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# Prairie Fire



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The deadline for the next issue of **Prairie Fire** is Sunday, October 22. Submit items for October 26 through November 10.



**Saturday, October 14**  
PHILOSOFEST XII, Annual all-day event sponsored by North Shore Unitarian Church, Deerfield, IL. (See story.)

**Sunday, October 15**  
9:00AM  
Choir Practice  
10:00AM  
"1000 YEARS" - Greg Schultz - a brief history of the Christian faith.

**Monday, October 16**  
7:30PM  
Board Meeting at the Meetinghouse. All members are welcome.

**Saturday, October 21**  
5:30PM  
"FALL FROLIC PARTY/SLEEP OVER" (See story.)

**Sunday, October 22**  
9:00AM  
Choir Practice  
10:00AM

UN 50TH ANNIVERSARY - Pat Cautley - The local "Ms. UN" Pat Cautley will present examples of UN's success stories over the last 50 years.

**Sunday, October 29**  
9:00AM  
Choir Practice  
10:00AM  
BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Panel discussion with local women returning from the UN Women's Conference in China.

**Thursday, November 2**  
7:00PM  
Program Committee meeting at the Meetinghouse. Call Bob Reuschlein at 233-6031 with comments or ideas for upcoming programs. All lay ministers should attend.

**Sunday, November 5**  
9:00AM  
Choir Practice  
10:00AM  
"ECOLOGY POLITICS" - State Representative Spencer Black, third in a series on the "Web of Life".

**Friday-Sunday, November 10-12**  
ANNUAL FALL RETREAT, at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

**Please Note --**  
Because of the Upham Woods Registration, there was very limited space. I apologize to anyone whose article didn't get into this issue. Hopefully, I will be able to include all the axed articles in the next issue.



## President's Column

When I became Denominational Affair's Chair I had only a small inkling of what was expected. The by-laws read in part "maintain relations with other UU organizations - inform membership of UU concerns and events, conferences, meetings and camps at all denominational levels and display UU pamphlets and literature."

This committee also plans orientation meetings (along with the membership committee) to introduce new and prospective members to Prairie Society and Unitarian Universalism.

Sounds easy, doesn't it? That was before I had been contacted by the UUA and received reams of material on the general resolutions which had been passed at the General Assembly at its Annual Meeting the previous summer.

Looking over the material, I saw that we were expected to study the resolutions, involve members in legislative actions, involve our youth and work with other organizations, etc. We are to report back by March 1.

It looks like a big order! Also, it looks like an opportunity to work with the Social Action Committee to integrate our efforts. They are planning to introduce Prairie's own resolution and conduct a survey using criteria from past resolution topics.

*...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

We will have programs on the UUA study resolutions in February. Topics include, "Speak Out for Children," "Challenging the Radical Right," and "Population and Development."

I'm looking forward to this year!

— Rachel Siegfried  
(filling in the column

while Rick is away)

## WORLD Update

Members should be receiving the bi-monthly magazine UU World. Please review and update the UU World Audit Report which will be on the greeter's table for a few weeks to assure your family will continue receiving a copy of this magazine. Sheets for additional names will also be available. If you want this magazine, it is your responsibility to assure the information is correct.

## Cat Needs Home

Due to allergies a new home is needed for a 6 year old male feline. He is neutered, front declawed, friendly, has a long white coat, and will talk to you. If possible, the owners would like visitation rights. Call Kay of Jose at (414) 648-2330 or (414) 648-8190.

## Kay Frazier's B-Day

Kay Frazier is celebrating her 45th birthday on November 4th from 4 to 10PM. The party will be at her house and will include pizza, veggies, cake, and pop.

Directions: I-94 East from Madison to Lake Mills exit (H-way 89,) turn right at exit onto 89, then right at next intersection onto County V, then right at next intersection onto County B, then right at next intersection onto Rock Lake Road, and right at 2nd mailbox at N6974 Rock Lake Road.

Please call (414) 648-2330 (eve.) or (608) 242-5060 (day) if coming, so we have an idea how much food we need. Bring instruments and games!

## Art Show

John-Brian Paprock invites Prairie members and friends to visit his exhibit of pastels, "Moments Along the Path" at Espresso Royale, 208 State Street (across from the Civic Center). The show runs from September 18 to October 18.

## World Wide Web

Development of Prairie's Web Page is proceeding rapidly. **We need artwork (drawings, photos, etc.) to spice up the page.** We are looking for images related to Upham Woods, RE activities, circle dinners, and other activities.

Another possibility is a Member Showcase which could include photography, drawings, or other types of art.

If you are interested in contributing to either of these, please call me at 258-8269

----- Anne Urbanski

## UU Guide

The UU Church of Canton, New York, has published a booklet, entitled *Visiting a Dying Friend*, which is available by mail. Address orders to the Memorial Committee, Unitarian-Universalist Church, East Main Street, Canton, NY, 13617. Books are \$1.50 each, postage paid, for one to nine copies, and \$1.25 per copy, postage paid, for 10 or more copies.

## Program

The Program Committee meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. All are welcome to attend. This is a good opportunity to have some input on upcoming Prairie programs.

## Dawn Ace

Dawn Ace just graduated from Law School and will be opening her own general practice. Her office is at 1914 Monroe St. and is right below the office of Norma Briggs.

## Lesbian Carnival

A lesbian carnival sponsored by the Kissing Girls Art Show and the Apple Island's Craft Show will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Madison Senior Center.

## Circle Dinners

Circle Dinner groups are currently being organized by Warren Hagstrom and Doleta Chapru. Each circle consists of a small group (6 to 12 people) that holds potluck gatherings in one another's homes on selected dates throughout the year. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know Prairie members and friends on an informal basis. To sign up see Doleta or Warren after the service on Sundays or call them at 238-4970.

## Camp Upham Woods

November 10-12

Annual Prairie Retreat

Registration on the back!

Save the Dates

## Upham Woods

Plan on attending our fall retreat November 10 to 12 at Camp Upham Woods near The Dells. Put the dates into your family calendar now. We still need a program coordinator for this event. If you have attended in the past and have not filled one of these positions, we have an opportunity for you! There are files from past years to guide your efforts.

## Philosofest

"Revisioning liberal religion and the free church in a post-modern world" is the theme for Philosofest XII, an annual UU event to be held on Saturday, October 14 at the North Shore Unitarian Church, 2100 Half Day Road, Deerfield, Illinois. The program includes presentations by prominent UU ministers on topical issues, and the opportunity for participants to debate these issues with the speakers and other UUs from the Central Midwest District. For further information, call 708-234-2460.