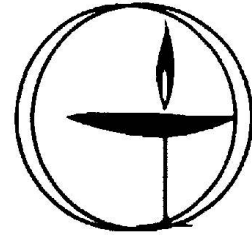


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



**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.

President's Message

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Gisella Pollock, Chair, Martha Lisle, and Eleanor Chrisman, have presented the following slate of officers to the Executive Board. The Board has approved the slate and it will be presented to the membership at the May Meeting. At the June meeting the membership will vote on the nominated officers and the new nominating committee. The slate is as follows:

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| President | Marion Carlson |
| Vice President | Andy Levchenko |
| Recording Secretary | Beryle Lednicer |
| Corresponding Secretary | Beverly Warner |
| Treasurer | Bruce Douglas |
| Assistant Treasurer | Martha Lisle |
| Nominating Committee: Margaret Levchenko, Chair, Marjorie Rynas, Edith Confehr. | |

Additional names may be submitted with the consent of the nominee.

Our By-Laws, Article IV, Section 3: "The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting in June for one-year terms. They shall assume their offices at the close of the June meeting and shall serve until their successors are elected."

Our By-Laws, Article VII - Section 1: "The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, members of the nominating committee and the chairpersons of standing committees. The immediate past president shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board."

May 29, 1998 entry in Responsibilities of the Alliance President: "No Board meeting in June or July. Next Board meeting is in August with the new Board."

Marjorie Rynas, President

Alliance Day

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Neglect is the Culprit of our Youth

The Reverend Donald E. Robinson

Why do youth go astray? What can be done to turn them into contributors to society? "Neglect is the Culprit of our Youth" will be discussed by an expert: the Rev. Donald E. Robinson president and founder of Beacon House.

Reverend Robinson is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who founded Beacon House in 1991 with the support of the Edgewood residents and the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area Unitarian Universalist churches. He has devoted the last thirty years of his life to improving the lives of at-risk youth, serving as a teacher, community youth counselor, social service representative, and community organizer.

Each year, Beacon House serves over 300 youth through after school, weekend and summer academic enrichment, mentoring, cultural, athletic and outreach programs with demonstrated success over the years. Beacon House has implemented education programs that have proven to raise the reading and math skill levels for involved youth by at least one grade level in just 20 two-hour sessions.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, has the highest praise for Beacon House: "I want to encourage your work not only because what you have done here is magnificent, but because I want to encourage other communities around this town to do what Beacon House has done ... make education come alive in so many ways for your children."

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In 2004, Beacon House was selected to be a “21st Century Community Learning Center” by the District’s Office of Federal Grants Program/State Education Agency. Additionally, Beacon House was selected as one of the top 70 charities in the metropolitan D.C. area in the inaugural edition of the *Catalogue for Philanthropy*.

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, Marcia Phyllaier
- Set-up:* 10:30 Nancy Dayhoff, Sarah Reese
11:00 Margaret Levchenko, Nancy Janssen
- Clean up:* Marion Carlson, Jackie Burge
- Tablecloths:* Sally and Norm Lauben
- 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.

First Friday Book Group 11 a.m. in Rooms 1 & 2

Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On **Friday, May 4**, we will discuss *The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich. A powerfully told story of love, death, and redemption. After WWI, a German veteran marries, packs his father’s butcher knives and sets sail for America. A thought provoking adventure. Diane Wallenmeyer will provide refreshments.

Looking forward to June 1, our book will be *The Penelopaid: The Myth of Penelope and Odysseus* by

Margaret Atwood. Nancy Dayhoff will provide refreshments.

Also, please note: Be thinking of books you would like to see read for next year. We must have your list by June.

Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer

Fourth Thursday Classic Film Series – 10:30 a.m. in the Library

On May 24, our film will be *The Painted Veil*. Shunned by a husband (Edward Norton) who’s more interested in his research, the simpleminded Kitty Fane (Naomi Watts) embarks on a quest for life fulfillment. Along the way, she ignites a passionate affair with a dashing womanizer (Liev Schreiber) and travels with her husband to the Far East, where she turns her attention to fighting the cholera epidemic. Diana Rigg co-stars in this period drama based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham.

Sarah Reese

Olney Theatre

Weekday matinees have now been changed to Wednesdays. Please save Wednesday, October 17 for the 2 p.m. showing of John Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men*.

Tickets cost \$19.50 and will be sold at the June and September Alliance meetings.

Arlene Goldman

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.

Next Alliance Board Meeting – May 17, 2007, 10 a.m. in Rooms 1-2

Next Alliance Newsletter Deadline – May 17, 2007