

Prairie Fire

newsletter of

PRAIRIE 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, DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 a.m.--Choir practice
10:00 a.m.--SOUND AND SILENCE: The Tuning of the World, Elisabeth Jones with guest, Neal Ewers, Director of Inner Vision, Inc. See story. George & Ruth Calden will provide Andean music.
11:30 a.m.--Noon lunch: Jim Novak will make soup for all. Please bring bread or beverage to share.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 2-4:30p.m.--Youth Group - roller skating
See story for details.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00 a.m.--Choir practice
9:00-11:30-NIFTY GIFTY for all children
10:00 a.m.--CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: THE RATIONAL-IST AND THE MYSTIC. Is the gap between these traditional antagonists narrowing? Elisabeth Jones. (Service cancelled on Dec. 1 due to bad weather - rescheduled here.)
7:30-10:30p.m.--FUN-RAISER: FELLOWSHIP & SING-ALONG at Red Shed Tavern, 406 N Francis. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share. 50% of bar proceeds to go to Prairie. See story.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:30 p.m.--Prairie Board Meeting at Prairie. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 5-7 p.m.-- Program Committee Meeting and pot-luck at Mary Mullen's, 4337 Milford Rd.

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R.E. CORNER

Nursery - On December 8 the little ones will continue with their craft projects decorating barnboards. They also have individual play and group stories or games each week. On December 15 they will hold their own NIFTY GIFTY from 9:00-11:30 in their preschool rooms.

K-1-2 - REQUEST FOR PARENTS: Before the December 8 class, please discuss with your child your plans for Christmas, then write the plans on a card that they can bring to class. They will discuss families and homes over the holidays, and will make decorations. On December 15 they will take part in the NIFTY GIFTY from 9:00 - 11:30; parents of kindergarteners only should plan to assist their child through NIFTY GIFTY.

3-4-5 - Many thanks to this class for planning the Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service! On December 8 they will consider why good things happen; then they will join NIFTY GIFTY on December 15 from 9:00-11:30.

6-7-8 - The middle school youth will continue to study what other religions believe on December 8. They will take part in the beloved NIFTY GIFTY on December 15, 9-11:30. HOLIDAY R.E. SCHEDULE - during Christmas and school breaks the R.E. schedule changes to the following:

Dec. 15: 9:00-11:30 NIFTY GIFTY
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 10:00 a.m.--Intergenerational Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 7:30 p.m.--Playreaders at Rachel Siegfried's, 5209 Tolman Terrace: Albee's Tiny Alice or McCuller's Square Root of Wonderful. Call Rachel, 271-2173.

R.E. CORNER, continued

- Dec. 22: Intergenerational Service, baby care only.
- " 29: No R.E. classes, nursery & pre-school as usual. A simple activity for any other children who attend.
- Jan. 5: Interim - special projects kids can sign up to attend. Nursery and pre-school as usual.
- " 12: Interim - a second set of special projects. Nursery & preschool as usual.
- " 19 R.E. classes resume, regular schedule.

HERE'S TO PRAIRIE - FUN RAISER - DEC. 15

Are you one of the hardies who enjoys the Saturday bar visit and sing-along at Prairie's Upham Woods Retreat? Or perhaps you've only heard the legendary stories of the good times there? Or maybe you have warm memories of sing-alongs somewhere? Or - barring (that's a pun) the above, or you are willing to contribute to any Prairie fundraiser especially if fun and fellowship is attached. HERE'S THE SCOOP!

TIME: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 7:30p.m.

PLACE: RED SHED, 406 N. Francis (near U. avenue)

ACTIVITIES: SING-ALONG with Mike Briggs, (bring your voices & instruments.)

HORS D'OEUVRES: PROVIDED BY YOU ALL - POTLUCK

TRIVIAL PURSUIT & PUZZLES - BRING YOURS

DRINKS: We pay Jim Novak the normal price. Then he donates 50% of the proceeds to Prairie!

FELLOWSHIP: Every additional person means more of this.

"HERE'S TO PRAIRIE!" See you at the Red Shed. Bring your friends, too.

BAKE SALE AND HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT PRAIRIE

The Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association is having a bake sale and holiday bazaar at Prairie on December 14, from 11 - 4. All are invited.

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

On Saturday, January 11 there will be an International Folk Dance at the Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Dr. At 6:30p.m. there will be a potluck supper and dancing at 8 p.m. \$1.50 donation.

SOUND AND SILENCE: The Tuning of the World, with Elisabeth Jones and guest Neal Ewers, Director of Inner Vision, Inc. is the program for December 8. We're so visually oriented that we're often not aware of the soundscape of our lives. Neal Ewers who is blind and who has been working with sighted people to help them develop this awareness will participate in the service.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR TELECONFERENCE

You are invited to attend the historic teleconference of 1985 Beyond War Award Ceremony in the auditorium of the James Madison Memorial High School on S. Gammon Road, on Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. to 12. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00.

The Teleconference will honor the leaders of six nations: Raúl Alfonsín, president of Argentina; Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India; Miguel de la Madrid, President of Mexico; Julius Nyerere, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; Olaf Palme, Prime Minister of Sweden; and Andreas Papandreu, Prime Minister of Greece. The six are all leaders of non-nuclear nations.

See Lee Bullen for more details and tickets.

NAME BADGE, ANYONE?

Since we have been printing name badges for new members of Prairie, a number of "old" members have expressed a wish to have a badge with the prairie smoke emblem.

A suggestion has been made that we make the badges as a "Pro-Seeds to Prairie" project. So, we will make them for \$3.00 each, the whole sum to go to "Pro-Seeds".

Recent Prairie members may not know that "Pro-Seeds" is a plan for Prairie people with various skills to perform services for other Prairians at their fair rate, and donate any amount over the cost of materials to Prairie's Capital Fund.

Alice & Lee Bullen

YOUTH GROUP ROLLER SKATING

The Youth Group will go roller skating on Saturday, December 14 at the Rollerdrome, 1725 N. Stoughton Rd. from 2 - 4:30. The cost, including skate rental, will be \$2.00. Anyone having questions or needing directions should contact Gail Ostler (241-7105) or Erin Bosch (238-6285).

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15