

# C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter

Even tho it is still mid-winter let's turn our thoughts toward Allerton - 1971. With Elise Cade, Marjorie Cooper, and Betty Schoonover hard at work, this years Institute promises to be outstanding. I know all of us who have been there before are looking forward to returning, and anxious to share our experiences with new comers.

"WE've come a long way"... Our first Institute was held in 1957 at Harrick House near Elgin. In 1958 we came to Allerton, meeting here each summer since. We have had many varied programs: "Fight Against Waste" was the theme in 1964. "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Love" in 1966, "Abortion, a Public or Private Concern" in 1968. These are but a sampling of themes and Im sure bring back memories for all. Allerton also means Hester Huff. She hasn't missed an Institute!! She has the only all time record.

Our Editor, Betsy Davis, has written about the continuing possibility of our Allerton Park being flooded by the Oakley Project. We are attaching the third petition from the Committee on Allerton for your units to work on. Sec. Hickel's declaration of Allerton as a National Natural Landmark is not enough!! We must all do our part to get as many petitions signed and returned to the Committee as soon as we possibly can. Here we have "Women Power" at work.

In November I was invited to speak to the DuPage Valley UUWF. I greatly enjoyed meeting with them. I hope to meet with many more UUWF units in the future.

The Unitarian Women of the Chicago Area organized about 1895. Meeting twice a year added strength and fellowship to the units. On October 28 in Elgin at the Fall meeting, the Chicago Area UUWF voted to become a department of the District UUWF, rather than maintain a separate organization. At the December meeting of your CMD Board, we welcomed them. We shall all gain from this merger.

We found someone who used to live in our house. Things were then as they are now.

Betty

## ALERT FOR ALLERTON

Your committee, Betty Schoonover, Marjorie Cooper, Elise Cade, with Betty King and Hester Huff as ex-officio members, have been hard at work sorting out comments,praise and ideas from last years evaluation sheets to make the 1971 Allerton Conference the best ever.

Relevancy to the times seemed to be a primary concern. Our theme is "Wine, Women and Song". The Board hosts a party, Women is what it's all about, and who can forget Lorraine Weber's lilting music?

The Keynote Speaker will be Janet Bowering, a Unitarian-Universalist minister now serving the Exeter, New Hampshire Church. We shall continue to use our own members as panelists and resource persons experiment with new forms of worship, a play-reading, and perhaps, best of all, chunks of free time to do your thing.

An idea clinic with experts on Bazaars, Newsletters, Rummage and Resale Shops, Fairs and Book Bins will be held. We hope you will bring samples of all kinds. This should give us many ideas for both program and ways and means.

Marjorie Cooper has volunteered to head a Long Range Planning Committee to search out new ways in which the UUWF District Board can be of service to local units, and vic versa, including the whole area of finance, memorial gifts, etc. A full report will be given at the Annual Business Meeting.

Betty King will again be chairman of promotion which includes that handsome program book we treasure throughout the year. Betty Schoonover has interesting plans for partying, and Hester Huff -Mrs. Midwest UUWF will again be registrar.

The Newsletter will keep you in touch with program material as it develops. We hope to have a bibliography available before the conference, and we welcome any suggestions and offers to help.

Alert your unit now - save the dates, JUNE 22-24 1971. Consider a scholarship for some of your newer members. \$30. for the conference - a Best Buy. See you at ALLERTON.

Elise Cade, Chairman

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### ALLERTON MUST BE SAVED

The Committee on Allerton Park, 1208 W. Union St., Champaign, Ill., 61820, states that Allerton Park is still in danger of being flooded under the proposed Oakley Project of the Corps of Army Engineers. The last two petitions circulated were extremely effective measures in bringing about revised modified plans of the project. This is not enough! Now a third petition is being circulated by the Committee in the hope that thousands across the nation will become involved in this most vital issue.

Additional petitions, information, fact sheets, and pictures may be obtained from the Committee on Allerton Park. Please get everyone to sign, and return them to the Committee.

The efforts of the past petitions have been encouraging! Perhaps this one will mean success in preserving the natural beauty of Allerton Park.

### OF MEETINGS YET TO COME

MARCH 6 - CMD Board - Chicago

APRIL 21 - CHICAGO AREA SPRING MEETING  
Rockford

APRIL 30 - MAY 3 - Fifth Continental  
Convention of the UUWF - Dallas.

### OF MEETINGS PAST

Sept. 23 - CHICAGO AREA BOARD MEETING  
Dorothy Cosgrove, president, presided over the meeting which was to become the last official act of the Chicago Area UUWF Board as a separate structure. Dorothy asked Betty King to see that a current Chicago Area Directory of Women's groups in the U-U Churches and Fellowships be prepared in order to facilitate communication between area women. A copy of this Directory is enclosed which has been expanded to include all the Central Midwest District. Thank you, Dorothy, for a job well done!

OCT. 14 - CONTINENTAL UUWF - SPRINGFIELD  
Margaret Harris, Chicago, and Dru Cummins of Minneapolis, both on the Continental UUWF Board, sponsored a meeting to offer a rallying point for UU women in the down state area. Susan Spangler and Mildred Withey and alliance of the Springfield Abraham Lincoln Fellowship were hostesses. Margaret Morgan narrated her worship service "What's It All About", with Milicent Strong as the dancer, and Betty King and Margaret Takano as the recorder players. Mrs. John Wilkes, wife of the Peoria U-U Church, sang and played the guitar. The experience and fellowship of these meetings are most worthwhile. Lets have more!

OCT. 28 - CHICAGO AREA FALL MEETING - ELGIN  
It was at this meeting, as recommended by the Board, that the members present voted to dissolve the Chicago Area UUWF with intention of preserving the Spring and Fall membership meetings held in Chicago Area Churches.

The featured speaker was Dr. Stuart Ryder, an Associate Professor of English at Judson College, Elgin. His subject was "Struggling toward a new Society".

DEC. 5 - CMDUUWF BOARD MEETING  
The Board voted unanimously to accept the merger with the Chicago Area UUWF, and established a permanent position on the Board as Chicago Area Representative, who will coordinate the Spring and Fall meetings. Betty Steel was appointed to this position for the coming year.