

ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



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

Sue Woodruff, *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.

Alliance Day

Thursday, October 11, 2018

The Schedule for Alliance Day

- 11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing
12 noon Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salads, sides or desserts to serve eight. Please identify ingredients for those who are vegan/vegetarians or have allergies (e.g. meat, nuts, wheat, dairy). Please don't bring serving utensils!
1 p.m. Program

Volunteer Assignments:

- Set Up:** 10:30 Jean Thompson
Jean Schaible
- Greeter:** 11:30 Barbara Gressman
- Curb Assistant:** Len Adler
- Receiving Food:** 11:45 Helen Pechacek
- Clean-Up:** 12:45 Wayne Mara
Tables: Dottie Mara
- Serving Tables:** 12:45 Linda Gianessi
- Tablecloths:** Joe Merenda
Leslie Backus
- Bartender:** 11:00 Barbara Ricketts
- Flowers:** Sue Woodruff
Diane Mahlmoood
- Transportation:** Phil Smith

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, October 23rd. Send items to Leslie Backus at backusle@verizon.net.

President's Message

"Anyone who thinks they are too small to make a difference, has never been bitten by a mosquito" Jeanette Wahls

By the time this issue of the Alliance newsletter goes out, the midterm elections will almost be upon us. Participation in midterm elections is much lower than in our presidential elections--only about 40% of those eligible to vote do so. There are many reasons for this including the belief that if you are not electing the chief executive, the election is not important, and the idea that your vote is inconsequential. Neither of these is true. What's often ignored in the midterm elections is the critical issues decided by who controls congress. Now, the stakes couldn't be higher. We will be voting indirectly on the future of the Supreme Court, immigration, health care, women's rights as well as state and local issues. Find out how the major ballot issues affect you directly. Learn as much as you can about our local and state candidates. Don't give your power away. Vote, and take a friend! *Sue Woodruff*

Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruby Black, and Puerto Rico:



Our speaker will be Maurine Beasley, Ph.D., professor emerita of journalism at the University of Maryland. Her research focus has been the role of pioneer women journalists. She will

describe the career of Ruby Black, a trail-blazing Washington woman journalist who used her relationship with the First Lady to raise public awareness of the problems Puerto Rico faced. Their relationship showed the important part a First Lady can play in the political process. In this case, New Deal programs were extended, to some extent, to Puerto Rico, influencing the direction of politics in the island for years to come. Dr. Beasley is also a biographer of Eleanor Roosevelt, who was herself a journalist, writing a daily column while in the White House. *Mike Harris*



Social Responsibility News

At the last Board meeting we decided to donate \$150 to Bright Beginnings which provides preschool and day care services for homeless DC families. They also help families become self-sufficient (<http://www.bbidc.org/>). **Have Any Old Pill Bottles?** The Alliance will be collecting empty plastic pill bottles with caps to send to Matthew 25: Ministries for inclusion in medical supply shipments to developing countries. They need large and small prescription bottles. Please remove labels before leaving them in the drop-off containers at monthly luncheons and at the Sunday Book Corner. *Dottie Mara*

In the Lounge Sundays

In October, Alliance **used book sales** will be on the 7th, 14th, & 28th after both services. Check out the 'pay what you want' section. Leave book donations (good condition!) do-nations--labeled "Books for Alliance"--in the coat closet at the top of the stairs. Help us raise money for charities and the church! Contact Helen Pechacek (301-384-2415) if you'd like to help with book sales. *Helen Pechacek*



Jewelry Sales will take place on the 21st. Need a gift for a friend, family member or even yourself? You're sure to find one at our sales. Follow the crowd to the lounge for items ranging from antique to modern, classic to very unusual, something for everyone! There may be a surprise BOGO sale! We have gift boxes and bags. And if you have all the jewels Holly Golightly could want, you can support Alliance programs and causes by *donating!* Leave them in the church office or give them to our monthly sale volunteers. *Judy Laurenson*

SEEKING INTERESTED BRIDGE PLAYERS!

The Alliance Marathon Bridge group is seeking bridge players to have fun! It consists of 8 pairs of players. Following



a schedule, each pair plays 20 hands against another pair once a month (October-May) at one of the player's home. Each hosts once or twice, providing refreshments. Scoring is modified Chicago Scoring System. We ask each to make a \$12 tax deductible donation to the Alliance for the season. We may hold an end-of-year bridge party for all. This very social group prefers experienced players, though a group for less experienced players is possible. We can pair single players.

Questions? Contact Andy Wilson at caver4@gmail.com
Mary Beth Nowinsky & Marilyn Hathaway

First Friday Book Club 11 a.m. in

Rooms 1-2 The First Friday Book Club welcomes old friends and new. Bring a sandwich and socialize over refreshments at noon.



October 5:

Dead Wake: the last crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. (2015). N-F. 430 pp. Told from the perspectives of the passengers and the U-boat officers--a major event that led the U.S. into WWI.

Refreshments: Terry Hess

November 2:

Devastation Road: a Novel by Jason Hewitt. (2015). F. 430 pp. In the last months of WW2, a man wakes in a field in an unfamiliar country. Injured and with only flashes of memory, he sets out on an extraordinary journey.

Refreshments: Helen Pechacek

December 7:

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. (2007). F 120 pp. Short and lighthearted, the novel imagines what might happen if, while walking her Corgis on the palace grounds, Queen Elizabeth encounters the bookmobile for the palace staff. She then becomes an avid reader.

Refreshments: Holiday Pot Luck *Barbara Lewis*

ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP DUES 2018-2019

Join now! Dues are \$15 per person. (**Any additional amount will help to do the work of the Alliance!**) Please be sure to fill in your address, phone number and e-mail address. You may pay your dues at the September meeting or mail a check, payable to CLUUC Alliance, with this form to: Alliance Membership Chair, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. You will receive an Alliance Directory later!!

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