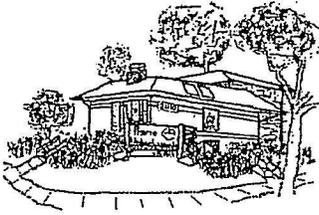


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## PRAIRIE FIRE

*... 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*

Wednesday, February 19, 1997

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### President's Column:

The Service Auction and lunch were a great success! Many thanks to the many, many people who contributed in some way. Special thanks goes to Aileen Nettleton in her key role as Finance Chair, Jennifer Parker and Anne Urbanski for organizing the lunch and especially Shirley Grindrod who made the delicious soups. Ken Skog and Nicki Bromberg had pivotal roles in organizing the auction and the auctioneering was ably and entertainingly handled by Orange Schroeder and Reed Miller. Erin Bosch did some of the "behind the scenes" calling and several young people were right up front helping to serve. Everyone involved, the organizers, the donors of food and services and the rest of us who just ate and bid, all were important in making this a successful fund raising event.

The whole day was a reminder to me of all the energy that goes into making Prairie a viable organization. Everyone has some part to play. Some roles are more visible than others, but all are important. Prairie works as a volunteer group because its members are quick to pitch in and do their share. Thanks for a job well done on this and on all the other many tasks, large and small that, woven together, make Prairie work.

*With continued appreciation.*

*Barbara Park*

Interested in meeting UU's from around the country? If so, you might want to be included in the upcoming "Homecomings" directory. Homecomings is the Bed and Breakfast Travel Directory for UU's. Through it you can arrange to stay in another UU's home during your travels. This network fosters camaraderie and an exchange of ideas among widely scattered UU's. If you are interested in being listed as a B&B host, see Barb Park for an application form.

### New Member

Larry Nahlik has led a very interesting life — a year in Thailand ("The King and I") in the Peace Corps teaching Thai farmers how to raise better livestock, returning five years later to teach community development to Thai leaders, learning to play the flute with professional skill after he was grown, and meeting and marrying a young Chinese woman, Yao, who grew up in Thailand. However, the two did not meet until both were in graduate school at the University of Missouri in Colombia — Larry in community development and Yao getting a PhD in English as a Second Language. Both are fluent in Thai.

Yao then needed teacher certification which was not available at the University of Missouri but could be obtained at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was also offered a teaching position here. This enabled them to come to Madison where Larry eventually secured a job as a management information specialist in the Office of Management and Health Care. Here he met Al Nettleton who worked in the same agency. At about the same time Yao became acquainted with Aileen Nettleton who was teaching at Falk School where Yao taught. Yao then figured out that Al and Larry worked for the same agency and that Al was related to Aileen.

The influence of the Nettletons, plus meeting Rick Ruecking at work one day, increased Larry's interest in the Unitarian movement and he decided to become a Prairie member. Although both Yao and Larry are Buddhists, Larry says that he is convinced that the Unitarian umbrella is large enough to include such diversity.

Finally there is little seven year old Marie Nahlik who attended the Montessori school near Prairie but has graduated to Aldo Leopold School's second grade. She is also beginning to get acquainted with the other Prairie children.

## *Birthday Party!*

Come One! Come All!  
50<sup>th</sup> Birthday-Potluck  
Celebration.

Saturday, March 1, from 5 PM  
Fran Zell, 324 S. Mills St.

No gifts, please,  
But please do bring musical  
instruments.  
Children welcome!

## *Blood Donor*

Our Red-Cross blood donor  
recruiter completed 17 gallons.  
Want to express appreciation?  
Give a pint!

## *Lost & Found*

Anything left at Prairie until  
Sunday, March 2, will be given  
away. Please check the coat rack  
and other places for items left  
behind.

## *Service Auction*

### *Odds and Ends*

Many thanks to everyone for a  
successful auction. So far, about  
\$1600 was raised for our operating  
budget.

Reminders:

1. Those who purchased a service are responsible for contacting the person offering the service to arrange an agreeable time for "delivery."
2. If you have not yet paid for your purchase, please see Ken Skog on Sunday or mail your check to him promptly at 626 Orchard Dr.
3. Services should be arranged and completed within one calendar year.

## *Memorial Service for Ch'ü Yuan*

If you are interested, please  
call Andria, Todd, or Kevin at 274-  
0553. Fifth day of the fifth month of  
the lunar calendar. Taoist.

## *More Services for Silent Auction*

You still have a chance to  
purchase some great services! We  
had so many generous offers that  
there are several still remaining. We  
will "sell" them to the first person (or  
group) who offers at least the  
minimum price. Call Ken Skog,  
273-4813 by March 2 if any of these  
interest you:

\*Dinner for 4 at your home:  
Menu: Oyster beef, eggs with  
shrimp and peas, chicken with  
black bean sauce, scallion  
pancakes. \$15 min. per person.

(Arleigh Birchler)

\*Accordion playing for 1-2  
hours at your party. \$10/hour min.

(Rosemarie Lester)

\*Lawn-mowing and yard work.  
\$8/hour, up to 5 hours.

(Phoenix Wardell)

\*Vacuuming your home. 1-4  
hours. \$5/hour min.

(Nancy Schraufnagel)

\*Divination seminar with tarot  
cards, rune casts. \$15 per person  
min. for 7 people.

(Peter Michie)

\*Sunday afternoon lunch and  
trip to Discovery Zone. 3 children  
ages 4-9. \$10 per child

(Rachel Long)

\*Hands-on Workshop on  
Prairie Plants: Art and Science.  
Sunday, September 7, 3 hours. \$10  
per person min. for 10 people.

(Jean Matos and  
Diane Derouen)

\*Vocal solo for wedding or  
special occasion. \$25 min.

(Kay Frazier)

\*House portrait in pencil or  
pen and ink. \$50 min.

(Peter Michie)

\*Moroccan dinner. (Still  
openings) March 22. \$10 per  
person.

(Gail Coover)

\*Preserving photos. (Still  
openings) March 17, 7:00 at Prairie.

(Nikki Bromberg)

## *The Great Summons*

*O Soul come back to joys  
beyond all telling!  
Where thirty cubits high at  
harvest-time*

*The corn is stacked;  
Where pies are cooked of  
millet and bearded maize.  
Guests watch the steaming  
bowls*

*And sniff the pungency of  
peppered herbs.  
The cunning cook adds slices  
of bird-flesh,  
Pigeon and yellow-heron and  
black crane.*

*They taste the badger-stew.  
O Soul come back to feed on  
foods you love!*

*Next are brought  
Fresh turtle, and sweet  
chicken cooked with cheese  
Pressed by the men of Ch'ü.  
And flesh of whelps floating  
in liver-sauce  
With salad of minced radishes  
in brine;  
All served with that hot spice  
of southernwood  
The land of Wu supplies.  
O Soul come back to choose  
the meats you love!*

*Roasted daw, steamed  
widgeon and grilled quail -  
On every fowl they fare.  
Boiled perch and sparrow  
broth - in each preserved  
The separate flavour that is  
most its own.*

*O Soul come back to where  
such dainties wait!*

*Ch'ü Yuan (3<sup>rd</sup> century B.C.E.)*

## Cabin Fever Reliever Variety Talent Show



Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society  
announces

a piano restoration fund benefit  
**Saturday, March 1, 7-9 PM**

Prairie U. U. Society - 2010 Whenona Drive  
*final performer sign-up, 6 PM night of show*

all ages & performing arts welcome  
music - dance - song - poetry - theater  
admission- contribution. \$2-\$5  
snack bar refreshments requested  
early performer sign-up, call Nikki @ 251-0976  
more information, call Reid @ 437-3388

## Upcoming Programs

### February 23 -- Golden Keys And Blue Envelopes...

...are symbols appearing on Internet documents to protest US laws regulating secret coding to protect information and criminalizing publication of some types of information. Al Nettleton will continue his Lay Ministry with an investigation of these restrictions and the impact on our lives.

### March 2 -- Jeopardies To Civil Liberties From New Technologies

Carole Doepers, the Director of the Wisconsin ACLU Data Privacy Project and former Wisconsin State Privacy Advocate, will discuss threats to civil liberties from new technologies. This program is part of Al Nettleton's Lay ministry on computers and people.

### March 9 -- What About the Kids? Challenges of Gay & Lesbian Families in Madison

Prairie young people gave a fairly rosy picture of life for lesbian and gay youth in the Madison schools they attend. Lesbian mother, long-time gay rights activist and member of the Lesbian Mothers Network Sunshine Jones has quite a different story. Not only are gay or lesbian youth harassed, but so are the straight children of lesbian and gay parents. Sunshine will tell true stories of harassment experiences. Several young people who have lesbian mothers will also relate their own experiences with homophobia. In addition, Sunshine will also suggest ways we can help reduce harassment.

Those attending the service will be challenged to take a simple but maybe courageous action during the

following week. Come find out what it is. (Don't let this scare you. There's always a choice, AND your reasons, reactions, and feelings are really what we're interested in.)

Speaker Sunshine Jones lives in the Prairie neighborhood with her partner and daughter. All are members of the James Reeb Congregation.

### March 16 -- How Homophobia Hurts Heterosexuals

Really? Come and see what you think. Hear an interesting song, too. (Reading material for the next (final) service will be available: "We Can Make Changes.")

### March 23 -- From Porches and Sidewalks to 6-Lanes and Cul De Sacs: The Evolution of American Neighborhoods

Guest speaker David Cieslewicz will do a slide presentation on the evolution of land use in Wisconsin since World War II. He will show how we are slowly losing the historic and natural character of the state to sprawl.

### April 20 -- Individual and Community Strategies

Expect to recap Mary Mullen's lay ministry on the Welcoming Community. Discuss how your attitudes and knowledge have changed (or have not) - and hear how others have been impacted by this series or over their lifetime. What can we do to prevent hate-group activities and damage in our community? What is our next step at Prairie and in the Madison area and beyond?

**Mark your calendars: Prairie's annual Spring Meeting - April 13th**

## Calendar

SUNDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>February 23</b> <b>6 PM</b> Salad Bar Movie Susan and Dick Prest 3444 Lake Mendota Dr Please call ahead -- 232-9919	<b>Tuesday, February 25</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Sarah Weddington (Attorney who argued Roe v. Wade) UW Memorial Union Planned Parenthood		<b>March 1</b> <b>9 AM to Noon</b> Golden Key Save The Natural Oak Savannah! -- 245-0851 UW-Arboretum/Wingra Park (Monroe and Arbor) <b>9:30 AM</b> Shaarei Shamayim <b>5 PM</b> 50th Birthday-Potluck Celebration. Fran Zell, 324 S. Mills St. No gifts, please <b>7 to 9 PM</b> <b>Cabin Fever Musicale</b> at Prairie
<b>March 2</b> <b>9 AM</b> Choir Practice <b>10 AM</b> Jeopardies To Civil Liberties From New Technologies Carole Doeppers <b>RE:</b> Spirit Circle & Secret Friends			<b>March 8</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Prairie Playreaders Paula Pachciarz & Carl Wacker 273-4806
<b>March 9</b> <b>9 AM</b> Choir Practice <b>10 AM</b> What About the Kids? Challenges of Gay & Lesbian Families Sunshine Jones <b>RE:</b> Secret Friends <b>after program</b> Social Action Bake Sale, Letter Writing, & Committee Meeting	<b>Monday, March 10</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Board Meeting  <b>Wednesday, March 12</b> <b>All committee night</b> <b>at Prairie</b> <b>6 PM</b> Potluck <b>7 PM</b> Committee meetings	<b>March 14</b> <b>7:15 PM</b> Shaarei Shamayim	<b>March 15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Shaarei Shamayim
<b>March 16</b> <b>9 AM</b> Choir Practice <b>10 AM</b> How Homophobia Hurts Heterosexuals Mary Mullen <b>after program</b> Secret Friends' Party Women's Discussion Group		<b>March 21</b> <b>7 PM</b> Sage's Spring Soirée Reid Miller -- 437-3388  <b>Friday, March 21 --</b> <b>Sunday, March 23</b> WisconCon III -- YRUU at James Reeb Home Hospitality Needed Genni Birren at 233-6693	<b>March 22</b> <b>6 PM</b> Shaarei Shamayim Purim party