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NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

With spring moving at the same furious pace as this last winter, we are all trying to make each minute meaningful as we have none to waste. We all have so much to see, to hear, and to learn.

The first Chicago Area Fall meeting as a department of the District was held in Rockford April 21, and featured several excellent workshops and a tour of the new fine arts building of Rockford College. Pat Brown and the Rockford Alliance provided coffee and tangy tea (with recipe) as we arrived, and a bountiful salad bar at noon. A memorable day.

Our Board meeting in March advanced the planning for this years Allerton program. Nice going, Elise Cade, Marjorie Cooper, and Betty Schoonover, a good committee with great ideas. This year will help us to see how far we have come.

"We've come a long way, Baby, but..."

Janet Bowering, our keynoter, is special to me. She stayed with us in Hoopeston when she worked in the Mig rant program there in 1953. This was a service project of the Association of Universalist Women of Illinois.

I will attend the Dallas UUWF Biennial convention as your representative. Hester Huff, "Mrs. Allerton", is also going.

I will report on the Dallas meetings when I speak to the Springfield Alliance on May 19. Hester spoke in Peoria in April. We would be very glad, anxious in fact, to meet with any unit who invites us. I'm speaking for myself as well as each member of the Board. We want to become better acquainted throughout the district, and have closer contacts with each unit.

Betty

Allerton June 22-24

Allerton Conference is less than two months away. Plans are being completed and we hope as many as possible (up to 125) can attend.

The general topic of "women - where are we going?" should cover everyone's "bag". Janet Bowering, a Uni-Uni minister of Exeter, New Hampshire, will be the key note speaker. Married to a minister, mother of three, with an impressive list of activities, UUWF and others, she should have much to tell us.

Other activities include play-reading of Clare Booth Luce's adaptation of Ibsen's "The Doll's House", Produced by Rosann White. Marjorie Cooper will moderate a panel of our own women, those who've mixed family and career, some who've changed midstream, some gone back or contemplating such a move. We should gain insights from their struggles and decisions. and can continue in depth in small workshop groups. A clinic on Art Fairs, Book Bins, Resale Shops, Rummage Sales, should provide many ideas to take back to your unit.

There will also be help and suggestions for business meetings, reports of the UUWF National meeting in Dallas, and recommendations for long range planning. Emil Gudmundson, our interdistrict representative will conduct an opening worship service. Jim Wilkes of Peoria will plan the final meditation.

On the lighter side there will be bird walks, a Board party, and chunks of free time to roam the grounds, rap with new-found friends, or do absolutely nothing!

On the evaluation sheets last year, everyone said they would like to take part in Allerton 1971. We hope alumnae will return, and friends will join us. Total cost of the Conference from lunch on Tuesday thru lunch on Thursday, June 22-24, \$35.00. Registration fee - \$3.00 before June 1 (\$4.00 thereafter), should be mailed to Hester Huff, R.R. #1, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

"See you at Allerton" Elise Cade
Marjorie Cooper
Betty Schoonover

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Dues Notice

Fifteen of the thirty seven UUWF Central Midwest units have paid their 1970-1971 dues. These should be sent before June 1, to Hester Huff, R.R. #1, Clinton Illinois, 61727. Those units who are paid up will receive copies of the proceedings and program books from the 1971 Allerton Conference.

GLORIA GRIMM ELECTED

Gloria Grimm will be remembered by many as the 1968 Allerton Chairman on the program on Abortion. She has been elected President of the Board of Trustees for the First Unitarian Church of Saint Louis for the 1971-1972 year.

As Board President and recognized lay leader of the congregation, Mrs. Grimm will be the second woman in First Church's history to fill this post, the first being Marietta Hunsche, 1966-1967.

CONTINENTAL CONVENTION

DALLAS APRIL 30-MAY 3

The UUWF Fifth Continental Convention is being held in Dallas, Texas, April 30-May 3. The Keynote address is being given by Rev. Emily Champagne of the Unitarian Church of the Foothills, La Crescenta, California, on "What Do Women Want of Their Religion in the 70's?"

Our own Margaret Harris from the CMD spent her first term of two years on the Board, serving the Membership Extension Committee. She has been nominated for a second term. Also on the slate from the District is Rachael Robinson from Wausau, Wisc., to be elected to the Nominating Committee.

Betty King, President, and Hester Huff Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Midwest District will be our representatives to the convention. Rosann White, Hinsdale, also plans to attend. Rosann has been placed on the slate by the UUA nominating Committee for the Planning Committee of the UUA, to be elected at the General Assembly in 1972.

VOICES OF THE NEW FEMINISM

This UUWF sponsored book, published by Beacon Press at \$5.95, edited by Mary Lou Thompson, brings you some of America's most forceful advocates for women's rights. Examine the situation of women and learn of the forces that will bring radical changes in the lives of men and women, alike, for greater freedom and responsibilities for women can bring more freedom to men also. Included are articles by Betty Friedan; Elizabeth Koontz, Director U.S. Women's Bureau; Martha Griffiths and Shirley Chisholm, U.S. Congresswomen; and eight other women leaders. Write UUWF for information on special reduced price for UUWF individual members and units. A "must" reading for Allerton!