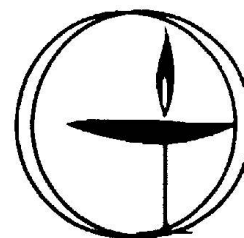


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
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Martha Lisle, *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.

Alliance Day
Thursday, April 9, 2009

Cedar Laners' Memoirs

Everyone has fascinating moments to share. Wondering how to achieve a small measure of immortality? Writing about your life is a great way to put on record what is significant and memorable for others to read.



A group of Cedar Laners started doing this together ten years ago. A few months ago a collection of their works was published. We will get to hear samples of their best stuff at our April 9th meeting.

The Schedule for Alliance Day

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| 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. |
| 1-2 p.m. | Business Meeting and Program |

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

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| <i>Greeters:</i> | 11:15 | Laudie Baer |
| <i>Curb Assistant:</i> | | Coralie Adler |
| <i>Set-up:</i> | 10:30 | Jean Thompson, Alison Tobias |
| | 11:00 | Alice Wahl, Betsy Sutherland |
| <i>Clean up:</i> | | Lois Delaha, John Giovanelli |
| <i>Tablecloths:</i> | | Helen Pechacek, Jean Schaible |
| <i>Beverage Table:</i> | | Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer |

President's Message

The Alliance Board voted to donate \$1000 to Manna Food in light of difficult economic conditions for them. Funds will come from the recent bequest from former Alliance member Nancy Galbraith's estate.

Martha Lisle
Alliance President

Denominational Affairs

The Denominational Affairs Committee has contributed \$1000 to Glenn Farley, our ministerial student currently studying at Starr-King School for the ministry in California. Glenn has been an active member of Cedar Lane for many years, as were his parents.

Betty Parris, Chair
Denominational Affairs Committee

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!

Our book for April 3 is *Suite Française*, by Irène Némirovsky.

NY Times: This stunning book contains two narratives, one fictional and the other a fragmentary, factual account of how the fiction came into being. *Suite Française* itself consists of two novellas portraying life in France from June 4, 1940, as German forces prepare to invade Paris, through July 1, 1941, when some of Hitler's occupying troops leave France to join the assault on the Soviet Union. At the end of the volume, a series of appendices and a biographical sketch provide, among other things, information about the author of the novellas. Born in Ukraine, Irène Némirovsky had lived in France since 1919 and had established herself in her adopted country's literary community, publishing nine novels and a biography of Chekhov. She composed *Suite Française* in the village of Issy-l'Évêque, where she, her husband and two young daughters had settled after fleeing Paris. On July 13, 1942, French policemen, enforcing the German race laws, arrested Némirovsky as "a stateless person of Jewish descent." She was transported to Auschwitz, where she died in the infirmary on August 17.

Dot Koltnow will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On May 1 we will discuss *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

From Publishers Weekly: Horan's ambitious first novel is a fictionalization of the life of Mamah Borthwick Cheney, best known as the woman who wrecked Frank Lloyd Wright's first marriage. Despite the title, this is not a romance, but a portrayal of an independent, educated woman at odds with the restrictions of the early 20th century. Frank and Mamah, both married and with children, met when Mamah's husband, Edwin, commissioned Frank to design a house. Their affair became the stuff of headlines when they left their families to live and travel together, going first to Germany, where Mamah found rewarding work doing scholarly transla-

tions of Swedish feminist Ellen Key's books. Frank and Mamah eventually settled in Wisconsin, where they were hounded by a scandal-hungry press, with tragic repercussions. Horan puts considerable effort into recreating Frank's vibrant, overwhelming personality, but her primary interest is in Mamah, who pursued her intellectual interests and love for Frank at great personal cost. This spirited novel brings Mamah the attention she deserves as an intellectual and feminist.

Diane Wallenmeyer 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 April 23 is *A Room with a View* (1985). With Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter, Denholm Elliott. A superb English cast in the acclaimed comedy of manners from Merchant/Ivory based on E.M. Forster's novel of wit and romance. Off to the sensuous landscape of Florence for her horizon-broadening tour, Lucy, a perfectly proper young Edwardian lady, is chaperoned by her even more proper Aunt Charlotte. At the merest hint of scandal—Lucy is kissed by an improper suitor—Charlotte whisks her back to the serene English countryside, where she is betrothed to a supposedly suitable gentleman, insufferably in love with himself. With its "superb ensemble acting, intelligent writing and stunning design" (*The New York Times*), this delightful comedy of manners sparkles with keen observations of class behavior and genuine humor.

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.

Next Alliance Board Meeting: April 16, 10 a.m., Rooms 1&2

May Alliance Newsletter Deadline: April 30

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