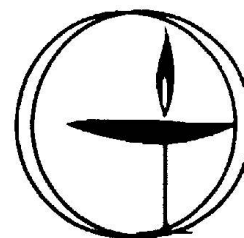


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Marjorie Rynas, *president*

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The 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.

Alliance Day **Thursday, February 8, 2007** *Memoir Class Readings*

Please join us to hear short personal essays by Coralie Adler, Cathy Kalbacher, Dick Menzer, Neysa Ojalvo and Cherry Wunderlich.

Founded in 1998, the memoir class meets twice a month at the church to share new writing and to give one another feedback. A total of eleven participants – six of whom are founding members – gather to hone their writing skills, preserve family and personal history, and provide encouragement and support.

The class is led by Kim Roberts, author of two books, *The Wishbone Galaxy* and *The Kimnoma*, and editor of the literary journal *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*.

Participants are given a new exercise or “prompt” for each class, and have written on a wide variety of subjects, from family food ways, to lies and secrets, and to adventures in other countries. The focus of the class is to create a record of our experiences written in a language that is vivid and clear. The five readers will each select one of their favorite essays to read.

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

Greeters: 11:15 Nancy Anderson, Bruce Douglas
Set-up: 10:30 Diane Wallenmeyer, Warren Thompson
11:00 Margaret Harden, Len Adler
Clean up: Henry Bedell, Marjorie Melton
Tablecloths: Phyllis Richter, Ellen Thompson
Beverage Table: Karl Grimm, Beryle Lednicer

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.

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.

President’s Message

During the luncheon on January 11, we briefly discussed the name change of our Alliance Jewelry Committee to JEWELRY AND COLLECTIBLES. In the past, donors have sometimes given us collectibles without realizing it. As good stewards, it is our duty to recognize the value and handle all donations to the greatest benefit of the church. Before the World Wide Web, Google, and eBay, we were clueless in trying to recognize collectibles.

And now we find we need more than these impersonal sources of information. We feel there is a great wealth of information in our own members and friends who have knowledge and expertise concerning collectibles through inheritance, profession and hobbies. We need to know to whom we can go for information about recognizing and describing donations we suspect might be valuable.

Therefore, we are asking if you will please fill out the following form describing the collectibles about which you have knowledge and information. Please mail the filled-out form to The Alliance, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda MD 20814 or put it in the Alliance mail box in the office. We hope to build a database of people we can call on for information. Please be as specific as possible.

Our heartfelt thanks,

Marjorie Rynas, President

NAME _____

PHONE _____

COLLECTIBLES? WHAT COLLECTIBLES?

There are countless categories of collectibles all of which break down into many subcategories. To name a few: art, barware, books, postcards and trading cards, china and dinnerware, comics, coins, dolls, figurines, glass, jewelry, lamps, locks, lunch boxes, pens and ink-wells, radios, rocks, stamps, tobacciana, toys, and watches, as well as historical, military and sports memorabilia.

Since our main outlet will be eBay we must confine the donations to articles which can be mailed. Larger items can be donated to the yearly auction.

Lost Item at December Luncheon

At the luncheon in December, I neglected to take home the food dish I brought. It is an oval-shaped casserole of red clay pottery, glazed on the inside. I may have left it in the hallway near the coat closet. If anyone rescued it, please call me at 301-945-0480.

Marjorie Melton

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 February 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the library.

Our film this month is *Warm Springs* which follows Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Kenneth Branagh), left a paraplegic from polio in 1921 at age 39, as he seeks out a "miracle" cure in the backwoods of rural Georgia. As his wife Eleanor (Cynthia Nixon) takes up the mantle of the public Roosevelt, Franklin battles the stigma of polio and encounters those affected not just by disability, but by poverty, illiteracy and racism.

Sarah Reese

First Friday Book Group 📖 **11 a.m., Rooms 1 & 2** Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On February 2, we will discuss *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin J. Sherwin. A thorough and devastatingly sad biography of the man whose very name has come to represent 20th century physics. Merrilyn Gibson will provide refreshments.

Looking ahead to March 1, our book will be *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. This is a mystery story of a young man trying to unravel the fate of

a little known author whose book fascinates him. Jean Schaible will provide refreshments.

In April: Megan Marshall's *The Peabody Sisters*.
Jackie Burge and *Diane Wallenmeyer*

Alliance Directory 2006 - 2007 – Update

Please add the following name to your membership directory:

Phoebe Pfaehler
419 Russell Avenue, Apt. 316
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2870
301-987-6620

Warren Thompson, Membership Chair

Angie Skinner turns 100 years old in April!

Leading up to this grand occasion, her friends and relatives will want to help her celebrate by submitting some sort of a remembrance of her: a memory written up in a paragraph, a photo of a shared moment, or even an original poem.

These remembrances can be submitted to her nephew Peter Bowman, who will make them more understandable if needed (say, by word-processing hand-written items) and transfer copies of them to Nancy Baughman, Angie's longtime friend who visits her weekly. Nancy will share them with Angie as her day-to-day condition allows.

For a celebration of some sort (yet to be planned) in April 2007, the remembrances will be collected in a memory book to be presented to Angie. Copies of the remembrances in the book will be collected in electronic form, so that multiple copies can be made and distributed to those who contribute remembrances.

At some time over the next few months, please submit your remembrance by mail to:

Peter Bowman
2437 Bay Area Blvd #30
Houston, Texas 77058-1519

Or by email to: pabowmangmail.com

Comments/questions about this project will be gladly received by Peter: 281-772-7204.

Next Alliance Newsletter

The deadline for submitting material for the March newsletter is February 22. Leave material in the church newsletter box or e-mail to robinlarkin@comcast.net.

**Next Alliance Board Meeting February 15, 2007
10 a.m. in Rooms 1-2**