

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 p.m.--China slides at Nettletons for grades 3-5 and families.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 a.m.--Intergenerational Service: RAINBOWS AND RENEWAL, led by Judy Spring and Vicki Lord. See story

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

7:30-9:00 p.m.--Spiritual Discussion Group at Prairie

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

4-5 p.m.--Free introductory Hatha Yoga class taught by Roger Eishens at Prairie. Please bring mat or blanket.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 a.m.--SCIENCE AND RELIGION: PERSONAL CONNECTIONS by Lance Green. Folk singer Molly Scott will sing at this service.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & childcare

11:30 a.m.--Potluck lunch!

1:30 p.m.--Molly Scott, concert and mini-workshop at Prairie. See story.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

7:30 p.m.--Men's Group at Jim Novak's, 2117 Linden Ave. Topic: Men and Rape.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 p.m.--Playreading at Jack and Mona Birongs. See story.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

4-5 p.m.--Free introductory Tai Ch'i class taught by Tricia Yu at Prairie.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 a.m.--COMES A VOLUNTEER, led by Pat Watkins, pros & cons of volunteer work, Prairie folk talking about their volunteer projects, and a survey of volunteer work.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. classes, baby & childcare.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:30-9:00 p.m.--Spiritual Discussion Group at Prairie.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 18-19

North Central Area Council, '86 Annual Meeting. See brochures on table at Prairie.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

7:30 p.m.--SPRING PARISH MEETING, at Prairie. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL.

PLAYREADERS: CHANGE IN DATE

We will meet Saturday, April 12 (not April 8, as stated in the September Prairie Fire) at Birongs, 599 Glen Dr., Madison at 7:30, phone 233-5995, if you need directions. We will read Deane's Dracula, or Kalcheim's Breakfast with Les & Bes, depending on size of group and hostess' whim. All are welcome.

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: APRIL 6

R.E. CORNER

Yasmine Sido and Elia Golden will supervise any nursery children who do not want to participate in the Intergenerational Service on March 30. Older children, especially, are welcome to stay upstairs with their families. On April 6, their new teacher will return from spring break to lead the class.

K-1-2 - All K-1-2 children who will be at Prairie on Easter will take part in the Intergenerational Service, specifically their baby animal song. On April 6 they will return to class to discuss aging and death as part of the whole cycle of life.

3-4-5 - This class will enjoy the Intergenerational Service on March 30 and return to Celebrating Our Roots and Branches on April 6. Last week as a special treat a black arts troupe performed poetry of Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson.

6-7-8 - The middle school will take part in the Intergenerational Service on March 30 before resuming their study of The Church Across the Street. On April 6 they will learn about Congregationalists, and on April 13 they will visit a Congregational Church.

TEACHERS - Teachers for the 1986-87 R.E. year are being recruited now. Primary grades will study the ethnic backgrounds of North Americans, and the middle schoolers will investigate peace in its many forms. The intermediate class may be studying physical and cultural anthropology if the curriculum looks valuable. If any of these topics or grades appeal to you, make your request to teach next year to any R.E. committee members, especially co-chairs, Robbyne Martin and Sharon Scrattish.

RAINBOWS AND RENEWAL INTERGENERATIONAL, 3-30

There will be an intergenerational service on Sunday, March 30. In addition to stories and songs, there will be special presentations by children from the R.E. classes and the Morris dancers, a guest dance troupe.

Please be sure to put your announcements on the board early since they will be read at the beginning of the service.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Dave and Marcia Johnson are new members of Prairie. They live in Coloma, Wisconsin.

LOST - CAN YOU HELP?

Two large pot holders disappeared after Les Lyons memorial service last month. They were gifts from my niece in Alaska and I would very much like help in finding them. Thank you,
Hazel Taliaferro

MOLLY SCOTT TO GIVE CONCERT MINI-WORKSHOP

Molly Scott, singer, composer, poet and teacher will lead a concert and mini-workshop on Sunday, April 6, at 1:30 at Prairie. Her concert theme will be "Honor The Earth," and will include a number of group exercises on "sounding for power and singing for joy."

Molly Scott's music reflects a deep sensitivity to the beauty and fragility of life on our planet and she acts on this understanding through her compositions, performances and workshops. Her album HONOR THE EARTH celebrates our connection to the natural world and to each other. The title song of her new recording, WE ARE ALL ONE PLANET, has been widely sung as an anthem in the Peace Movement around the world.

Strongly influenced by her background in classical music as well as folk forms and musical theater, Scott plays the piano, guitar and dulcimer and creates a music uniquely her own - a blend of textures and colors from many styles - a kind of contemporary art song, woven around her poetry with passionate lyricism. She has performed for peace groups, for schools, ecology awareness programs, and at many church gatherings. The N.Y. Times has called her "...a true artist," and Robert J. Lurtsema of Boston Public Radio's "Morning Pro Musica" has said of her, "Her artistry transcends the demarcations people set up between folk, classical and traditional music. The whole world is her province." Her compositions have recently been featured nationally on Public Radio, and she has appeared on "The Studs Terkel Almanac" on National Public Radio.

Admission will be by donation at the door and is suggested to be \$5.00 (\$3 low/fixed income/children).

CHINA SLIDES AT NETTLETONS - GR. 3-5 & FAMILIES

All children, grades 3-5, and their families are invited to a special evening of China slides. Aileen Nettleton's parents will be visiting and will share pictures of their latest trip to China.

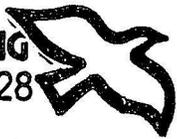
Grandpa Hibbards grew up in China, speaks Chinese, and may even tell Chinese stories.

The slide showing will take place at the Nettletons, 645 Sheldon St. at 7:00p.m.

UNICEF CONCERT AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

There will be a UNICEF concert for child survival on Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church in Madison (University Ave. & Breese Terrace).

Please look for the bright yellow and black poster for details of this interesting program.



The 1986 Annual General Assembly marks the 25th anniversary of the UUA. It will convene on the campus of the University of Rochester (NY) at 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 23. The event-packed week will end on Saturday, June 28 with a closing morning worship service at which UUA President, Dr. William F. Schulz, will preach. Our society is allowed to send 2 official delegates and alternates and as many observers/participants as wish to attend.

WILPF PEACE & FREEDOM DINNER, APRIL 19

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Madison Branch, will have its annual Peace and Freedom dinner on Saturday, April 19, at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. The guest speaker will be Gerda Lerner who is a professor of history at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Her topic is: WOMEN WORKING THE FABRIC OF HISTORY, Some Surprising Dimensions.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. and a South Asian meal at 6:30. See Hazel Taliaferro, Betty Jallings or Alice Bullen for more details and reservations.

HOUSING NEEDED FOR CENTRAL MIDWEST CONFERENCE

Prairie is hosting the Central Midwest Conference Friday, April 18 & Saturday, April 19. We may need to find housing for as many as 30 people. If you have room to share with UU folks, please call Barb Park at 635-7519 or Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173.

YOUTH GROUP TO HAVE YMCA GAMES & SWIM

The youth group will be going to the YMCA on Saturday, April 12, from 2:00-5:00. We will play games in the gym; there will also be optional swimming and racquetball.

Things you must bring: \$2.00 (or your Y card if you're a member). Things you might bring: racquetball racquet, swimsuit, towel, and 50¢ for a can of pop.

If you need a ride, call Erin Bosch at 238-6285. Don't let lack of a ride keep you away.

NOTE FROM SHIRLEY CZOSCHKE

We received a nice note from Shirley which we will post on the bulletin board for all to read. Alice & Lee Bullen

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Words to be deleted in the proposed change are crossed out; additions are underlined.

TO ASSURE RECORDING OF MINUTES:

Article V: Business Meetings

- F. Minutes of all business meetings shall be taken, signed, and filed by the secretary of the Society, or designee.

TO REQUIRE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS:

Article VI: Officers and Executive Board

- D.4. The Treasurer--~~last sentence:~~ His/her statement for the fiscal year ~~may~~ shall be audited ~~and certified~~ by persons designated by the Executive Board.

TO DESIGNATE THE VICE PRESIDENT AS PRESIDENT ELECT AND TO ELIMINATE THE BOARD POSITION OF PAST PRESIDENT:

Article VI: Officers and Executive Board

- A. The officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice-President (President-Elect), Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and the elected chairpersons . . . etc.
- B. Second sentence and following: Officers shall serve for a term of one year. The President and Vice-President cannot consecutively repeat their term of office, and other officers shall not serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. . . etc.
- D.2 The Vice-President (President-Elect) acts in place of the President during his/her absence and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed.
- E.7 Fill temporarily any office which becomes vacant after the fall business meeting except for the office of Vice-President, which requires a special election. (Final sentence remains as is).