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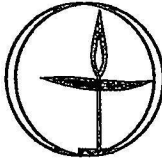
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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, January 28th. Submit items for February 1—February 15, 1990.



Thursday, January 18

7:30 PM - R.E. COMMITTEE MEETS at Prairie.

Saturday, January 20

7:30 PM - PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Donna Murdoch (see related story).

Sunday, January 21

10:00 AM - "WE ARE A GENTLE, ANGRY PEOPLE", But Are We Ready To Be A Welcoming Congregation?" by Mary Mullen and Fredericka Schilling.

11:30 AM - Prairie Band Practice.

11:30 AM - POTLUCK LUNCH, discussion, and maybe videos as well. Bring a dish to share!

12:30 AM - Group discussion on the proposed UUA resolutions... and a chance to present your own as well!

Monday, January 22

7:30 PM - PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse.

Thursday, January 25

12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on "Today In The Union".

Sunday, January 28

10:00 AM - "THE ROAD TO PEACE BEGINS AT THE PRAIRIE UU SOCIETY", presented by guest speaker Sam Day.

11:30 AM - Prairie Band Practice.

Thursday, February 1

12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on "Today In The Union". The special guest will be Brent Haglund from the Sand County Foundation, who will talk about "Land Saving Conservation".

Sunday, February 4

10:00 AM - To be announced.

11:30 AM - Prairie Band Practice.

Monday February 5

7:00 PM - SPANISH SPEAKERS' POTLUCK, at Prairie. For further information, contact Orton Gray at 273-4041.

Thursday, February 8

12:00 N - CHANNING-MURRAY LUNCH at the Memorial Union. Look for Unitarian Student Group on "Today In The Union". The special guest will be Bob Silverstein from the Dean of Students office, who will talk about Community Mental Health.

Channing—Murray students are especially invited to join us at Prairie for Sunday Service and coffee. Rides can be arranged!



Playreaders to Meet

The Prairie Playreaders is an informal group of Prairie folk who enjoy plays—as something to watch, something to listen to, something to read, or something to act—and we meet once a month at someone's home to read a play, eat goodies, and have a good time. New people are always welcome and we do not insist that you read if you feel a little shy!

...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

This month, we will meet at the home of Donna Murdoch, 636 Sheldon Street, at 7:30 PM on Saturday, January 20th. The play will be "A Cocktail Party" by T. S. Eliot or else one of Tennessee Williams' plays.

"We Are A Gentle, Angry People..."

But Are We A Welcoming Congregation? Come explore this question at Mary Mullen and Fredericka Schilling's final service in their lay ministry entitled Positively Gay. Come prepared for a lively discussion where we will hear your views on how to make Prairie a more welcoming congregation or ...are we welcoming enough already? A Potluck Lunch will follow, so come and share a favorite childhood dish and discussion. If there is interest, we can show videos, too. Please come and join us!

Coffee Cleanup

The following people have signed up to wash coffee cups etc. after morning services:

Jan. 21 Mike and Linda Sheehy

There is NOBODY signed up yet for Jan, 28th or for any date in February. Volunteers are urgently needed. (Did I hear someone say... no cup washers, no coffee? Yipe!)

Band Practice Resumes

The Prairie Band will practice each Sunday after the service starting Sunday, January 21st. Bring your guitars, trumpets, french horns, trombones, flutes, harmonicas, accordians, drums, or whatever else you play. We're an informal group that will perform at Prairie on occasion. Call Mary Mullen (271-5192) or Mike Briggs (238-1227) with any questions.

Prairie Member Resigns

Roy U. Schenk, a Prairie member of several years standing, resigned on January 14th. Roy has been a very vocal advocate of men's rights and a critic of what he calls an anti-male bias bordering on bigotry in feminist views. As such, considerable controversy has focused around his written work and public pronouncements. It isn't easy to

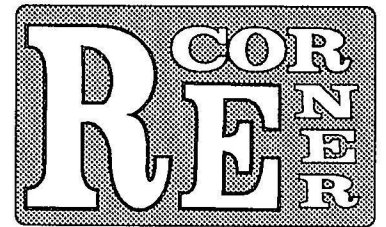
accept a person whose publicly stated views are so dramatically at odds with my own. I wonder if I should have tried harder to accept and welcome Roy as a unique and valuable person in spite of that. He had some qualities that were admirable and some views that I agreed with strongly. What could I have done differently? What could WE have done differently?

Cakes For The Queen Of Heaven

Cakes For The Queen Of Heaven is a feminist theology curriculum will be taught at First UU Society on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM, starting January 31st. The course will be taught by Nancy Vedder-Shults with coleaders Annis Pratt and Sunshine Jones. If interested, call First UU Society (233-9774) as soon as possible to register.

Noon luncheon guests already scheduled this semester include Brent Haglund from the Sand County Foundation on Feb. 1st, who will talk about "Land Saving Conservation, re: wildflowers and wildlands"; Bob Silverstein from the Dean of Students office on Feb. 8th, who will talk about Community Mental Health; Ruth Gibson, MRE at First Society, who will talk about a unique "Unitarian Universalist Who's Who" on Feb. 22nd; Jim Armstrong, owner of Armstrong Creative, will discuss advertising with us on March 1st; and on March 8th our guest will be Madison Police Chief, David Couper.

Sunday, February 18th will be Channing-Murray's dinner and program evening. It will be held at 6:00 PM at First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. The special guest for the evening will be Pem Yellow Bird, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nations, Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota. She will speak on American Indian Spirituality.



Channing-Murray, the University of Wisconsin Unitarian-Universalist Student group, meets every Thursday at noon. Informal Wednesday evening dinner meetings are held at the Headliners Food Court next to Kinko's on University Avenue at 6:00 PM. There's plenty of room and we have a very relaxing and enjoyable time. We're usually done by 7:00 PM.

Sunday, evening, January 21st, at 6:00 PM, Channing-Murray will hold its annual second semester kick-off party and dinner at Cinda's, 2418 Kendall Avenue. Dinner will be 'do it ourselves tacos' followed by some brainstorming about our coming worship services at Prairie Society on March 4th and at First Unitarian Society on March 11th. Taco shells will be provided but please bring a share of the fixin's. If you need a ride, call Cinda at 238-9884.

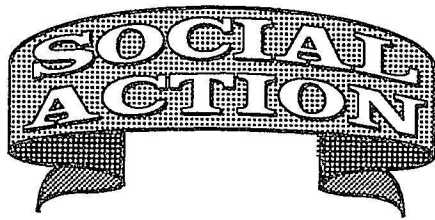
The regular RE session

will begin again on Sunday, January 21. Peg Stevenson will be leading the middle schoolers through an exploration of different religious beliefs. Linda Nelson and Sharon Scrattish will continue with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders investigating Unitarian-Universalist principles, beliefs, and practices. Karen Gross and Dean Schroeder will begin a new curriculum with our kindergarteners, first and second graders, discovering the cultural diversity of our society. Anna Nettleton will continue her wonderful care-giving with the preschoolers.

Many thanks to Erin Bosch for having facilitated the fall semester of "Church

Across the Street". Sincere thanks also go to Michelle Honoré for coordinating Nifty Gifty this year and to all of our Interim workshop leaders— Lee and Alice Bullen (printing fables), Maria Hansa (cooking 'popcorn jack'), Ken Skog (making paper from pulp— some kids then printed on their hand-made paper with Lee!), Bob Park (constructing paper airplanes), Tamara Lee (making things with salt dough), and Dick Bonser (silk screening). The children who participated enjoyed all the projects and the opportunity to be with other members of the Society.

Let's not let them down in January after our holiday spirit wanes. All food is appreciated and needed. Please call Fredericka at 271-5192 if you want to send money. Perishables can be brought to Prairie on Sunday or to her house (4337 Milford St.) and she will see that they get it immediately. Canned foods and easy to fix items are welcome too. Again, thanks to all who remembered and shared what they have with our neighbors.



Looking Ahead—

April 20-25, 1990: U U Women's Convocation, Lake Geneva, WI.
June 21-26, 1990: UUA General Assembly, Milwaukee, WI.

Escort to Prairie Needed

There is a 62 year old woman who lives within 2 blocks of Prairie who would like a ride or escorted walk to Prairie on Sunday mornings. Can we take turns reaching out to this woman or is some one person willing to volunteer? Even if you cannot do it every Sunday, any help at all would be appreciated as she can't get to Prairie by herself. Please call Fredericka Schilling at 271-5192 if you can help.

Alterations & Sewing Sale

Member Rachel Siegfried announces that she is having a special 10% off sale during January and February on all of her sewing services. She is talented and versatile (makes her own jeans!) and would be happy to alter, repair, or make a new garment just for you! Call her at 608/271-2173.

Thanks to All...

December was an excellent month for helping our neighbors with food. Many people donated food including very appreciated perishables and money to buy perishables. Both families asked me to thank everyone who contributed. They are very moved by Prairie's ongoing concern for them. They both look forward to the time when they don't need our help but until then, they are very grateful.

GA Planning Underway

The 1990 General Assembly will meet in Milwaukee, WI, from June 21st to June 26th. The theme will be Sound The Chorus of Faith. Many volunteers will be needed to staff a convention with 3,000 delegates, and recruiting will begin soon after the first of the year. Our district's responsibility will be in welcoming and taking care of the delegates and other U-Us who will be attending. Materials will be distributed in early winter describing the volunteer process and the huge variety of jobs that we need to fill.