm and orchard, it also is an exciting place to take children or just enjoy a few hours.

Late 19th Century--early 20th Century buildings house a craft shop, also displays local art shows, Suzuki performers, a terrace to overlook the courtyard. Activities lead off to the gazing zoo, maize maze, hayrides, and pumpkin picking in season. The Bakery in the Sorting building features apple pie and muffins, a treat for the senses. The owner, Linda Struye, lived in Europe and North Africa for several years and has brought a lot of charm back, which is readily seen. The fruit is good too. It's located on highway 151, about eight miles north of Fond du Lac.

Let me hear about your trips and favorite places. JH

Children's R.E. News

Dawn Holt

Racism and prejudice, the theme of this year's RE classes was also the theme of the annual children's program presented Sunday, April 26. Besides giving the program, children cleaned the building, acted as greeters and provided the snacks. Racism and prejudice has been the subject of RE classes this year. (See tribute in Notes from the President.)

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs for summer session volunteers. We will need adults to supervise and provide activities during services. There are curriculum books available or you can use your own ideas.

May 24, the children will be planting their flower boxes in front of the fellowship. All children should bring in flowers to plant that morning.

Social Activities

Marie Adams

I am looking for volunteers to organize activities they are interested in scheduling. In the past we have gone to The Big Top Chautauqua, The Duluth Symphony, Northern Lights Playhouse. We have had bicycle rides, canoe trips, family fun days, nature hikes. Who would

like to do what in the coming months? Please let me know what you would like to organize for the Fellowship (479-9886).

UU Youths & Young Adults

Cora Holt gave her first solo and entered an ensemble competition. She performed piano, trumpet, and voice solos! Not only did she enjoy it, but got some "firsts."

On the Lakeland Nordic Ski Team Claire Polfus improved her times and techniques. She's proud of this and so are we.

At the Lakeland Union High School Solo and Ensemble Festival, Amy Holt participated in several oboe and piano events and she qualified to go on the state level in piano and with the woodwind quintet. For her oboe solo Amy was accompanied by Joyce Barnes.

Andrea Winkler played French horn in the district solo ensemble contest. She got first in the duet!

Amy Kratz competed at Merrill in piano. To do this she had to memorize and perform three pieces and take a theory test.

Claire and Jean Polfus, Megan Kratz, Cora Holt, and Daniella Teodoro-Dier will be performing with the Lakeland Middle School Honors Band on Monday, May 4 at Lakeland Union High School.

Cora Holt is a member of a problem-solving group called Odyssey of the Mind that performs skits at North Lakeland Elementary School as part of its competition.

The girl's Badger State Soccer team including Cora Holt, Jean and Claire Polfus, Megan and Amy Kratz, has begun practice.

And so have track teams that include Jean and Clare Polfus, Megan and Amy Kratz, Melanie Cyra, Sara and Andrea Winkler.

Steven and Melanie Cyra both won Most Valuable awards for this year's performances with the Lakeland Swim Club.

Racism Seminars Conclude

Lee Zausner organized a series of readings and videotapes followed by pithy discussions that heightened our awareness of the subtleties of racial prejudice. Joan Hauer, Pat Buehler, Pat Harrington, Erbs, Braunsteins, Barnes, Urbans, Hoyts, Adams, Strausses and Jerry Woolpy in various combinations came together for four evenings this year to partake of Studs Terkel's interviews [Race: How Blacks and Whites Think and Feel About the American Obsession](#), Clarence Page's [Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity](#), an NBC TV documentary, "Why Can't We Live Together," and a video documentary, "In Whose Honor," about the campaign of Native American, Charleen Teeters, illustrating the misuse of Indian mascots by schools and professional athletic teams.

On the subject of racial prejudice and what we might do about it, Harley Erbs pointed out the following thoughtful commentary by David Shipler, from the Washington Spectator,

"Opponents of affirmative action believe that prejudice and discrimination have diminished enough to have leveled the playing field for non-whites. The argument holds that affirmative action introduces unfairness and demeans non-whites by suggesting that they could not succeed without it... It is designed in principle to require that the best candidates be recruited from groups that have suffered discrimination. Nothing in the concept calls for the acceptance of unqualified people. Yet managers have been so skittish about lawsuits or so eager to prove themselves non-racist that they have pushed certain black employees into jobs where they have floundered. That has played to the age-old stereotype of blacks as less competent than whites... But it is wise to remember that...the assumption that blacks were less able was a major reason that affirmative action was needed to overcome the obstacles to admitting, hiring and promoting them..."

Thanks Lee for organizing a good seminar.

Other Generosities

Jensen Hardware of Conover provided a range and dishwasher at very very good price.

Many contributed to a successful Seder service and meal, April 10. The program was organized and presented by Paul Braunstein and Jerry Woolpy. George and Marie Adams brought grape juice, Don and Joyce Barnes--turkeys and tsimes, Irma Braunstein--soup, Harley and Ruth Erbs--Haroset, Pat Harrington--eggs, Toni Polfus--eggs, Anna Marie Beckel--eggs, Joan Hauer--wine, Ron and Mary B. Good--wine, Terry and Teri Hoyt--wine, Roger and Sue Smith--wine, Joe and Bev Strauss--soup, Myvle and Dawn Wasko--wine.

NUU Tee Shirts @ \$10 and Sweatshirts @ \$15 and up depending on thickness are available in lots of colors. Order from Jerry Woolpy.

Vision Retreat Notes (See enclosed)

Deadline for next NUUSLETTER

June 7. Bring materials to Jerry at the June 7th service, send them to arrive before June 7th at P.O Box 483, Minocqua, WI 54548 or email them to jerryw@earlham.edu. We still need restaurant reviewers, fishing guides, "Ask the Reverend," movie reviewers, book reviewers, music reviewers, play reviewers. There will be affirmative action for youth and young adult volunteers. Thanks to Joan Hauer, Pat Buehler, Dawn Holt, Diane Rupert, Marie Adams, Joe Strauss, and Harley Erbs for contributing to this issue.

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