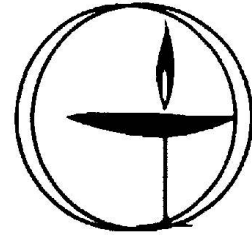


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



**Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church  
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4099**

Marjorie Rynas, *president*

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**T**he Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.

## **President's Message**

The President's Handbook shows that I must remind the Nominating Committee that the new slate of officers must be published in the May newsletter.

We are lucky to have such a fine group of officers this year. Beryle Lednicer, our Recording Secretary, is unfailingly always present and ready to present accurate minutes of the last meeting for review. Our Corresponding Secretary, Beverly Warner, is constantly busy with thank you notes, general correspondence, cards to shut-ins and notes of sympathy and compassion. Our Treasurer, Bruce Douglas, not only has to keep the books and make a monthly report but also must tend to other duties from paying the dishwasher after our lunches to negotiating a favorable interest rate for a new CD. He has experienced help from Assistant Treasurer, Martha Lisle.

It is understood that our present Vice President, Marion Carlson, will be asked to be President. So the hunt will be on for a new Vice President. For several years we have not had anyone to Chair the Archives Committee and our archives have been seriously neglected. So, I will offer to take on the Archives Chair and dig into whatever records are available since Gisella Pollock accomplished a major reorganization several years ago.

*Marjorie Rynas, President*

## **Next Alliance Board Meeting January 19, 2007 10 a.m. in Rooms 1-2**

We especially request that the Chairs of all Committees and all of the officers be present at the Board meeting. We plan to take a picture of the board for our archives and don't want anyone left out. Thank you!

## **Alliance Day**

**Thursday, January 11, 2007**

***"Prescription for Health or Prescription for Profit?"***

Our speaker, Merrill Goozner spent more than 25 years in the news business as a foreign correspondent, economics writer and investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune and other publications. He reported from over a dozen countries while posted in Chicago, Tokyo, New York and Washington. His jobs included Chief Asia Correspondent (1991-95), New York Financial Correspondent (1996-1998) and Chief Economics Correspondent (1998-2000). Like Benjamin Franklin, he spent his early years in the business in the printing trade.

His freelance writing in recent years has appeared in numerous national publications including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Nation*, *The American Prospect* and the *Washington Monthly*. He's won six Peter Lisagor awards; a Michigan Journalism Fellowship (1995-96); and a Kaiser Media Fellowship (2001-02). In April 2004, the University of California Press published his first book, *The \$800 Million Pill: The Truth Behind the Cost of New Drugs*, an exposé of the pharmaceutical industry's research and development practices.

Goozner left daily journalism in June 2000 to teach journalism at New York University. In December 2003, he joined the Center for Science in the Public Interest as director of the Integrity in Science project, where he continues his research and writing.

He and his wife, Karen, are the proud parents of Zoe, who is in middle school in Silver Spring, Maryland.

## The Schedule for Alliance Day

**11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing over hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine or juice (\$1.00 donation is suggested).

**12 noon.** Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.

**1 – 2 p.m.** Business meeting and program.

## Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

<i>Greeters:</i>	11:15	Dorothy Bedell, Margaret Levchenko
<i>Set-up:</i>	10:30	Helen Pechacek, Nancy Janssen
	11:00	Jackie Burge, Yuka Fujikura
<i>Clean up:</i>		Henry Bedell, Ernie Carlson
<i>Tablecloths:</i>		Marion Carlson, Katherine Potts
<i>Beverage Table:</i>		Karl Grimm, Beryle Lednicer

## Choose your hospitality tasks!

Sign up for your favorite hospitality task for next month as you check in at the monthly Alliance luncheon. Each of us should volunteer for at least two tasks during the year, as we are able.

## Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday – 10 a.m. in the Library.

All Bridge players are welcome! No partner needed. Bring a sandwich and play through lunch.

## Fourth Thursday Classic Film Series — \$1 January 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the library.

Our first film for 2007 is *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont*. Joan Plowright takes the title role in this heartwarming drama, based on the best-selling novel by the same name. After traveling to London to be closer to her 26-year-old grandson (Lorcan O'Toole), the recently widowed Mrs. Palfrey moves into a local hotel while she waits — and waits — for him to return her calls. But when fate introduces her to a kindly young writer (Rupert Friend), she finds the family she's always wanted.

*Sarah Reese*

## Alliance News on the Web

Did you know that the Alliance News is available on our web site? To view the latest monthly issue, go to [www.cedarlane.org/news/acurrent.pdf](http://www.cedarlane.org/news/acurrent.pdf).

For past issues, see [www.cedarlane.org/newsarchive.html](http://www.cedarlane.org/newsarchive.html).

## First Friday Book Group 📖 11 a.m., Rooms 1 & 2

Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

The January 5 meeting will be held in our library. We will have a movie at that time — Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. Inez Costanzo will provide refreshments.

On February 2, we will discuss *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. Merrilyn Gibson will provide refreshments.

Though many recognize Oppenheimer (1904–1967) as the father of the atomic bomb, few are as familiar with his career before and after Los Alamos. Sherwin has spent 25 years researching every facet of Oppenheimer's life, from his childhood on Manhattan's Upper West Side and his prewar years as a Berkeley physicist to his public humiliation when he was branded a security risk at the height of anticommunist hysteria in 1954.

Teaming up with Bird, an acclaimed Cold War historian, Sherwin examines the evidence surrounding Oppenheimer's "hazy and vague" connections to the Communist Party in the 1930s—loose interactions consistent with the activities of contemporary progressives. But those politics, in combination with Oppenheimer's abrasive personality, were enough for conservatives, from fellow scientist Edward Teller to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, to work at destroying Oppenheimer's postwar reputation and prevent him from swaying public opinion against the development of a hydrogen bomb.

The political drama is enhanced by the close attention to Oppenheimer's personal life, and Bird and Sherwin do not conceal their occasional frustration with his arrogant stonewalling and panicky blunders, even as they shed light on the psychological roots for those failures, restoring human complexity to a man who had been both elevated and demonized.

*Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer*

## Next Alliance Newsletter

The deadline for submitting material for the February newsletter is January 25. Leave material in the church newsletter box or e-mail to [robinlarkin@comcast.net](mailto:robinlarkin@comcast.net).