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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** will be Sunday, November 22. Submit items for November 26-December 10, 1992.

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, November 12**

**7:00 PM**

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP meets at the Meetinghouse.

**Sunday, November 15**

**9:00 AM**

Band Practice

**10:00 AM**

"HUMOR AND EDUCATION" presented by guest speaker Ann Crump, President of CWA Local 4600 and chair of the AFL-CIO Women's Committee in Milwaukee.

**Monday, November 16**

**7:30 PM**

PRAIRIE BOARD meets at the Meetinghouse.

**Saturday, November 21**

**7:00 PM**

PRAIRIE PLAYREADERS MEET at the home of Karen Gross, 843

Williamson St. #7. Please call 259-0556 for directions and to let her know you are coming.

**Sunday, November 22**

**9:00 AM**

Band Practice

**10:00 AM**

"DEAR BILL...a letter to the president-elect"

**11:30 AM**

POTLUCK LUNCH—please bring a dish to share.

**12:30 PM**

**PRAIRIE SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, November 26**

**7:00 PM**

PRAIRIE MEN'S GROUP will NOT meet tonight. Next meeting will be Dec. 10.

**Sunday, November 29**

**9:00 AM**

Band Practice

**10:00**

"BREAD" an intergenerational service led by Mike Briggs. *Those who choose to do so should fast for the preceding 24 hours.*

**Today's Quote**

"Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted."

-FRED ALLEN



### Service Auction Request

There's a special service I am looking for that I would pay for at the annual service auction, whenever it occurs. I want someone to come to my house and redesign my garden areas. I'm not a "natural" gardener—in fact, more the opposite—and my attempts with all perennial gardens haven't worked. Please consider offering this service. You'll find a willing buyer.

-Anne Urbanski

### Fall Meeting Agenda

The Fall Parish meeting will be Nov. 22 at 12:30 p.m. The Agenda is:

1. Approval of Minutes of the Spring Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Committee Reports
4. Adoption of Operating Budget for 1993
5. Election of Denominational Affairs Chair
6. Resolution re New Congregation Planning Committee.
7. Clarification of Prairie's Marriage Policy.
8. Old Business
9. Adjourn

### Training Opportunities

Two new leader training opportunities are being offered by the Central

...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 —

Midwest District. The first, ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY, is a training module for adults who will be leading the UUA's AYS course. It includes the AIDS update materials from the UUA. The leaders will be Jan Strahorn Knock and Harvey Harrison. Anyone who is interested in teaching this course in the future or who has had the training without the AIDS update should take this training. It will be held from Nov. 20th to the 22nd, beginning at 7 PM Friday and ending at 1 PM Sunday in Geneva, IL.

The second, ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, is a new program from the UUA. It will be held from January 22nd to the 24th in Bloomington, IL and is especially recommended for adults who have had previous AYS training. The trainers will be Lela and Leon Olszewski. Contact Anne Pryor at 244-7099 if you are interested in either event.

### Nostalgia Trip

The Nettletons invite all Prairie Members for a nostalgia photographic trip of Prairie at their home, 645 Sheldon Street, on Friday, November 27, at 7:30 PM. Bring your slides and movies and a snack or drink to share.

### Change of Address...

Jaen Andrews and Kalin have moved. Their new address is:  
5402 Retana Drive  
Madison, WI 53714  
phone: 608/244-8765

### Prairie Patter

I want to thank Prairie friends and members for being so responsive to our attempts to begin promptly at 10:00. This past Sunday many people were seated before I rang the bell to start the service and we finished at 11:18. Of course, starting and ending on time is not the most important part of the Sunday morning services, but it is an area where the program committee and the board have received a lot of feedback.

Since Sunday morning is the time when the most Prairie members and friends congregate to share our lives and stimulate our minds, we want the program to offer what you need and want. We need your ideas and suggestions to design and produce the programs you like. Please let the program

chair, Mike Briggs, or other board members know your what you want to be included in the Sunday programming.

Please reserve November 22 at 12:30 for the fall parish meeting. We will be voting on our budget for the coming year.

-Julie Bonser  
President

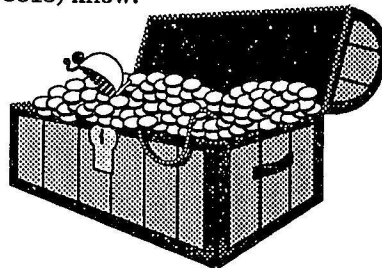
### More Letters from Afar

Richard Perry sends Greetings to all at Prairie. He is living in San Diego. He is development director at the Museum of Photographic Arts. He says they work for social change through cultural programs. He and his wife Karen have an 11 month old son Neal. He enclosed some slides of Prairie activities which we may be able to see at the Nettleton's later this month.

Ted Clark sends us an update on his activities. He has been playing tournament bridge and met a lady at a Sun Valley tournament a year ago May. Ted and Dorothy were married by a UU minister in Boise. His bride grew up in Salt Lake City just like he and Rebecca. He and Dorothy toured the Northwest and West playing bridge and meeting family and now Ted is living near San Diego. He says there is a great UU fellowship that started in 1990, just the right size. (*I wonder if it is the one Malcom Williamson is involved in? -Julie*) Ted also says if anyone visits the area let him know since they have a spare bedroom for two. His address is:  
Ted Clark  
861 F Ave  
Coronado, California 92118  
Phone: 619-435-2955

### Nifty Gifty

This annual gift making event will be held on Dec. 13th this year. If you have any great ideas for items to make, or if you have lots of some item (birch bark, film cannister, whatever) that we can be creative with, please let either Anne Pryor (244-7099) or Dean Schroeder (256-8813) know.



## Proposed 1993 Budget

<b>PROGRAM</b>	
Lay Ministry	\$900
Publicity	775
Program Comm.	350
Long Rg. Plang.	200
Ministerial	200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,425</b>

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	
Director Salary	6,200
Presch. Teach.	300
Presch. Aide	100
Soc. Sec.	480
Mat'ls. & Supp.	550
Conf. & Trng.	400
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,030</b>

<b>DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS</b>	
UUA APF	3,596
CMD Dues	1,080
NCAC Dues	0
Pamphlets	100
Delegate Regis.	300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,076</b>

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	
Pr. Fire	2,900
Directory	200
Finance Comm.	300
Other	90
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,490</b>

<b>HOUSING &amp; PROPERTY</b>	
M & I Mtge	7,735
Veatch Mtge	4,285
Insurance	650
Telephone	550
Utilities	1,800
Janitor	1,200
Maint. & Supp.	1,100
Gutters	1,300
Administr.	3,825
Soc. Sec.	300
Capital Resrv.	3,200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,945</b>

**TOTAL BUDGET** \$44,966

### 1993 PROJECTED REVENUE

Pledges	\$39,216
Contribut'ns	3,000
Prairie Fire	100
Bldg. Rental	300
Auction	1,000
Interest	200
Fund Raising	900
Garage Sale	150
Coffee Sales	50
<b>Proseeds</b>	<b>50</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$44,966

# SOCIAL ACTION

## Tibetan Resettlement

The Tibetan Resettlement Project-Madison has announced a reception for Mr. Rinchen Dharlo, North American Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama following his 7:30 PM lecture on **November 16** at the **First Unitarian Society**, 900 University Bay Drive, in Madison. Mr. Dharlo's lecture will be on "The Resettlement Project and the Tibetan Freedom Movement."

## Food Pantry

We continue to welcome grocery donations which can be put in a box near the men's restroom.

## Drop-In Shelter Needs

Fran Remeika and Sherry Scratish noticed that the men's drop-in shelter is sorely in need of several items. If you can donate any of these items, please put them in the food pantry box with a note attached telling what it is for. Thanks!

Shampoo (the small sample size would be great)  
Toothpaste  
Soaps & detergents  
Blankets  
Bath towels

## In An Emergency

When we urge people to give a pint of blood, often their answer is "I guess I would give if it were an emergency." Well, every transfusion is somebody's emergency! We show our concern and caring spirit when we give—as Barbara James and Mike Briggs did when they gave this October! How ABOUT YOU?

## UNICEF Cards

UNICEF greeting cards, stationery, note cards, and some puzzles will be available at Prairie the next two Sundays, November 15th and 22nd. There are also two kinds of appointment books, one with wonderful photographs of children and one with reproductions of paintings, so you have a choice.

-Pat Cautley

## No War Toys

The annual days of protest against violent and stereotyping toys will be Nov. 28th and 29th. There are many actions families and individuals can take, from writing letters to manufacturers or leafletting with materials from the Children and Nonviolence Campaign to holding an alternative toy fair. If anyone wants more information or would like to help coordinate an event, please contact Anne Pryor at 244-7099.

# MISCELLANY

## Lake Wisconsin Home for Sale or Rent

Barb and Bob Park expect to be moving to a house in Madison in a month or two and would like to from any member or friend of Prairie who might be interested in buying or renting their house near Lake Wisconsin, 30 miles north of Madison.

## Contradance is Coming

The Macduff Ceilidh Band (featuring several Prairie members including Mike Briggs) will play for the New England Contradance group at Prairie on Friday, December 4. Prairie members are welcome to attend. This is the first of four contradances scheduled at Prairie.

## Coffee Service Volunteers

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

Nov. 15 Phoebe Rosebear  
& Dawn Ace  
Nov. 22 Nancy Graham  
Nov. 29 ??  
Dec. 6 Kerry & Rachael Bauer

The following have volunteered to wash dishes after Sunday services.

Nov. 15 Aileen Nettleton  
& Diane DeRouen  
Nov. 22 Betty & Jack Jallings  
Nov. 29 ??  
Dec. 6 ??

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

Nov. 15 Anne Urbanski  
Nov. 22 Richard Bonser  
Nov. 29 ??  
Dec. 6 Kerry & Rachael Bauer

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

## Hymnbooks

The new UUA hymnbook, "Singing in the Living Tradition", will be published in 1993 at \$30.00 a copy.

You can buy one for yourself, or for Prairie, for \$25.00 if you put \$12.50 down by December 1, 1992. Balance of \$12.50 will be due by May 1, 1993. See Mike Briggs if you have any questions.

## Just a Reminder

If you're going to use the building, check with Fredericka Schilling at 277-9218 to be sure the building is available. We need advance notice, preferably two weeks, to schedule the use of the building. Building use rules are posted in the kitchen.

