CALENDAR

* Sunday, September 26
10:00 a.m. AN INSIDERS VIEW OF THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES -- Gina Cowell*

Sunday, October 3
10:00 a.m. WICCA: LIFE-AFFIRMING WITCHCRAFT and its relevance today -- Selena Fox and Jim Alan from Circle Farm - an Aquarian Age Resource Center.

11:30 a.m. Class Picnic for Children and Families in "A Place of One's Own" Program. 11:30-2:00 Marlborough Park

Saturday, October 9
7:30 p.m. Dances and Art of the Philippines-- with the Philippine Dance Troupe. A family evening. Philippine snacks will be provided. $1.50 adults - $.50 children.

Sunday, October 10
10:00 a.m. SOCIOBIOLOGY - A FEMINIST CRITIQUE -- Prof. Ruth Bleier, U.W. Medical School

Friday, Sat. and Sun. October 15-17
Upham Woods Retreat (See registration form further on in this issue of Prairie Fire)

*Gina Cowell is of Filipino descent, who was born and raised in the Philippines. Her presentation will be a lead in to the Philippine night on October 9.

R.E. CORNER

An innovation this year is to identify each class by its theme rather than by the grade levels of the children in it. "A Place of One's Own" (K-2), the largest of all the groups, has found the large room really helpful. They have decorated their room with animal pictures and last Sunday began making a "little house" for a special object each brought.

Clara Barton's fascinating life is the first one to be introduced in the "Heroines and Heroes" class. In talking about Clara Barton's almost single-handed nursing during the early part of the Civil War, Shirley Grindrod taught the children some simple but essential first-aid techniques. They are reading a skit describing some of the unusual situations with which this remarkable woman coped, and hopefully will present it to the younger class.

More about the oldest group, "UU and YOU" next time.

Pat Cautley

BUILDING WORKDAY -- Sunday, Sept. 26, 1:00-5 p.m.

We have several jobs that need to be done around the building. Thus we have set aside the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 26 as a workday to get some of these jobs done. The jobs include screening the outbuilding, carpet shampooing, front step repair, grounds work, trim painting, etc. To get these jobs done we must have volunteers. Also, we will need paint brushes, shovels, rakes, hammers, paint scrapers and other hand tools. If you have such tools please bring them.

See y'all on the 26th.

Building Committee
UPHAM WOODS RETREAT, OCT. 15-17, 1982 - REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks out to Prairie U-U Society. Fees and Registration Form must be received no later than October 12, by Shirley Czoschke, 2320 Rowley Ave. 53705. We want as many members as possible to attend, regardless of their financial circumstances; therefore some scholarships have been budgeted. If you will need a full or partial scholarship, or have any questions regarding registration, contact Shirley - 238 5073. For questions regarding the Program call Joyce Crim - 258 4051.

YOUR NAME _________________________ TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED _________________________

ADDRESS _________________________ Zip ______ Phone _________________________

Camp Upham Woods will not provide a meal or coffee Friday Night.
WE WILL HAVE OUR USUAL POTLUCK MEAL.

For computation of fees, youths are persons under age 18.

FEES FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND
(Two nights and five meals)

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CAMP UPHAM WOODS is operated by UW Extension for the state 4H system and is also available to groups like Prairie. It is on the WI River near WI Dells and includes a nature preserve, opportunities for canoeing and outdoor & indoor games. There are strict rules against alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, firearms, etc. on camp premises. We are responsible for the conduct of our members. We are also responsible for cleaning up when we leave and for setting tables & serving meals—but not for washing dishes!
PRAIRIE PLEDGE

The 1981-82 Prairie Pledge year runs from October 1, 1981 through September 30, 1982. Monies pledged should be monies paid within the pledge year. As of the end of August, only 60% of the pledges have been paid! Because 40% of the pledges are still outstanding, we are experiencing severe cash flow problems. To meet the last mortgage payment, we had to borrow from our Capital Fund.

Please help us meet our 1981-82 expenditure obligations. At the end of September, we would like to be able to close the books on 1981-82 and look forward to 1982-83. Checks should be labeled 1981-82 pledge and sent to:

Nina Mattarella
636 Sheldon Street
Madison, WI 53711

Questions about amounts outstanding should be directed to Gail Ostler, 241-7105.

MORE ON RELIGION AND MONEY

In 1920, Clarence Darrow and his wife went on an Old World vacation. While they were looking at the Sea of Galilee in Palestine, an Arab boatman offered to row them to the place where Jesus had walked on the water.

"How much will you charge for rowing us over?" asked Darrow.

"Fifteen dollars," answered the boatman.

"No wonder Jesus walked!" growled Darrow.

FOR NEW PEOPLE AT PRAIRIE

Are you new at Prairie this fall? Or been around awhile and still not feeling at home among us? Then come to a series of three orientation meetings, taking place in Oct.

Basically, we would like to get to know you and have you meet other new people as well as active members in Prairie. Together we will be exploring our own religious roots and learning something about the history and organization of Prairie and our Unitarian-Universalist denomination.

The first meeting will be held Monday evening, October 11, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. If you are interested just sign your name and telephone number on the sign up sheet on the table in our meeting room. Or call Barb Park, 635-7519 or Ruth Calden, 233-5717. Dates of future meetings are somewhat negotiable. More details later.

IMMINENT SINGLES RESURRECTION IMMINENT

Ideas for a new UU singles group, to be sponsored jointly by Prairie and First Society, are beginning to take shape. Recently a few folks from our two societies mulled over some possibilities, and were intrigued most by the potential of the "Discovery" program developed at several other UU societies -- a format that combines sociability (the usual refreshments and entertainment) with some serious discussion of topics of interpersonal interest. The next planning meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the home of Pat Becker, 3102 Bluff St. Apt. 4 (233-0408), beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck supper. If you would like to join in the planning, come along and bring some food to share.

CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT

A UU Women's retreat will be held at the George Williams College Campus in Lake Geneva, WI on November 5-7. The details of this interesting conference will be posted on the bulletin board.

Also - the Annual Meeting of the Central Midwest District will take place at the First Church in Chicago (Hyde Park) on Nov. 12-14.

A REMINDER

Rachel Siegfried wants everyone to know that she is doing alterations, sewing and (new) decorating for her livelihood. If you have a project you'd like done, call Rachel at 271-2173. Almost anything is possible says Rachel.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS -- UNITED NATIONS

The Sept. issue of the UUA-United Nations Office's "Window on the World" contains a succint summary and evaluation of the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament, including a "report card" on the few helpful and the many obstructive contributions of the U.S., Canada, and the USSR toward the unhappy outcome of that crucial UN session. There is also the full text of the speech by Rev. Nikkyo Niwano, the president of the International Association for Religious Freedom (which represented the UUA). Rev. Niwano announced that the Japanese Buddhist group, Rissho Kosei Kai will contribute one million dollars over the coming year for the promotion of world disarmament. Now there's something for Prairie to emulate!

You can help the UFW boycott of Red Coach Lettuce by helping picket Eagle Food Stores. Call me for more information - 271-5743.

Les Lyons
BELIEVE IT OR NOT... BY... the Cookbook Committee!

The cookbook is about to go to press! It is shaping up into a very pleasing package, with the combination of all Prairie's favorite recipes, popular circle-dinner entrees, and the favorite quotations Prairie members all submitted so long ago... plus the refreshing results of most of Prairie's artists, each approach very individual, and each represented in a different section of the cookbook. There are nine sections, and an expected volume of 300 pages! Each section is to have a colored title-page, and the whole will be plastic spiral-bound, with a water-resistant cover. It will be a pleasure to own, and make a fine gift for holiday giving.

Since funds are needed in advance to purchase the paper and other needs printing will require, we are offering a price break for those ordering with pre-payment. Paid in advance the price is $8.00. Those waiting until the Craft 'n Bake Sale will pay $10.00. Remember that the Cookbook is a fund-raiser for the benefit of Prairie, and so ultimately, of you. Use the order form below, and mail, or give in person with your payment, to Metje Butler or Rachel Siegfried.

Cookbook Order Form:

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Date: _______________ Number of copies ordered $8.00 ______
                                           Number of copies ordered $10.00 ______
Amount enclosed: ____________________________ (make checks to Prairie U.U. Society)

Mail to: Metje Butler
         2115 E. Mifflin St.
         Madison, WI. 53704