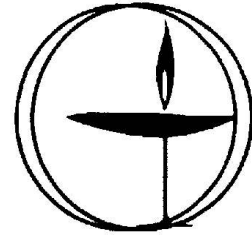


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Martha Lisle, *president*

**January 2009**

Robin Larkin, *editor*

**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.

## **Alliance Day**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**



Dana Beyer, M.D., will speak on "Social Justice and Gender Rights." Dr. Beyer is a retired eye surgeon who was a candidate for State Delegate in District 18 in Maryland in 2006 and will be again in 2010. She is currently Senior Policy and Legislative Advisor to Duchy Trachtenberg of the Montgomery County Council.

Dr. Beyer is an advocate on health issues such as environmental toxins and their effect on human sexuality, trans fats, and comprehensive sex education in Montgomery County schools. Currently she is vice-president of Equality Maryland, and executive vice president of Maryland National Organization for Women. She spoke at a 2007 Forum and we are thrilled to present her on January 8. She will take questions on "any subjects from sex to the County Budget," so be prepared!

### **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.

### **President's Message**

The turnout for the December luncheon was spectacular, and the food was excellent, as usual. Thanks to everyone who participated. We now have 104 paid members, and I hope you will encourage your friends to join also. We are looking forward to some interesting programs in the spring, thanks to Len Adler, our program chairman.

Martha Lisle

### **Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day**

- Greeters:* 11:15 Margaret Levchenko  
*Curb Assistant:* Coralie Adler  
*Set-up:* 10:30 Fred Olson, Jean Thompson  
11:00 Marion Carlson, Virginia Weise  
*Clean up:*  
*Tablecloths:* Yuka Fujikura, Sue Mathias  
*Beverage Table:* Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

We need two persons to sign up for clean up. Will you help? Call Terry Tretter, 301-622-3976. Thanks!

### **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.

If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you find you will not be able to fulfil the assignment, please do your best to find a substitute. If you cannot find a substitute, call Terry Tretter, 301-622-3976.

## First Friday Book Club 11 a.m.

### Rooms 1 & 2

Everyone is welcome!

The Alliance First Friday Book Club will meet on January 2. We will see a movie.

Our book for February 6 is *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of The Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester. How a murderer and certified lunatic helped James Murray compile the Oxford English Dictionary.

Inez Constanza will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

*Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer*

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

Our film on January 22 is *Red Balloon/White Mane*. A boy spends a magical afternoon chasing a red balloon across Paris. After several cowboys fail, a young boy tames a beautiful white-maned horse. Two short films, part of enchanting French films about children.

The late French filmmaker Albert Lamorisse made this classic, 1956 short work about a lonely little Parisian boy (Pascal Lamorisse) befriended by a large red balloon, which seems to have a will of its own. As with his preceding short, 1952's *White Mane*, Lamorisse took home a grand prize from the Cannes Film Festival for *The Red Balloon*, and the latter film also won an Academy Award.

*Sarah Reese*

## Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday – 10 a.m. in the Library. \$2 donation

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

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Please add these names to your Alliance Directory:

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*Arlene Goldman, Virginia Weise,*  
Membership Co-Chairs

## Social Responsibility Contributions for 2009

The Alliance Social Responsibility Committee is soliciting suggestions for our support this year. Last year we contributed to Sophia House (a 30-bed emergency shelter and assessment center for homeless women with issues related to mental illness, domestic violence and long-term disabilities) and MobileMed (providing health care to uninsured, low income, working poor, and homeless residents of Montgomery County).

Please provide your input to Jean Thompson, 301-589-3390 or [jptjpt@verizon.net](mailto:jptjpt@verizon.net).

**Next Alliance Board Meeting: January 15, 10 a.m.**

**Next Alliance Newsletter Deadline: January 22**

Leave items for the newsletter in the church Alliance mailbox  
or e-mail to [robinlarkin@comcast.net](mailto:robinlarkin@comcast.net)  
or call 240-669-6300. Thanks!