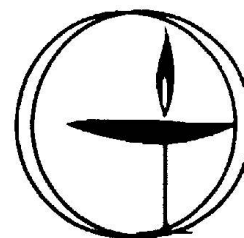


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Marjorie Rynas, *president*

June 2007

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.

Alliance Day Thursday, June 14, 2007

President's Message

Many thanks to Helen Pechacek and her staff for making the Annual Spring Tea a very pleasant success. The music supplied by Katherine Potts was enthusiastically enjoyed by everyone. The Hats were creative fun and were richly rewarded with beautiful prizes. The event raised over \$700 which has been contributed to the auction.

The 2006-2007 Executive Board held its last meeting on May 17, 2007. We look back on this year of companionship and growth with many pleasant memories. I do want to thank the officers, committee chairs and everyone else who has helped to make this year a success. Your support and generous help has made my term serving as your president a truly group effort.

Quoting from our By-Laws, our mission is to participate in "useful cultural, charitable, and community programs that promote the application of Unitarian Universalist principles in individual and community life."

This year we have arranged to comply with the Board of Trustees' call for a dialog on racism and have supported and cooperated with the church's goal of becoming "green." Our Social Responsibility Committee has contributed to St. Luke's House and Mobile Medical Care. Our Foster Child committee has supported and kept in touch with our two foster children: 6-year old Andri Perez Matos in the Dominican Republic, and 11-year old Olin Riley Roan, A Navajo Indian. Our Denominational Affairs Committee contributed to a scholarship for Kristin Grassel, a student at Wesley Seminary.

Before the end of the fiscal year, we will contribute to the CLUUC Operating Fund and to the Ministers Discretionary Fund. We renewed our loan to the Unitarian Universalist Affordable Housing Corporation. At Christmas time we delivered baskets of cookies to our shut-ins and in May we also visited them or sent cards. All year long our

Memorial Receptions Committee has provided a reception after Memorial Services for our church members.

We have 19 active committees which are represented on the Executive Board. This year we decided to discontinue sponsoring Great Decisions because of lack of interest. The Jewelry Committee changed its name to Jewelry and Collectibles and initiated the practice of selling on eBay. The Program Committee has provided a variety of very interesting and informative programs at our monthly luncheons.

Other active committees not already mentioned include the monthly news letter edited by Robin Larkin, the Nominating Committee which supplies the slate of officers for June elections, the Bulletin Board Committee which keeps our attractive Bulletin Board supplied with pictures and information about our activities, the Decorations Committee which decorates our tables with fresh flowers at every luncheon and supplies flowers for other activities whenever needed, the Luncheon Hospitality Committee which arranges for our monthly luncheons to be a resounding success, the First Friday Book Club, the Fourth Thursday Film Series, the Tuesday bridge, the Marathon Bridge, the Used Book Corner, and our Membership Committee which published the Alliance Directory 2006-2007 and brought in 13 new members this year.

All of these activities are in the tradition of our Alliance which has been serving the church since 1953.

Marjorie Rynas, Retiring President

The Schedule for Alliance Day

11:30 a.m. A relaxed time for socializing

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

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

Greeters: 11:15 Gisella Pollock, Ruth Knapp

Set-up: 10:30 May Gaskill

11:00 Betty Parris, Margaret Harden

Clean up: Martha Lisle, Diane Wallenmeyer

Tablecloths: Katherine Potts
Beverage Table: Karl Grimm, Beryle Lednicer

Alliance Memorial Reception Committee

The Alliance Memorial Reception Committee provides for Memorial Receptions for those Cedar Lane members who want them, following a Memorial Service. There are often months when there are no receptions, while occasionally there may be two or three in one month.

Delilah Foster and Terry Tretter have served as Chair and Co-Chair of this committee for the past two years, and feel it is time to move on to pursue other interests. We have been able to fill the Co-Chair position but **we need a volunteer to fill the position of Chair as of July 1.** Delilah and Terry will be available to advise the new volunteers as to what must be done. They will also resume their duties as two of the dedicated 42 members of the committee.

The committee is composed of two groups of women (although men would certainly be welcomed).

One group of twelve women serve in pairs, with each pair being responsible for receptions for a two-month period. Six other women provide flowers for the reception tables.

A second group of about two dozen women are on call to provide cookies for the receptions, and/or assist during receptions in the set-up or clean-up, and in serving the punch or coffee during the reception.

Nearly all of the members in both groups are expected to continue serving during the coming year.

The duties of the Chair and Co-Chair of this committee consist of setting up the schedule for the coming year – July 1 through June 30 – distributing the schedule, and collecting and filing the records from each reception. Most of this work must be done in July and August; after that, the group is self-sustaining and there is little else to be done by the Chair and Co-Chair.

We must have a new Chair in place by July 1. Our new Co-Chair, Sally Lauben, is a new member and is willing to move up to serve as Chair after one year. If we establish a pattern of each person serving one year as Co-Chair and one year as Chair perhaps it will be easier to fill these two positions in the future.

First Friday Book Group 11 a.m. in

Rooms 1 & 2 Everyone is welcome! Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On June 1, our book will be *The Penelopaid: The Myth of Penelope and Odysseus* by Margaret Atwood. **Nancy Dayhoff** will provide refreshments.

July 6 we will discuss *Shalimar the Clown* by Salman Rushdie. **Nancy Janssen** will provide refreshments.

Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer

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

On June 28, our film will be *The Age of Innocence*, adapted from Edith Wharton's novel, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder, and directed by Martin Scorsese. *Sarah Reese*

Afternoon at Olney Theatre

Members and friends are invited to attend the production *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck on Wednesday, October 17 at 2 p.m. at Olney Theatre.

Tickets cost \$19.50 and will be sold at the June and September Alliance meetings. Make your check payable to Alliance or pay by cash. Tickets will be distributed at the October Alliance Meeting. Carpools are encouraged.

Arlene Goldman

The 2007 Alliance Tea for the CLUUC Auction was held on April 26. Many thanks to the following volunteers for preparation and serving: Delilah Foster, Yuka Fujikura, Arlene Goldman, Nancy Janssen, Martha Lisle, Helen Pechacek, Virginia Rehbehn, Jean Schaible, Terry Tretter.

And to the following people who made the delicious food: Jackie Burge, Delilah Foster, Arlene Goldman, Nancy Janssen, Beryle Lednicer, Sarah Reese, Jean Schaible, and Terry Tretter. Thanks also to Lois Delaha for making the centerpieces, to Beryle Lednicer for taking tickets at the door, to Terry Tretter for purchasing prizes and napkins, to Martha Lisle for ticket sales and finances, to Robin Larkin for newsletter publicity, and to Katherine Potts for providing lovely piano music. The following people received prizes for their hats: Marge Rynas, Edith Confehr, Mary Ela Lacock, Jean Schaible, Susan Archer, Jeannette Wilson, Gail Luce, Steve Rynas.

Helen Pechacek: Chair of the event

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.

Marathon Bridge The Marathon Bridge end-of-season bridge party will be held on Sunday June 3 at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lane Church Lounge. All bridge players are welcome. Please call Marjorie or Steve Rynas at 301-530-0698 to reserve a place. There are no fees. Just bring a tasty contribution for the snack table and come and Play Bridge!

Alliance Directory 2006-2007 - Update

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Next Alliance Board Meeting: August 16, 10 a.m.
Next Newsletter deadline: August 30