

C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

April 1972

President's Letter

Reading the article on aging in the January - February Bridge took me back to Allerton - 1970 when "agism" was our keynote led by Roy Phillips, then of Racine, with the theme "Three Legs at Night". This led me to thinking of other years when Allerton has been in the lead.

In 1964 the theme was "Fight Against Waste- including material, money, natural resources and human potential". That far back the women in the midwest were concerned with ecology.

Dr. Lonny Myers was with us for the entire institute in 1968 when our theme was "The Ultimate Decision - Abortion, a Private Concern".

"Sex in a Changing World" was our keynote speech in 1966 by Jack Kent, then at First Unitarian in Chicago, which was a forerunner to our current concern with sex education.

In 1969, "Wednesday's Child" dealt with our great concern for children with problems. Since then several local units have built their programs around this theme. The Chicago Area Spring meeting included visiting the Illinois State Training School for Girls in Geneva.

Last year's theme, "Wine, Women, and Song" leads us directly into this years "Hurrah for Women - A Profile of YOU in the 70's". I am already anxious for Allerton. As the plans are made I think we all anticipate eagerly our Institute. Those of us who have been there know what to expect and we are most eager to share these experiences with those who will be there for the first time. So start planning to be at ALLERTON this year.

See you there,

Betty

Flash on Allerton

Two headliners can now be announced: Our own Margaret Harris of the National UUWF Board, will tell of the current UUWF activities, and give us an opportunity to discuss with her the ways in which women can make greater impact on their churches the district, and the denomination.

Anthony Friess Perrino, who has just come to Rockford as the minister from Detroit, will discuss the challenging topic "Is Rational Religion Obsolete?" Come prepared to raise questions and help create an exciting evening. Tony will be with us on Thursday morning, too and will conduct our worship service.

Y'all come - - -

JUNE 20, 21, 22

Hurrah for Women. A Profile of YOU in the 1970's.

Dues Note

A REMINDER: Your unit dues for the Central Midwest UUWF are due NOW. Check with your treasurer, and if it has not been paid, please urge immediate action. Send to: Hester Huff, R.R. #1, Clinton, Illinois, 61727

CONSIDER THIS: The small amount of .50 per unit member is what makes Allerton possible. An Allerton is vital in the meeting of minds and the exchanging of ideas between U-U women all over the district. Urge women from your unit to attend Allerton in order to bring back these thoughts to your group. Be a part of the larger U-U women. Be involved.

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Continental News

Margaret Harris, UUWF Board member, has been quite busy visiting units that have requested programs about the Women's Federation. The latest being in Milwaukee on February 17th.

When Margaret and Betty King shared the program at the Rockford unit last fall she was presented with a check which President Mavis Bell laughingly said was for the purchase of 1 1/2 bicycles for the Clara Borton Camp.

Connie Burgess, Executive Secretary of the UUWF will retire September 15 1972 According to the rules and procedures of the UUWF, the Executive Secretary must tender a resignation at the age of 65. Mrs. Burges submitted her resignation at the October Board meeting of the UUWF and it was accepted. A search committee has been appointed to select an interim director for approval by the Board for a two year period.

The 150th anniversary of Clara Bartons birth, and the 50th anniversary of the purchase of her birthplace by the Universalist Women's organization was celebrated by the UUWF with a tea and reception at The Clara Borton Center December 11, 1971. It was also announced that a year long program of celebration across the country by units was planned. Miss Barton was born on December 25, 1821.

CHICAGO AREA - APRIL 27

In keeping with the UUWF celebration of the 150th anniversary of Clara Bartons birth, the Chicago Area Spring meeting will carry her theme in its program: "Feminists, Then and Now" with emphasis on human liberation.

The Du Page Unit will be hostess of the semi-all day meeting on Thursday, April 27 at the church in Naperville. (Rough map below.)

Clara Barton and some of her contemporaries invite you to hear a panel from George Williams Collegé, and the Du Page minister, Gene Koeves. Small discussion groups on related topics afterwards will give everyone a chance to air her views - (I haven't met a U-U woman without any, yet!)

A beautiful Spring luncheon will be served by the Du Page women, and a baby sitter will be on duty, so don't let the little ones keep you home.

Come share a wonderful day! Intellectual stimulation, tasty food, and warm fellowship, all for the small price of: \$2.00 (including baby sitter). Please mail your reservation by April 24 to:

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