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The deadline for the next issue of Prairie Fire will be Sunday, August 1. Submit items for August 5-26, 1993. REMINDER: Prairie Fire comes out only once per month during the summer!

CALENDAR

**Sunday, July 11
10:00 AM**

"EVERYONE SHOULD LEAVE TRACKS," a presentation and discussion led by George Calden. (See related story)

**Monday, July 12
6:30 PM**

HISPANIC POTLUCK group meets, but NOT at the Meetinghouse. Call Rosemary at 238-4382 after Friday, July 9, for information on the location.

7:30 PM

PRAIRIE BOARD MEETS at the Meetinghouse—everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sunday, July 18
10:00 AM**

"WOMEN PEACEMAKERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND" presented by Nancy Graham. (See related story)

2:30 PM

PICNIC AND SWIMMING AT THE GRINDROD'S (This is the storm date. The potluck will begin at 5:00 PM. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to pass.)

**Sunday, July 25
10:00 AM**

"THE LATEST IN BIG BANG COSMOLOGY" presented by guest speaker Mark Bernstein, who is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Liberal Studies.

**Saturday, July 31
8:00 PM**

"A LITTLE PRAIRIE NIGHT MUSIC," a benefit concert of classical, ethnic and show tunes presented by Prairie musicians to raise money for a new piano.

**Sunday, August 1
10:00 AM**

"UNIVERSALISM/RACIAL JUSTICE: For Such A Time As This" presented by Julia Bonser, Dick Bonser, and Cinda LaMar.

**Tuesday, August 3
7:30 PM**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING at the Nettleton's, 645 Sheldon St.

**Sunday, August 8
10:00 AM**

ANNUAL JOINT SERVICE AND POTLUCK with the Free Congregation Unitarian Fellowship in Sauk City at 307 Polk street. Please bring a dish to share. The service will be "MODERN RITES OF PASSAGE—A REPRISE" presented by Dick Bonser.

Today's Quote

"The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat."

-LILY TOMLIN



Leaving Tracks...

Why should only the celebrities and the famous have biographies written about them? During the July 11th service, George Calden, with the assistance of Barbara Rames, Mike Briggs, and the Ethnic Connection, will explore and discuss the rich treasure house of personal experience that each of us has had but which we all too often keep hidden under a bushel.

Women Peacemakers

...in Northern Ireland. Nancy Graham has just returned from a Women's Peace Tour during which she had the opportunity to meet with Bernadette Devlin and other women peace activists in Northern Ireland. Nancy will have a first-hand report on the current status of peace efforts by women from both sides of this conflict.

Prairie Patter

Music is an integral part of the interdependent web of Unitarian Universalists. It was thrilling to sing, with 2100 UU's in Charlotte's Performing Arts Center, Universalist hymns. We were all together again for the closing service singing from "Singing the Living Tradition" the UUA's new hymnal. I will be sorting impressions from General Assembly for a few weeks. Cinda, Dick and I will share our response with you August 1. There will be many new songs we want to share with you.

...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

Thanks to the musicians of Prairie who can make delightful music on a variety of instruments. Their music enriches our Sunday morning. Come and hear them sing and play July 31.

Blessed be-
-Julie Bonser
President

Joint Meeting

The Sauk City UU Society has again invited us to join them for what has become a traditional joint service. Carpool with other Prairie friends for a chance to meet neighbor UUs in Sauk City. This group, which began in the 1800s as a German "Freethinkers' Society," has recently become revitalized and joined the UUA and now includes a number of families. The beautiful building is a historic landmark set in a lovely grove of oaks. Please bring a dish to share for the POTLUCK DINNER following the service. Dick Bonser will present a summation of his series on MODERN RITES OF PASSAGE as the service for this joint session.

CMD Calendar: 1993

October 2: PHILOSOFEST 1993 at North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield, IL. "Reclaiming the old ways of knowing: Responding to the Pagans in our Churches."

November 12-14: "Growing into the 21st Century" the CMD annual meeting and U-U Convention, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church West, Brookfield, WI.

YRUU NEWS

Calendar: Meet Sundays 6:16—8:37 PM in the Lower Meeting House of First Society. Many try to be on time.

Summer Campout?

August 14-21: ConCon, Camp Osceola, San Bernadino, California.

R.E. Invites You...

...to be an R.E. class co-leader next year. It's an opportunity to get to know our kids, help them discover our common beliefs...and have some fun together. For more information, call Anne Pryor at 244-7099 or Dean Schroeder at 256-8813.

Now's The Time!

Do cast a critical eye over those household items, books, clothes, or jewelry and decide which are no longer needed. Prairie's Garage Sale will be sometime this summer, but the

exact date is not yet set. Questions? Call Fran Remeika at 8457292.

Urgently Needed!

Someone who attends Prairie regularly is needed to tape record the service. It's very easy to do, just requiring a commitment to be there. Call Judy or Ken Skog at 2734813.



Save the Met!

As you have probably read in the newspapers, WERN, the State FM station has decided to drop its live broadcasts of the Met and Chicago's Lyric Opera as of August 2nd. At a time when the popularity of live opera is increasing, and when we in Madison have so recently witnessed the triumph of our own Madison Civic Music's commissioned "Shining Brow" depicting dramatic portions of Frank Lloyd Wright's life, this seems a surprising step.

Action has been taken. A group chaired by and involving some of the best known and most dedicated "music people" in the Madison area has been formed to urge WERN and the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board to consider reversing this decision. There are ways you can help the Save the Met Live Broadcast group pressure those who make broadcasting decisions. One is to call Wisconsin Public Radio at (608) 263-3970 to voice your displeasure with the elimination of this program. This should be done right away.

Another important step is to inform friends and others that you know are interested in the perpetuation of unique programming for the arts. Urge others to go on record with their protests by calling the WPR number above. You, and they, can keep posted on the activities of Save the Met Live by calling (608) 257-7767. You can also leave a message indicated willingness to help—with mailing, letter-writing, donations for postage, etc. The latter may be sent to Martin A. Barrett, 2667 Marshall Parkway, Madison, WI 53713, made payable to SMLB.

Letter writing is an important part of this effort. I have lists of UW, WPR, and WECB person, as well as SMLB's initial mailing. I will bring some copies to Prairie's next program. If you want this information and can't get it from me at Prairie, call me, and I'll mail it to you. We really need concerted action NOW!! Rosemary Dorney 238-4382

Eco-Action Exchange

Lets have a column for exchanging ideas on what we do personally to protect the environment. Please submit your ideas in writing to the Editor of the Prairie Fire.

Remember all those wonderful structures your children built in pre-school or early elementary school? I keep a grocery bag hanging in the kitchen to collect interesting looking things (rings and caps from milk jugs, juice can lids, jar lids, berry baskets, etc.). When it's full, I take it to school. Last semester, I never had to take a cereal or cracker box to Madison recycling. I took them all to Katie's class, where they were immediately converted into structures in the construction area. Possible outlets for your "stuff" include: school classroom, art/reach/AR teachers, daycare (including after school) centers, Brownies/Cub Scouts, church, and community center art programs. Please wash things if needed.

Submitted by Judy Skog.



Housemate Wanted:

Available August 1—Large bedroom with dressing area, shower and half bath in a quiet residential area near Prairie. After July 18, call Rachel Siegfried at 271-2173.

Wanted to Rent:

Prairie Members Tom and Cheryl Robinson are looking for a clean, well maintained rental home in a quiet neighborhood. They would like a 3 bedroom or 2 bedroom + den with garage or basement space suitable for a wood-working hobby. Their family includes a college-age son and a mature, well trained Golden Retriever. If you have or know of such a home, please call Tom or Cheryl at 256-9090.

Cottage for Rent

Chateau Moolieu, a roomy remodelled cottage, is situated in a picturesque, secluded valley 50 miles west of Madison between Spring Green and Dodgeville, about 12 miles from American Players Theatre. It's fully furnished and available for rent by the day, week, or longer. Contact Fran Zell at 233-0213 for further information.