

Return to:

Editor
Prairie U.U. Society
5213 Milward Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Jack Jallings,
4761 Schneider Dr.
Oregon, WI 53575

Non Profit Org.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Madison, WI
Permit No. 1604

Address Correction Requested

Prairie Fire



Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
2010 Whenona Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Julia Bonser, President835-3746

Anne Pryor, R. E. Director244-7099

Susan Hagstrom, Treasurer274-3248

Meeting House271-8218

To Change Address Or Cancel PRAIRIE FIRE, Call Richard Bonser, Editor.....274-3248

Production Assistant - Susan Hagstrom

Vol. 30, No. 10, 5-12-92

The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, May 24. Submit items for May 28-June 11, 1992.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 14

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Sunday, May 17

10:00

TRANSITION SUNDAY, Erin Bosch, Coordinator

Monday May 18

7:30 PM

JOINT PRAIRIE BOARD MEETING at the Meeting House. Both the 91 and 92 Boards meet. The 92 Board members will assume the duties of office at this meeting.

Tuesday, May 19

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Friday, May 22

7:30PM

ORTON GRAY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY! (See story)

Friday, May 22—

Sunday May 24

Memorial Day Canoe Trip and Campout at Wildcat Mountain State Park Group Camp.

Tuesday, May 26

4:30 PM

PRAIRIE BAND PRACTICE at the meetinghouse.

Thursday, May 28

7:00 PM

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the meetinghouse.

Saturday, May 30

7:30PM

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Rosemary Dorney, 4205 Odana Road following the Annual Fish Fry. Call 238-4382 for information. (See related story)

Sunday, May 31

10:00

"MISSION TO MOSCOW," presented by Shirley and John Grindrod.

Sunday June 7

10:00 AM

"IS THERE STILL TIME?" - a look at the UNCED," coordinated by Pat Cautley

Later this Summer

INTERESTED IN SUMMER PLAY GOING GROUPS? Call Susan Hagstrom at 238-4970 for information. (See story inside)

Today's Quote:

"When someone hugs you, let them be the first to let go."

-H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.

"LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK"

NEWS & VIEWS

Memorial Weekend Trip

We will be camping on Memorial Day weekend (May 23, 24, & 25) at Wildcat Mountain State Park in group campsite #1R. Join us anytime—we will share potluck dinners Saturday and Sunday nights. The park is located 3 miles East of the Village of Ontario on Hwy. 33. You can get to Ontario by going North on Hwy. 131 from Hwy. 14 at Readstown, or by heading South on Hwy. 131 from Interstate 90 at Tomah, or by going West from Hwy. 12 at Baraboo on Hwy. 33 (very scenic). You can even get there by going East from LaCrosse on Hwy. 33, but that is the long way 'round from Madison.



...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

— The Oldest and Largest Lay-Led Society in the UUA —

Saturday:

The **canoeists** will meet at bridge #1 on the Kickapoo River at 10:00 AM. There is a landing and parking area on County Trunk P just north of Hwy. 33 in Ontario. Please arrange your own canoe—you can rent one from Rutabaga in Madison or from the Kickapoo Paddle Inn east of Ontario on Hwy. 33 (608/337-4726) or Brush Creek Campground west of Ontario on Hwy. 33 (608/337-4344 or 337-4300). Make advance arrangements—this is a popular area and all the canoes may be taken by the time you walk in on Saturday!

The **bicyclers** will meet at the town park in Wilton at 10:00 AM. Wilton is 8 miles north of Ontario on Hwy. 131. There is parking there for riders on the Elroy—Sparta State Trail. You will need to purchase either a day use pass or a season pass to use the bicycle trail.

Sunday:

Sunday's canoe and bicycle adventures will be planned on Saturday. If you are coming for the day, check with us at the campground for the location and schedule.

Monday:

No specific activities are planned for Monday, but bicycle and canoe enthusiasts will find plenty of river and trail still to be explored.

Contact:

Peg Barratt will not be able to be with us on this trip, even though she planned and organized it. Al and Aileen Nettleton have agreed to be the contact people for this event. Call them at 238-6053 for further information.

Playreaders Annual Fish Fry

(Actually, 'fish fry' may be a misnomer—we still aren't sure where we'll be eating.) Come one, come all to Prairie Playreaders' annual night out on **Saturday, May 30** (the weekend after Memorial Day) at 5:45 PM at a restaurant followed by dessert and a short play in someone's home. If you've never been to Playreaders, this is a great time to start. You have a chance to socialize beforehand and then try your hand at a one-act play. Or you can just come and listen.

Contrary to rumor, we are not a major

hazard, despite our long casualty list: Pat Watkins, hospitalized for the second time in 18 months (yes, it looks like her knee replacement surgery went very well); Rachel Siegfried, once again on her feet after a prolonged hospitalization; Rosemary Dorney, still learning to manage severe arthritis. None of it's catching! Wounds and all, we are a pretty lively group!

We're still working on the restaurant, which may or may not offer a fish fry. Normally, we need to arrive there about 5:45 so that we can be reading our play and eating dessert by 7:30. As soon as we have a time and place for the dinner, we'll announce it at Prairie and probably call or send postcards to those who usually attend. If you still haven't heard anything by May 25th, call one of the numbers below. We'll be happy to include you in our restaurant reservation, give you a lift, tell you what we do, or direct you to whatever...

Susan Hagstrom Rosemary Dorney
238-4970 238-4382

The Play's the Thing!

Susan Hagstrom would like to see if she could organize Prairie members into seeing two of the plays that are going to be around town this summer. The first play, **The Heidi Chronicles**, was read by the Prairie Playreaders earlier in the year and is going to be produced this summer at the University Theatre. Ticket prices are \$9 and the theatre date would be **July 31**. If there is interest, she can also make reservations for Paisan's for dinner before the show.

The second play, **Pericles, Prince of Tyre**, is a play from Shakespeare's maturity and is being produced by the Platteville University Theatre. It is an adventure story. Ticket prices are \$13 (Sr. Citizens \$11, College Students \$7). The date would be **July 11**, a Saturday, so anyone going could also participate in a potluck picnic at Blue Mounds before the show. (Car pooling can be arranged.)

Anyone who wants to participate in attending either of these productions with a Prairie group, please send a check for the requested amount to Susan Hagstrom, 916 Shorewood Blvd., Madison, WI 53705, before May 31st. Previous experience says tickets to these productions go fast. Please include with your check whether you

will participate in the dinner or potluck lunch, or need car pooling.

If you have, or are going to buy, series tickets to any of these theatres and want to join the rest of us, notify Susan Hagstrom before May 31st and she will try to get you seats with the rest of the group.

Another New Member!

Ms. Judy Perlman recently signed the membership book. Her address is:
2485 Perry Street
Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 608/258-8213

Please add her name and address to your Prairie Directory.

What's Going On In The Central Midwest District

- May 16 R.E. Supertraining
 Naperville, IL
- June 8-11 SEWUUC Summer Institute
12-14 Continental UUWF Conference, Allerton, IL
13-19 Meadville Summer Course I
 Beloit, WI
25-30 General Assembly
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- July 5-11 Lake Geneva Summer
 Assembly, Williams Bay, WI
6-10 Meadville Summer Course
 II, Chicago, IL
18-25 Midwest Leadership School
 Beloit, WI
19-25 Bayside Camp
 Williams Bay, WI

Absent Friends

Former Prairie member Gerald Beroldi will be leaving Washington in June to move to British Columbia, where he will begin the Ph.D. program in psychology at Simon Fraser University. He will be studying psychobiology in the experimental psychology program. You can reach him at Dept. of Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6.

RECORNER

Pre-School/Nursery

With the warm, wonderful weather, this group has been playing outside in the sunshine and green grass, as well as still enjoying their favorite indoor activities. The group is led by Emilie Dickson, Nora Bosch and Lili Sandler.

Caring Hands

The group focused on ways in which each could be a partner with nature, including recycling, saving endangered species and taking care of the natural world. They planted a Colorado Blue Spruce in the backyard and plan on nurturing its growth.

The following week they visited the Arboretum taking nature guide books, lenses, binoculars and sunscreen along. Among the notables they saw are flowers, mole passages, remains of a (probable) mourning dove, fungi and little baby oak leaves. This group is led by Metje Butler and Heidi Oliveresen.

Time Travels

Still with the Aztecs, the group played two games of Patolli, a favorite Aztec game, and learned through conversation more information about the Aztec and the cosmological significance of the game.

The following week they used pictures of Aztec deities and designs from clay stamps to make giant cards. The time was also filled with lots of stories and conversations about Aztec ideology and practice. This group is led by Dave Zakem and Mike Sheehy.

In Our Hands

This group began by discussing the Rodney King trial and resultant riots in Los Angeles. They also talked about what happened in response in the schools here in Madison. Then they switched gears, read about evolution and acted out being a worm, fish, reptile, ape, and early human. The following week the group attended the

service on homelessness. This group is led by Bob Nelson and Kate Tucker.

Transitions

This past Sunday, May 10, concluded our formal RE sessions for the spring. Next Sunday, Transitions Sunday, is an opportunity to acknowledge the change to our summer schedule. During the summer, adult volunteers will provide child care and activities for any children who accompany their parents to Prairie. The new RE sessions will begin in September. The curricula for next year will be:

"A Place of One's Own" ("Haunting House") for the primary grades (includes sessions on homes in nature, living in the light and the dark, birth and death), "Holidays and Holy Days" for the intermediate grades (includes sessions on special celebrations in Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Christianity and pagan religions as well as secular multi-cultural celebrations), and "The Church Across the Street" for the middle school (includes visiting other churches/temples/synagogues/ meeting-houses, learning about their practices and beliefs, and relating that to UUism).

SOCIAL ACTION

Paid Up Policy...

Giving a pint of your blood to the red Cross now means that when you need it, you can feel that you have earned it. You will be part of a huge voluntary insurance organization, helping others while gaining that "security feeling" for yourself. Be sure to sign the One-A-Week book as a Unitarian-Universalist. Hours at Red Cross donor center on Sheboygan St. are:

M	9-1 PM	Th	12-6 PM
T	12-6 PM	F	9-1 PM
W	9-1 PM	S	9-12 Noon

Democracy Watch Update

The plan for a light rail system in Madison is once again up for a vote, this time by City Council. Phase II of the Rail Corridor Study will be approved (or not) on Tuesday evening, May 19th, in the City County Build-

ing. There are many in this city who do not believe in such a "radical" option for transporting ourselves.

People are needed May 19th to register their support of this next step for light rail. Come to the City Council meeting which begins at 7:30 PM. If you don't have time to stay, a sign-up area will be available for people to register their support. If you can't come on May 19th, please write to your City Council person.

Nancy Graham
Social Action Comm.

MISCELLANY

Coffee Service Volunteers

The following persons have volunteered to set up the coffee service on Sunday mornings.

May 17 ??
May 24 NO SERVICE

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

May 17 ??
May 24 NO SERVICE

The following have signed up to greet visitors on Sunday mornings.

May 17 ??
May 24 NO SERVICE

Any volunteers who cannot work on the day they've signed up, please let Anne Urbanski know so she can locate a substitute.

Space to Share

For anyone who is interested in living with a family on the East side, I am looking for a compatible person. Provided is a large bedroom, use of the entire downstairs floor including kitchen and living room, laundry facilities, utilities, and garage space. Call me at 246-4304 if interested.

-Jennifer Parker