

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

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

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

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 a.m.--UNCLE SAM DOESN'T WANT YOU: ONE WOMAN'S STRUGGLE TO REJOIN THE ARMY - with Miriam Ben Shalom.

10:00 a.m.--R.E. Classes, baby & child care.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

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

NEXT PRAIRIE FIRE DEADLINE: APRIL 20

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TUESDAY, APRIL 22

5-7 p.m.--Prairie Program Committee & potluck at Mary Mullen's, 4337 Milford Rd. Anyone interested in helping plan the May 17-18 "Weekend Extension Ministry" or summer activities is especially welcome.
SATURDAY, APRIL 26

4-5 p.m.--Free introductory JOURNAL-KEEPING Class by Stephanie Edwards at Prairie. Please bring writing materials.

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.

PRAIRIE ANNUAL CANOE TRIP

Mark your calendars now for May 24-26 (Memorial Day weekend)! Prairie has a group campground site reserved at New Glarus Woods State Park. We plan to canoe the Sugar River Saturday and Sunday. Details will follow soon. We will be asking for reservations in May. Contact Peg Stevenson, 233-6449, or Barb Barley, 249-5979, for burning questions in the meantime.

R.E.CORNER

Preschool - Now that Shari, Yasmine, and Elia are all here every Sunday, the pre-schoolers will start several lessons on feelings from the Growing Times curriculum from UUA. They will be discussing and taking part in activities related to being happy, sad, etc.

K-1-2 - This class continues its unit on death with a trip to the cemetery on April 13. They will leave right at 10:00 from Prairie and return to Prairie about 11:30. Permission slips were handed out or mailed last Sunday; be sure to bring them on the 13th. Parents have already received a survey about their beliefs about what happens after death. The class will discuss these beliefs on April 20, and parents are welcome to participate.

3-4-5 - On April 13 this class will finish its introduction to the culture of Asian Americans. On April 20 they will see a film about the Amish, an immigrant group that has retained its identity in the U.S.

6-7-8 - On April 13 this class will visit the United Church of Christ, a branch of the Congregational Church, which they studied last week. On April 20 they will visit an African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

HAIKUS BY GRADES 3-5

We are learning about our Asian-Americans' contributions and several of us wrote some special poetry called Haiku:

Mountains, the sunset,
So beautiful, so real
You can just imagine it.
Greg Nettleton

Splish, splash! They're feeding,
Ducks in the cold water blue,
Tails up, heads down, eat.
Robin Park-Doob, age 10

Trees have greenish leaves.
They fall off in the autumn.
Trees are beautiful.
Mark Sinnott

THE ATOMIC COMICS: FRAN & CHARLIE

There will be a free performance at noon at the MATC auditorium of the new show: THE ATOMIC COMICS: FRAN & CHARLIE, Friday, April 18. This is an introductory showing for the events scheduled that evening and through Monday, April 21 as benefits for LINK HOUSE PEACE EDUCATION CENTER. See the raspberry colored flyer on the bulletin board for details of their schedule.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

- Nominations for '86-'87 Prairie Board
- President Rick Ruecking
- Vice President . . . Mary Mullen
- Secretary Cheryl Robinson
- Treasurer Megan Christensen
- Finance Faye Glessner
- Denominational Affairs . . Dick Bonser
- Membership. Rita Reffner
- Housing & Property. . Rachel Siegfried
- Long-Range Planning . Jack Jallings
- Program Fredericka Schilling
- Social Action Leland Bullen
- Religious Education . Sharon Scrattish
Andrea Torres

Representative to North Central Area Council
--Cinda LaMar.

Lay Ministers:

- Barbara James - Bureaucracy, A Deeper Look
- Carolyn DeJoie - Human Relationships and Social Problems
- George Calden - Eight Who Dared

EXTENSION MINISTRY WEEKEND: MAY 17 & 18

Saturday, May 17 - morning - Prairie old and new Boards will meet with Weekend Extension Minister, Gordon Gibson.

In the afternoon on Saturday, the Long Range Planning Committee meets with Gordon Gibson.

In the evening on Saturday there will be a social event for Prairie members and friends: To enjoy our own and Weekend Extension Minister Gordon Gibson's company and generally have a good time.

Sunday, May 18 at 10 a.m., Gordon Gibson will present A U.U. HOME COMPANION.

There will be a noon potluck lunch and at 1 o'clock the Growth Workshop #2 with Gordon Gibson is planned. All Prairie members are requested to attend!

CLIPBOARDS

- Kitchen Clean-up
- April 13 Barbara Golden & ??
- " 20 Barb Park & Rachel Siegfried
- " 27 Annis & Henry Pratt

R.E. Snacks

No one has signed up for any of the three remaining dates in April.

An older, electric kitchen stove is offered free for the hauling. Call Eric or Megan at 255-6051.

PRAIRIE DIRECTORY UP-DATES

Mike Briggs - business phone 267-9361
Jim Lorman - " " 257-4861

LOIS E. HAGSTROM

There are still Prairie Directories in a bag on the back table. If you have not yet gotten one, please help yourself. We do not mail directories to Madison members and friends because of the cost. We will be happy to print Directory up-dates when you let us know about changes in phone numbers etc.

Also, please let us know about address changes in time to get your Prairie Fire to your new address on the first edition after you move. This will save Prairie 22¢ which is the cost of returned newsletters. Please call Alice or Lee Bullen, 838-8055, at the time you move.

AN OPEN INVITATION: CIRCLE DINNER IN BARABOO

On Saturday, April 26 our circle dinner group is meeting at our place near Baraboo. We'd like to extend an invitation to Prairie members and friends to come as well. Arrive any time after noon. Lunch will be around 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass or beverages or snacks. Children are welcome but must be supervised since there are many hazards - the Baraboo River, shaky outbuildings, rusty piles of junk, etc. The kids may want to fly kites or play ball since there is open area for that. (No bare feet, please.)

Directions: From the west side of Madison, take Hwy. 12 north to Baraboo. Turn east (right) on Hwy. 33 (not Business 33). Go through town, pass K-Mart and go another 2.5 miles further. From the east side of Madison; take the interstate north to the Hwy. 33 exit (Baraboo-Portage exit). Go west on Hwy. 33 for about 8 miles. Our place is on the south side of Hwy. 33. There is a large white house, large white barn, and several white outbuildings. The mailbox says Werncke on it in green letters. If you have questions or get lost, our home phone number is 1-356-7325. Judy Spring

"If language is incorrect,
then what is said is not meant.
If what is said is not meant,
then what ought to be done
remains undone."

Confucius

Lois Hagstrom died on Friday, March 28, after a long, brave fight with cancer. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, April 4 at Prairie. It was attended by many friends from First Society, the University community, as well as Prairie and other friends.

A "Lois Hagstrom Memorial Fund" is being established to promote art in Dane County. Contributions may be made to this memorial by sending checks to Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society and designating them for this special purpose.

There were many moving statement about Lois and her many accomplishments and what her life meant to those who spoke. The following poem was read by Pat Cautley at the service:

The love that once was born can never die
For it has become part of us, of our life,
Woven into the very texture of our being.

Each of us would wish to leave some part
of ourselves,
Yes, every one of us, some memory,
some influence for good,
So here and now we bear witness to the one
we knew in life,
Who now in death bequeaths a subtle part,
precious and beloved.
Which will be with us in truth and beauty,
In dignity and courage and love
To the end of our days.

WOMEN - A RE-BIRTHDAY "56 IN 86"

The Madison Civic Center has made facilities available to groups who wish to present programs in the "Performance Art Series: Statics & Dynamics."

On Thursday, April 24, there will be a celebration: "looking backward and forward in commemoration of our first 56 years and in celebration of our hope for all our futures."

The birthday party starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 3R. The contact person is Lois Nowicki, 255-1877, or call Betty Jallings at 835-3746. There is an admission price of \$4 per person.

IF YOU WANT TO BORROW PRAIRIE ITEMS

Borrowing something from Prairie? If it's from the kitchen, please check with Fran Remeika (845-7292) first to be sure it won't be needed at Prairie during the time you want to use it. Then also leave a note with your name, telephone number, the item you borrowed, and the date you will return it. Leave the note in the place where the borrowed item is supposed to be.

Procedures for borrowing other items: tables, chairs, slide projector, etc. have not been established, but common sense suggests this as a minimum:

(1) Check with people who may know if the item is needed at Prairie during the intended borrowing period, i.e. Fran Remeika who knows who has reserved the building; people planning Prairie activities already announced in Prairie Fire. Mary Beth O'Halloran, the R.E. Director.

(2) Calling Prairie and leaving a message on the phone about your desire to use the item.

(3) Leaving a note - as mentioned regarding kitchen borrowing - so if the item is needed at Prairie, someone can contact you.

Your cooperation is needed to avoid snarls of any kind.

ARE YOU A PILGRIM?

I have heard recently of several trips made by Prairie members and friends during the past year or so. On May 11 I'd like to coordinate a service about pilgrimages, long distance travels. The following are questions we might consider for the service: Where did you go and why? What did you hope to find? What were your impressions? How did your trip affect your way of thinking?

In addition to the service, we could also have an afternoon or evening of slide viewing, discussion and refreshments.

Please let me know as soon as possible about your interest in either or both of these activities. I can be reached at work (255-6879) between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at home in the evening after 6 p.m. at 1-356-7325. Judy Spring

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).