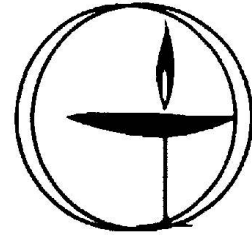


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Marjorie Rynas, *president*

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Robin Larkin, *editor*

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.

President's Message

Our Church Auction is Saturday March 10!

The Alliance always contributes to the auction in two ways. All of the money earned by giving the Spring Tea is donated. And the Jewelry and Collectibles Committee always gives several pieces of jewelry. This year the collection will include a beautiful gold bracelet. The beginning bid for the bracelet is \$200 because that is what the gold is worth.

At our February luncheon Nancy Janssen made an elegant plea for more donations to the auction. In response, the Alliance is preparing a Bride's Box. The first donation, of course, will be one of our cookbooks. Contributions for the box can be any little gift you might give to a bride. Jean Schaible will prepare and decorate the box but we will need donations as quickly as possible. There is a box in the church office in which you may leave your gift. It is located under a table in the Volunteer Room behind the front desk.

But if you cannot get to the church, or just can't think of a "bride-like" gift, you may send a modest check made out to Jean Schaible. Her address is 1568 Ivystone Ct., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

The money will be used for the box, the decorations, or gifts to round out the type of donations received, or, perhaps, a bottle of champagne! But she has very little time before the auction so please respond as soon as possible.

Marjorie Rynas, President

Alliance Spring Tea

The **Alliance Spring Tea** to benefit the auction will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$18, and on sale at Alliance luncheon meetings. Contact Helen Pechacek if you can help with the Tea.



Alliance Day

Thursday, March 8, 2007

A Walk Through the History of Radio

Remember listening to Fibber McGee and Molly, Jack Benny, and the Shadow years ago on your family's living room console radio? Can you recall the thrill of seeing those small-screen snowy black and white TV images of Milton Berle or Jackie Gleason or the Gillette Cavalcade of Sports on an early television set? Cedar Laner Brian Belanger will relate the evolution of radio and television in the home, and describe how his museum presents this fascinating story.

Brian Belanger, an electrical engineer, with a bachelor's degree from Caltech and a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, is currently the Executive Director and Curator of the Radio & Television Museum in Bowie, Maryland. Prior to his retirement in 2000 from the National Institute of Standards and Technology, he held several senior executive positions there, including Deputy Director of the Advanced Technology Program, a major extramural program.

Brian is a charter member of the mid-Atlantic Antique Radio club, a member of its board of directors, and is the co-editor of its monthly publication, Radio Age. He is currently a vice president of the Antique Wireless Association, was for a time the editor of its archival journal, the AWA Review, and was the recipient of the 2001 Antique wireless Association's Houck Award for Documentation for his many articles on radio history topics.

Along with his wife, Dian, Brian has been a Cedar Lane member for 30 years. A former board chair, he has also served on many other Cedar Lane committees, and currently is on the Worship Committee.

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

Greeters: 11:15 Eleanor Melville, Dorothy Bedell

Set-up: 10:30 Delilah Foster, Edith Confehr

11:00 Terry Tretter, Len Adler

Clean up: Ernie Carlson, Paul & Doris Keyes

Tablecloths: Arlene Goldman, Gisella Polock

Beverage Table: 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.

Hat Swap Wanted

At the Alliance luncheon of February 8, there were two similar gray hats. One was a Kangol (mine) and one was a Dockers. I was late leaving, because of a meeting and found the Dockers, but not the Kangol. I hope that whoever took my hat by mistake can bring the Kangol to the next Alliance meeting, so we can return the hats to the rightful owners. Thanks so much.

Henry Bedell at 301-656-2774

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.

Mary Lou Long, one of our Tuesday bridge players, died on January 16, 2007, at her home in Chevy Chase, NW.

She had been ill for a long time, but never failed to come to bridge on Tuesdays. She also played in the marathon for many years. She was a member of the Alliance and had been with our group for 15 to 20 years. She was an excellent bridge player and is greatly missed by the Tuesday group.

Her memorial service will be held on March 16, 2007, 11 a.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Western Ave. at Quesada St., NW. Donations in her memory can be made to Catholic Charities of Washington, DC.

Next Alliance Board Meeting March 15, 2007

10 a.m. in Rooms 1-2

Next Alliance Newsletter Deadline March 22, 2007

Fourth Thursday Classic Film Series — \$1 March 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the library

Our film for March is *Brief Encounter* (1946), based on a Noel Coward play, directed by David Lean and starring Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson. *Brief Encounter* relates the story of a love affair between two married people and their eventual realization that theirs was a doomed romance.

Sarah Reese

First Friday Book Group & 11 a.m., Rms 1-2

Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On March 1, we will discuss two books!

The first is our postponed February selection, *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.

Secondly, we will discuss *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.

Looking ahead for April 6: Megan Marshall's *The Peabody Sisters*. Dot Koltnow will provide refreshments.

Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer

Alliance Directory 2006 - 2007 – Update

The Alliance welcomes its newest members, who joined at our February meeting. Please add their names to your membership directory:

Mary Gaskill
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Edwin H. Moot
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301-897-8268

Marcia Phyllaier
4406 Emden St, Silver Spring, MD 20906-4755
301-946-7592

Please also correct Betsy and Bill Sutherland's e-mail address in your directory. It is etsbets@gmail.com.

Warren Thompson, Membership Chair