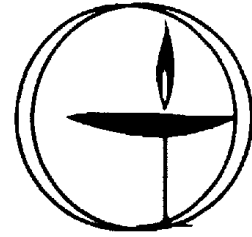


ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Martha Lisle, *president*

June 2009

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 11, 2009**

Election of Alliance Officers - 2009-2010

The slate:

President: Helen Pechacek

Vice-President: Nancy Dayhoff

Corresponding Secretary: Terry Tretter

Recording Secretary: Beryle Lednicer

Treasurer: Ernie Carlson

Assistant Treasurer:

Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 term: Jean
Thompson, Chair, Martha Lisle, Jean Schaible

The current slate lacks a candidate for Assistant Treasurer. If you would like to put your name in for that position, please let Arlene Goldman know.

If you would like to nominate someone else, please get their permission to put his/her name in for nomination.

Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

Greeters: 11:15 Jean Thompson

Curb Assistant: Fred Olson

Set-up: 10:30 Jean Schaible, Ellen Thompson

11:00 Sarah and Al Reese, Betsy
Sutherland

Clean up: Marion Carlson, Gisella Pollock

Tablecloths: Betty Parris, Edith Confehr

Beverage Table: Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

President's Message

We have come to the end of the year for Alliance, and I hope all of you have enjoyed seeing your friends at the luncheons, and hearing the excellent speakers that Len Adler has arranged for us each month. The food has been excellent, as usual. A special thank you to Terry Tretter and Betsy Sutherland for handling the hospitality for each meeting, and to Norm Lauben and Beryle Lednicer for the wine, juice, and snacks.

I'm looking forward to the June 11 luncheon during which we will elect officers for next year and visit with our friends. We will begin our luncheons again in September.

Martha Lisle
Alliance 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.

1-2 p.m. Business Meeting and Program

If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you find you will not be able to fulfill 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 June 5 is *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood*, by Oliver Sacks.

Dr. Sacks on *Uncle Tungsten*: "I had intended, towards the end of 1997, to write a book on aging, but then found myself flying in the opposite direction, thinking of youth, and my own partly war-dominated, partly chemistry-dominated youth, in particular, and the enormous scientific family I had grown up in. No book has caused me more pain, or given me more fun, than writing *Uncle T.*—or, finally, such a sense of coming-to-terms with life, and reconciliation and catharsis."

Nancy Dayhoff will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On July 3 we will discuss *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

As a young man, Jacob Jankowski was tossed by fate onto a rickety train that was home to the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. It was the early part of the great Depression, and for Jacob, now ninety, the circus world he remembers was both his salvation and a living hell. A veterinary student just shy of a degree, he was put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie.

It was there that he met Marlena, the beautiful equestrian star married to August, the charismatic but twisted animal trainer. And he met Rosie, an untrainable elephant who was the great gray hope for this third-rate traveling show. The bond that grew among this unlikely trio was one of love and trust, and, ultimately, it was their only hope for survival.

Nancy Janssen will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

Upcoming books for summer:

August 7 - *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. Jackie Burge will bring refreshments.

September 4 - *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Betsy Sutherland will provide refreshments.

Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer

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.

The Alliance Bridge Marathon for 2008-2009 has concluded for this year. A party will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2 p.m. in the lounge at CLUUC. The winners of the Marathon daytime and evening groups will be announced at the party. Sixteen pairs participated over the course of the past eight months, October through May – eight in each group.

Want to participate next season? Contact Margaret Levchenko, 301-871-3522.

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

Our film on June 25 is *The Age of Innocence* (1993). Directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder, it's a film adaptation of the Edith Wharton novel. Winner of the 1921 Pulitzer Prize, *The Age of Innocence* is Wharton's portrait of desire and betrayal in Old New York. As Newland Archer prepares to marry the docile May Welland, his world is forever changed by the return of the mysterious Countess Ellen Olenska.

Sarah Reese

New Alliance Newsletter Editor

Barbara Gressman will serve as newsletter editor for 2009-2010.

It has been a pleasure to work with you for the past few years.

Robin Larkin

Next Alliance Board Meeting: August 20, 11 a.m., Rooms 1&2

September Alliance Newsletter Deadline: August 27

Leave items for the newsletter in the church Alliance mailbox
or e-mail to bjaltimari@hotmail.com
or call 301-530-1734. Thanks!