Prairie Fire newsletter of PRARIE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

...As the prairie stretches out until it becomes one with the sky, let us reach out to touch and be one with the natural world and with one another.—PRAIRIE’S BOND OF UNION

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 21
10:00 a.m.--WORK SUNDAY -- see story
Noon potluck

MONDAY, JULY 22
5 - 7 p.m.--Program Committee & potluck at Mary Mullen's, 4337 Milford (½ block from Prairie) see July 2 Prairie Fire for agenda

SATURDAY, JULY 27
8:00 p.m.--FAREWELL PARTY FOR MATARELLA-MICKE'S at Nettleton's (see story)

SUNDAY, JULY 28
NO SERVICE AT PRAIRIE
10:00 a.m.--Bike trip to Sharon Scrattish's Mt. Horeb home (see story)
12:00 noon--Potluck

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
PLAYREADER'S ORGANIZATIONAL LUNCHEON MEETING
The place and time will be announced in the next newsletter. Call Pat Watkins if you are interested in attending. If you are new to Prairie, please check the entry under "Adult Activity Directory" on page 32 of the 1985 Prairie Directory.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-15
PLAYREADER'S MYSTERY WEEKEND IN CHICAGO
Save this date and join us for a fun two days in the Windy City. (see story)

BIKE (OR CAR) TRIP TO SHARON SCRATTISH'S
Bicyclists should meet at the head of Military Ridge Bike Trail (across from the Dane Co. Hospital & Home) at 10:00 a.m. Someone will be there to take your potluck contributions to Mt. Horeb by automobile. This trip and the potluck at Sharon's is scheduled for Sunday, July 28. Sharon lives at 403 N. 4th St., Mt. Horeb.

FAREWELL PARTY
Mel Micke, Nina Matarella and family are moving in August to East Lansing, Michigan. Nina will be enrolled in Medical School. Both have served Prairie quietly as Treasurers, church school teachers, and in many other ways and have been good friends. Come join us at the Nettleton's to send them off on Saturday, July 27 starting at 8 p.m. Please bring food or drink to share. The Nettleton's live at 645 Sheldon St.

WORK-SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21
The WORK-SUNDAY scheduled for July 21 will start at 10:00 a.m. and include a potluck lunch. There will be plenty of jobs available for as many as can be there. A partial list: weeding flower beds, mowing, shrub trimming, cleaning chairs and windows, cleaning and waxing any floors that need it. For more information call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173 or Dan Laux at 274-0916.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: JULY 28
PLAYREADER'S MYSTERY WEEKEND IN CHICAGO

The Blackstone Theater in Chicago is home to the long running (more than three years) mystery drama entitled Sheer Madness. Obviously, the public loves the show. Add to this the fact that the Blackstone Hotel is celebrating its 75th anniversary by matching its price for a single or double room to its opening year (that's right, $19.10 for a double room). We plan to go early on Saturday, September 14 and return early Sunday evening. Theater tickets are $17.75, and we might take in the Art Institute, some shopping, a jazz club, etc.

If you would like to be included, call Pat Watkins at 233-5795 (evenings). We MUST get room and theater reservations made A.S.A.P. Then, the participants can meet and decide on transportation and other activities.

FIRST INVITES PRAIRIE CAMPERS TO WYALUSING

Prairie campers - come join UU's from First Society in Madison and Peoples in Cedar Rapids, IA for a campout Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien. Contact Faye, the double agent from Iowa at 251-5427 or Bill at 273-4843 for more information on the fun.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY HANDBOOK

Prairie has recently received a copy of the UUA's Resolutions and Resources, a social responsibility handbook, a looseleaf bound collection of more than 25 years of resolutions adopted by the association. In addition the book contains lists of resources relevant to each of the resolutions. At the head of each section references to related subjects covered under other resolutions are given.

The handbook should be useful in planning Prairie's services throughout the year and in relating our social action committee activities to the UUA stands on current issues.

NAME CHANGE FOR YOUR PRAIRIE DIRECTORY

I would like to announce that my name has officially been changed from Kathy Laux to Kathy Werner and that I have recently opened my own business - "The Fabric Fanatics" featuring unique fabric art.

MEDICARE CHANGES DEVASTATING TO ELDERLY

President Reagan has once again dealt a blow to the elderly. The Administration has cut $443 Million in five years from the Home Health Budget.

The implications of this are devastating when you consider the changes in Medicare reimbursement guidelines known as DRG's (Diagnosis Related Group).

Medicare pays hospitals a pre-determined amount for each diagnosis on admission. If you are admitted for hip replacement surgery and there are complications post-op, they won't pay any more. This means that you end up paying OR you are sent home a little sicker than you would have been under the old guidelines and this throws you into the Home Health Care system!

If this seems outrageous to you, let Kastenmeier, Proxmire and Kasten know it Judy Skog (273-4813)

MAX APPRECIATION FUND

In recognition of his thirty-three years of service to First Unitarian Society the congregation has established a fund to supplement the retirement income of Max Gaebler when he steps down as minister within the next couple of years. Specific uses of the fund will be to provide an office space independent of the church building and to assist him in continuing denominational involvement.

Since many members of Prairie are former First Society parishioners, they may wish to be a part of this effort. Contributions should be sent to the First Society Foundation, marked for Max Appreciation Fund, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison 53705. Contributions are tax deductible.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Brent and Dayle Haglund are now at their home in Madison. The new address is: 2805 Sylvan Ave., Madison WI 53705. Their home phone is 233-5199. Brent's office number at the Nature Conservancy is 251-8140 and Dayle's office number is 837-2541 Ext 257 in the Sun Prairie Schools.

We have had a change of address for Richard F. Baker. His new address is: 122 E Gilman St. #406, Madison WI 53703.

REMININDER

Your pledge checks should now be sent to Megan Christensen at 1902 Fisher St., Madison, WI 53713.