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CALENDAR

Saturday, May 22
8:00 p.m.-- Play readers, Mona Birong's, 509 Glen Dr.

Sunday, May 23
10:00 a.m.--"Our Religious Linguistic Luggage", Barb Park
10:00 a.m.--Religious Education classes

Monday, May 24
7:30 p.m. --Old & new Prairie Board members meet at Jallings, 4761 Schneider Rd., Rt. 1, Oregon.

Thursday, May 27
5:00 p.m. --Memorial service for Margaret Mainser. Potluck following.

Saturday & Sunday, May 29 & 30
Memorial weekend canoe trip--call Dick Bonser 274-3248, if interested.

Sunday, May 30
10:00 a.m. -Family film: "An Occurance at Owl Creek Bridge"
Nursery care available.

Saturday, June 5
6:00 p.m. --Teens Pizza Party. See story.

Sunday, June 6
10:00 a.m. -Family service: Annual Recognition Program for R.E. Teachers and others.

WELCOME GEOFF BONSER

On May 9, Geoff Bonser, son of Julie and Dick Bonser became a Prairie member by signing the membership book. We're glad to have you as one of us Geoff.

R.E. CORNER

The mystery of the large papier-mache balls made several weeks ago by the 3rd and 4th grade class is now solved. They were the largest planets of the solar system, all of which are now hanging in the classroom. The relative size of our little Earth (the blue ball) to huge Saturn and Jupiter is indeed dramatized. The sun is represented in one corner, but the class tells me that the whole room represents the size of the sun relative to the planets as they are shown. The group also learned how the Greeks developed names for the planets. We are indebted to Carol and Bob Dopp for carrying out this interesting project with the group.

The recorder group provided a very special treat for the church school Sharing Circle on May 8. Each instrument was described by the player, and a few notes illustrated the differences in pitch and tone of the soprano, alto, tenor, and bass recorders. Megan Kroeger's flute added a special dimension, and we also learned that she has been playing the flute since the age of 9. A number of the children mentioned instruments they play or are learning to play. The recorder group played on piece written about the time the Pilgrims were first arriving on this continent, and also a modern, very lively piece.

Pat Cautley

A memorial service for Margaret Mainser is being planned for Thursday, May 27, 5 p.m. at Prairie. It will be followed by a potluck. She was a member of First Society before her husband died but attended Prairie with the Grindrods for several years.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE MAY 30

ATTENTION SINGLES!

The Lake Geneva Singles Week (June 27 to July 3) has developed out of a 12-year experiment in building community among single UU's and friends.

Mornings are spent in an on-going small group--a personal growth group or discussion or play-reading. Our own Dorothy Lee will lead a discussion group exploring issues of social action in our daily lives. Other groups include "Beyond Roles: Experiencing Self"; "Gestalt Encounter"; "Movement, Creativity, and Personal Growth"; "Concerns about Sexuality"; "Self Awareness and Intimacy"; and play-reading. (Dorothy's title is "Beyond Talk: Taking Responsibility For the World".)

Afternoons and evenings are available for all sorts of land and water activities, and for interest groups spontaneously offered by campers--volley ball, Sufi dancing, orienteering, music, discussions. People share and teach their special enthusiasms. Evenings include folk dancing, a cabaret, social dancing, picnics. Some people use time for quiet reading, but there is always something going on--something that does not require being part of a couple.

The cost, including everything, is $190 to $250 for the week.

For more information, get a brochure from Prairie's literature rack or phone Dorothy or Mary Lou Diehl.

DAVE ZAKEM RECEIVES UUA LAW SCHOLARSHIP

The UUA Stanfield Scholarship is for people who want to use a law degree in a way which will further humanitarian concerns and personal freedom as advocated by the UUA. Scholarships range from $500 to $2000.

Letters of support are needed from local UU presiding officers or ministers and from someone who can attest to the candidates scholastic ability. The candidates must provide an essay on their reason for pursuing a law degree.

Dave Zakem has received a $2000 scholarship. Betty Jallings and George Calden wrote letters of recommendation for Dave. Congratulations!

UUA URGES MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR HOSPICE

Unitarian Universalists are being urged to give their support to HR 5180 / S 1958, now before the Congress, which would allow terminally ill patients to choose hospice care and receive Medicare payment for the service. At present such patients must be cared for in a hospital in order to be covered.

Letters to Congressional representatives are suggested.

SUMMER CHILD CARE

During the summer, there is no regular Sunday school. We do, though, need two people to plan activities for the children each Sunday. The group is usually small and its a good way to meet some of Prairie's younger membership. A sign-up sheet will be passed around.

Following are the Sundays we will be at Prairie: June 13 & 20; July 4, 11, 18, & 25; and Aug. 1. We have leaders for July 4, 11 & 18. We need helpers for all Sundays and leaders for the other Sunday dates.

A PRAIRIE TREK TO PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION?

Carolyn Briggs is planning a group trip to the St. Paul based Saturday afternoon radio program broadcast live from Lake Woebegon, for the weekend of June 19. She will be buying a block of tickets (@$4.00?) Prairie members who wish to go should call her at 258-9696.

GUINEA PIG FOSTER HOME NEEDED!

David Lake is very much in need of a loving home for his two UU award winning guinea pigs (and babies???) for the summer. Food and cages provided, along with modest pay. If interested, please call David, 238-1647.

TEEN PIZZA PARTY PLANNED

There will be a pizza party for teens 14 to 18 on June 5, 1982 at 6:00 at Prairie. We will be making our own pizza in addition to fun and discussion of forming a youth group. If you would like to come, call either Goeff Bonser or Casey Steinau.

BAILLYS ANNOUNCE A SON

Barbara and Whit Bailly, of 1922 Edgebrook Dr., Palatine, Ill. 60067, are the parents of a son, Henri Carl Bailly, born April 23.

Barbara is a Prairie member who moved to Palatine last year. Congratulations!

The Radiant Crabapple planted May 16, 1982 is dedicated to my mother and father who gave me a loving and happy environment to grow. I hope the Prairie environment will be likewise loving and helpful for it's growth.

Rachel Siegfried

Diane Molveig has had a photograph accepted for exhibit in the Madison Art Center biennial exhibit opening Friday, May 21.

Rachel Siegfried and Dorothy Lee are looking for a roommate as of June 1. Anyone interested can call them at 271-2173.

TWO PRAIRIANS WILL ATTEND UN RALLY

Lee Bullen and Les Lyons are planning to attend the rally at the United Nations in New York City on June 12. The bus will leave on Friday, June 11 from the Memorial Union in Madison and return on Sunday, June 13. Bus tickets are $69.00 and are still available from Les.

It has been reported that the Milwaukee Unitarian Universalist Society will be sending a bus load to the rally.

FIRST SOCIETY'S ORIGINAL PEWS ON SALE

The original fir plywood bench-pews, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright specifically for the First Unitarian Meeting House are being offered for sale to private individuals.

Fabricated by Taliesin apprentices during the later stages of the building project, the benches have been in constant use for nearly thirty years. They have recently been replaced by new benches which followed the original design concept.

No other known Wright-designed public building from the same period, except for the Pfeiffer Chapel in Lakeland, Florida, had such an extensive use of plywood bench seating. The Florida examples have been replaced by theater type seating making those from the Meeting House that much more rare and unique.

The benches, which have been branded on the under side with an authenticating seal, are priced at $175. Full documentation is included with every purchase including an authentic Ezra Stoller photo of the Meeting House interior from 1952.

The benches can be seen at First Society. For additional information call 233-9774.

PRAIRIE DIRECTORY GOES TO PRESS

As Prairie Fire is being finished, the annual Directory is nearing completion and should be available at Sunday's meeting. If at that time it is not completed, it has been suggested that we have a work party to do the assembling and stapling.

Besides the listing of members and friends, the booklet will contain the by-laws of the society, a listing of adult activities, and a short history of Prairie.

(Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, continued)

Cranston, a possible candidate for the 1984 Presidency. Cranston fought to keep the Peace Corps intact and separate from ACTION which was being dismantled by the Reagan administration.

Cranston is a strong advocate for minorities, labor, environment and women's rights, and a strong opponent of Reagonomics and military buildup. Cranston will speak on Friday, June 4 at 7:30 P.M. in the Humanities Building lecture hall (see "Today in the Union" for room assignment). A reception will follow at St. Paul's.

The conference will focus on strategies to affect international issues from local communities. Resolutions will be generated which will be used to influence legislators and constituency groups concerned about international issues.

Participants have enrolled from all around the Midwest. The conference is open to returned Peace Corps Volunteers and anyone interested in the well-being of other cultures.

Participants will be able to gain an update on current international issues and policies, learn strategies to influence international policy, develop connections with other concerned people and share areas of interest and expertise. Several well-known experts on international affairs will be panelists in the workshops. A final plenary session will be held by Alan and Judith Guskin, returned Peace Corps Volunteers, Thailand. Alan Guskin is currently Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Contact Dave Zakem, 836-6633, for more information.

TRIP TO ST. PAUL FOR PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION

Carolyn Briggs reports that she has 15 tickets sold for the Prairie Home Companion radio program but she still has 3 more at $4.00 each. If you are interested in getting 1-3 tickets, see her soon as the date for the program is Saturday, June 19. She reports that the program starts at 4:45 P.M. but the doors open at 4:30. She has directions for finding the studio.

No plans have been made for a group activity but if the weather is good, a picnic would be a possibility and after the program a "coffee house" or "tavern" get together are suggestions.

FLASH! LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

The anti-abortion foes have succeeded in getting the Assembly to add this issue to the special session--so it is extremely important that you get in touch with your Wisconsin Assembly and Senate representatives. Social Action Committee

FUNDS FOR SALVADORAN REFUGEES

Dear Ms. Chapru:

Many thanks for your note of May 4th and for the $133 you sent us for Salvadoran refugees. The money will be matched by the Veatch program and therefore doubled...and it will be used by groups working with refugees in El Salvador, like the Green Cross and a church group called ASESAH.

Just last week, unfortunately, two days after delivering some of the funds to the Green Cross personally (by our Human Rights Development Director, John McAward), the director of that organization was kidnapped from his home in San Salvador. His whereabouts are unknown and we fear the worst.

I knew this man personally, as well, having met him while on one of the UUSC investigatory missions with members of the US Congress last August; it was he and a colleague who then took me and another member of our team to visit refugee camps in the war zone. We are deeply saddened by his disappearance.

We thank you very much for your support.

Peace and good wishes....Warren Salingen
Associate Director
UU Service Committee

Judy Spring plans to travel for a year beginning September 1, doing organizing and leadership training for NOW chapters in the south. Prairie will cosponsor her project through the Social Action Committee. Judy hopes to support her activity partly through privat donations. Prairie members, or others, may contribute by sending a check payable to the Social Action Committee to Les Lyons, 827 Dane St., Madison, WI 53713.

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO HEAR SENATOR CRANSTON: PUBLIC INVITED

Midwest Conference "Local Strategies for International Issues" sponsored by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin, Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will take place June 4-6 at the Wisconsin Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Keynote address will be given by Senator Alan

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FROM THE CLIPBOARDS

BUILDING CLEANUP

June 6--Carol & Bob Dopp
13--Marty & Susie Drapkin and Jennifer
20--Norma Martin, Jean Quay
27--Sauk City meeting

KITCHEN CLEANUP

June 6--Aileen Nettleton, Bob West
13--John & Shirley Grindrod
20--Bob Park, ???
27--Sauk City meeting

LAWN MOWING
(2 week period)

Weeks of
June 13--Al Nettleton
June 27--Nelsons
July 11--Vetzner
25--Warren Hagstrom
Aug. 8-- ???
22--Carol& Bob Dopp
Sept. 5--Rick Bosd
19--Jim Lake
Oct. 3--Bob Park

SUMMER CHILD CARE

Two people to work with the children on the following Sundays :

	Teacher	Helper
June 13	????	????
June 20	Beryl Gordon	????
July 4	Megan Kroeger	????
July 11	Aileen Nettleton	Gail Ostler
18	Dianne Molvig	Susan Drapkin
25	Alice Bullen	Lee Bullen
Aug. 8	????	?????

A word for those who are responsible for the children's program during the summer: I am leaving a special box containing the most frequently requested supplies on the first counter in the supply room, and am also leaving a list on the bulletin board as to the location of other materials. There is an excellent book describing all sorts of creative activities (things to make and do) for all ages of children in the top right hand desk drawer in case you need some ideas.

Pat Cautley