

C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1975

President's Letter

I was very pleased to be elected as your president for the next two years. I have enjoyed the past year and a half serving out Betty King's term and look forward to the next two years. The board members elected represent a good cross section of our district. Clarise Jefferson from Bloomington was elected as director, as was Mildred Richards from Madison, WI. They will join Marietta Hunché from St. Louis and Robin Sprietsma from DuPage County. Completing the board are Betsy Davis from Farmer City as secretary and Bonnie Olsen from Joliet as Treas. And we are extremely pleased that Tobe Easton from Normal has agreed to be our Allerton Chairperson for next year. We are really thinking ahead and have planned a board meeting for December 6.

Again, may I say how pleased I am to be your president and if there is any way I may be of help to your units, please don't hesitate to call on me. My phone is 217 352-7472, and address is 1710 W. Windsor Rd., Champaign, IL

BOARD TO MEET

DECEMBER 6

The next Central Midwest District Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation board meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6, in the Narcisus Room at Marshall Fields in Chicago. All board meetings are open to CUUWF members. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Please make reservations with any one of the officers or directors.

Allerton 1975

It was a sell-out at the Allerton Institute last June. All credit goes to the experienced leaders, Gloria Grimm and Marietta Hunché, and their hard working committee members culled from the St. Louis church and Eliot Chapel, Kirkwood. A grand total of 106 attended with 16 units represented. -- a record attendance for the UUF conference.

Barbara Marshall, Executive Director of the UUF, was the Institute's special guest, and brought us up to date on activities and projects of our national organization. We also heard a report by two midwest women who had attended the UUF National Convention in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Earl K. Holt of St. Louis was the Keynote Speaker with a provocative talk entitled, "Role, Romance and Reality." Discussions relating to the theme brought many diverse viewpoints and a lively exchange of ideas on the romance and realities of women's roles.

And speaking of diversity -- we learned the hula; discussed religion, sex meditation, volunteerism and psycho-drama. The traditional Allerton party found us all in hastily assembled "Hag" costumes. Rev. Holt could have been voted the best looking "hag" of us all. Some hardy souls arose early for a bird walk, and most of us stayed up late for our customary sing-a-long.

The richness of our time together was vividly brought out in the closing meditation service. Led by Earl Holt, we shared our deepest thoughts and were moved by the lovely song which Dakki Losee had written for the service.

See you in '76 - June 15, 16, 17!

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Chicago Area

The Chicago Area UUWF Fall meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 17 W. Maple, Hinsdale. The church is located south of Ogden and east of route 83 on the corner of Maple and Washington. Please call and make reservations with Jo Mitchell in Downers Grove. Her phone is 964-1334. Call for individual invitations, or have some one call for total reservations for your unit.

The meeting is held in conjunction with the Chicago Area of Unitarian-Universalist Churches which offers interesting and varied workshops conducted by experienced and informed leaders. The CAUUC program subjects are:

The Minister as Facilitator
Junior High RE
Action Oriented Intergen (including extended family ideas)
Liberation Starts With Yourself
Night-time Street Ministry
Human Resources from Beacon Press
Arts and Sunday Morning Programming
Resource people include Carl Hirsch, Irene Smith & Erin Freeman & Bill Lipscomb, Carol Walton, Bart Gould, John Nichols, and Joel Schalefie d.
The program offers a choice for church, unit and personal interests.

The Chicago Area UUWF business meeting will meet during lunch, or at a time designated by Robin Sprietsma. Make your reservations NOW. Baby sitting arrangements can be provided if enough requests are made in advance.

See you in Hinsdale --

Annual Meeting

The 12th Annual meeting of the CMD-UUWF was held during the Institute at Allerton House on Wednesday, June 16. The officers elected are: President, Doris Jones; Secretary, Betsy Davis; Directors Clarise Jefferson and Mildred Richards. Others continuing in office are: Bonnie Olson, Treasurer; Directors, Marietta Hunche and Robin Sprietsma.

Doris Jones presented a recommendation from the Board to give Meadville \$200.00 for the 1975-76 academic year, to be applied to the education of a woman theological student, preferably from the Midwest District. This recommendation was adopted, and the funds have since been sent to Meadville.

Tobe Easton from Bloomington will be the 1976 Allerton Institute Chairperson.

An adjourned meeting was reconvened Thursday morning for the purpose of considering a resolution presented by Lucille Kazmark. She discussed the present financial crisis faced by the Continental UUWF, explaining the reasons and current needs. A resolution was adopted to ask the units to give financial aid to the Continental UUWF and to the Clara Barton Camp. A full report and the resolution, as stated, is published on page 3 of this Newsletter.

We urge each Unit to study this matter seriously, and to do its share helping in the best way possible according to the wishes of its members.

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We have just learned of the death, September 23 in Joliet, of Mary Parkhurst wife of our minister in Joliet.

U U W F Financial Crisis

At our Annual Central Midwest UUF meeting which coincides with our inspirational resource institute at Allerton House in Monticello, IL, June 15 - 18, we were privileged to have Barbara Marshall, our new Intercontinental UUF President. We benefited much from our contact with this forthright Unitarian-Universalist (husband, minister of Ledford, Mass. church) co-worker.

The topic of greatest concern, however, was FINANCES. Because UUA was forced to cut their budget and thus cut the UUF allotment, and because certain of our reserve funds were invested in non-interest bearing BAC bonds, our Continental UUF is in a deficit budget upwards of \$97,000. Also though we thought we had ample trust funds to cover the operation of the Clara Barton Camp we found there were funds left only for two more years. We learned that the Clara Barton Conference Center, for a number of reasons, was not self-supporting; its rental being taken contributions from such social agencies as the Girl Scouts.

These deficit figures were a stagger-

ing reality. Intense cut-backs on the Continental office have our staff down to 2 people. The Central Midwest District paid Barbara Marshall's expenses for her Allerton participation. These intense cut-backs have crippled our Continental program to the point of incapacity!

We agreed that a strong central UUF administration is necessary to integrate the individual units. At present the only solvent and active large grass roots (working) groups are the Districts. Paradoxically, these are not accorded any representation under our national constitution; voting is based on the individual units. While it is democratically possible to contact individual units, a district can provide this grass roots base for continental field work. But changes in representation are up to the Continental Board and the vote of the Convention.

Meanwhile, we in the Central Midwest District propose to take the bull by the horns. Because our next UUF convention is two years off we feel that our women must band together as in the past and raise the funds to cover the financial needs for both administrative UUF and the Clara Barton Camp thru fund raising projects. Therefore, the following resolution was passed in the business meeting directing the raising of such funds. We hope you discuss the needs in your units and join in making our UUF and the Clara Barton Camp financially solvent again,

RESOLUTION:

In view of the fact that the members of the UUF of all districts share in the ownership and operation of the Clara Barton Camp in which we have a Half Million Dollar investment:

Also, in view of the fact that no camp or any other program can be operated at a deficit;

We, therefore, recommend that the Board of the Central Midwest District be directed to take the following action:

1. Send publicity making direct appeals to member Units for financial aid to the Clara Barton Camp and to the Continental UUF to help defray the existing deficit. Checks should be sent to the Central Midwest UUF treasurer,

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who will send them on;

2. Encourage the Continental Board to adopt a policy on rental of the Conference Center which will make it self sustaining, advertising its availability on a wider basis;

3. The Central Midwest District encourage the units to inform themselves more fully on the camping and other programs and needs of the Continental UUF.

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