

CENTRAL MIDWEST DISTRICT
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the most memorable events of my life was experiencing the Pro Choice March in Washington, D.C. on April 9th. Although I had gone to Springfield for ERA rallies and peace rallies in Peoria, this was my first national march. It was inspiring and uplifting to be with hundreds of thousands of people who are like-minded. Such diverse groups as high school classes, NOW, Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, Dept. of Justice Employees and hundreds of other groups came together to affirm their belief in freedom of choice.

I walked with Carol Lowe, Peoria and with Rev. Judy Deutsch, a Massachusetts RCAR Policy Council Chair. Judy and I carried a banner supplied by Velaine Camall, our RCAR Rep for many years, and read *Clergy of many Faiths Support Legal Abortion*. I was proud to be a UU, a UUWF member and a woman practicing my belief and the right to express that opinion. The memory will remain with me the rest of my life.

The weekend before that I spent on The Mountain, a UU Conference Center in Highlands, N.C. A special place, located on top of a granite mountain with a white oak forest, the retreat has an exhilarating atmosphere, great food and a caring, warm staff. One of those distinctive spots, where we interact with other UU's, it was reminiscent of Lake Geneva and has the same emotional tone felt there and at

Allerton. My husband Jack and I spent Sunday morning and had lunch with Pat Gnagey, a former CMD VOW editor, now living in Franklin, N.C. close to The Mountain. It was good to make connections with Pat again.

To add to this warm glow I attended a training session for the "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" with Clarise Jefferson as leader in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, April 15. Lucy McCrea of Peoria, who went with me, and I are excited about offering the curriculum at the Peoria Church next fall. I've heard many of you discuss parts of the "Cakes" and I've seen segments of it in the past few months. My readings have brought new stirrings and interest in a feminist theology, and I'm anxious to be a part of this change in our church.

The final topping for the joy and elation I felt these past few weeks came via a phone call from Elise Cade, fundraiser from Meadville Lombard, asking me to bring greetings from CMD/UUWF at the installation of the new Dean, Spencer Lavan, on May 6th. I'm delighted that our group of women will be represented at this ritual of Unitarian Universalism in our district.

Our personal and spiritual growth is so much richer when we have the opportunity to interact and make connections with the interesting "movers & shakers" in our UU world.

Joanne Fought, Blessed Be

SPRING 1989 CALENDAR

(Details on some of these activities may be found elsewhere in this issue. For addresses not listed below, see the back page of VOW)

- May 6 Spring Luncheon sponsored by the Third-Beacon Alliance, Chicago. Cut-off date for reservations May 1. Chairperson Edith Fejer.
- May 19 Spring Retreat at Camp Wyman, Eureka MO. Co-chairpersons: Pat Lee, Cindy Haynes, Nancy Woldow.
- June 13-14-15 Allerton Conference
Co-chairpersons: Betty Jachim, Susan Karcher, Marilla Missbach.
REGISTRATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE.
- June 19-21
UUWF Biennial Convention at Yale University.
- October 27, 28, 29
Fall Conference, Lake Geneva.
Chairperson: Laura Parrino.

Love is the only bow on life's dark cloud.
It is the morning and the evening star.
It shines upon the babe and sheds its radiance on the quiet tomb. It is the mother of art, inspirer of poet, patriot and philosopher. It is the air and light of every heart--builder of every home, kindler of every fire on every hearth. It was the first to dream of immortality. With it, earth is heaven, and we are gods.
--Robert G. Ingersoll

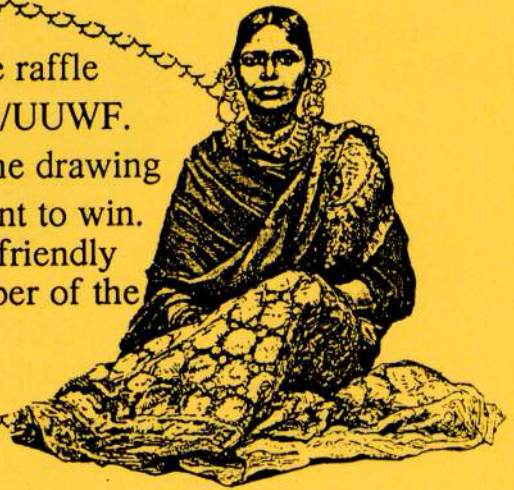
DUES, DUES, DUES

The date on which dues are due from your Unit is shown on your VOW mailing sticker. Check with your local Unit treasurer if you have any questions because we want to be sure that you continue to receive your copies of VOW. Remember, also, that dues must be paid B.Y.T. (by Allerton time). Our treasurer, Ruth Davis, will be happy to accept them at any time. Her address is listed on the back of this issue.

QUILT RAFFLE

The Oak Park UUWF unit has planned the raffle of a beautiful quilt, the proceeds to go to CMD/UUWF. Donations are \$1.00 each ticket or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at Allerton but one need not be present to win. Help raise funds for Allerton conference. Call a friendly CMD/UUWF Board member or a friendly member of the Oak Park Unit.

We need your assistance!



HESTER HUFF ROLL OF RECOGNITION NOMINATING FORM IN THIS ISSUE

So many gods, so many creeds---
So many paths that wind and wind,
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Pat Scanlon announces a name change.
She is now Pat Baker.

BOARD BRIEFS

At the spring Board meeting of CMD/UUWF, the Board

- noted with regret the recent death of member and friend, Dolores Butler of Avon
- discussed regulations in regard to the new CMD/UUWF Allerton scholarships
- received information concerning CMD/UUWF conference dates and programs
- considered the training of workshop leaders for the "Cakes for the Queen Of Heaven" curriculum
- noted that the Hester Huff Roll of Recognition Committee consists of Clarise Jefferson, chairperson, Third Beacon Women's group, and Carol Wike Nudo.



NEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

The Mountain, Unitarian Universalist camp in North Carolina, is sponsoring MEDIEVAL MERRIMENT AT THE MOUNTAIN on May 12-14. A moralistic 12th Century drama, Iconia, will be presented by the group, Windfall. Windfall members will conduct a workshop during the weekend on the function and sound of their stringed instruments. Medieval sports and Highland hikes will be featured also. Medieval fare will be served from the Mountain kitchen.

See your Mountain representative (if your church has one) or write for information to

THE MOUNTAIN
841 Highway 106
Highlands, NC 28741
(704) 526-5838

Now Hear This!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The CMD/UUWF Board has established 10 scholarships which would give financial assistance to members who could not otherwise attend the Allerton Conference. At the 1988 business meeting, the Board included \$350 in the budget for this purpose. This will be only a partial scholarship in order to permit more women to consider attending the Allerton Conference. The Board is looking for women who have not attended Allerton before, who may not be affiliated with a church or a UU women's group, or who are in a unit where there is no scholarship money available.

Scholarship applications will be accepted until June 1, 1989. You may apply or obtain additional information by contacting:

Pat Johnson, Committee Chairperson
or Rt 3 Box 220, Dodgeville,
WI 53533

Joanne Fought, Board President
501 No. Glenwood
Peoria, IL 61606

SPRING LUNCHEON

All members of CMD/UUWF are invited to a luncheon at the Third Unitarian Church of Chicago on May 6. Sponsored by the women of the church, the catered luncheon will be served at twelve noon. The cost is \$5.00. Don Wheat, Third Church minister, will provide a program which promises to be interesting and thought-provoking. Reservations should be made at once to Edith Fejer, Alliance Spring Luncheon, Third Unitarian Church, 302 N. Mayfield, Chicago, IL 60644. Cut-off date for reservations is May 1.

"A TIME TO BE TOGETHER"

The spring retreat, chaired by Eliot Chapel Women's Alliance, will take place May 19-21 at Camp Wyman, Eureka, MO. Workshops include lace making, theater, anthropology, self-esteem, and personal behavior styles. Registration is \$15; meals and lodging are an additional \$54. Make your check payable to Eliot Chapel Women's Alliance and mail to Pat Lee, Box 31413, Desperes, MO. 63131. If you need more information, call Pat at (314) 432-5379.

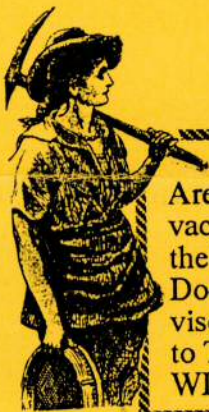
Enjoy the country in the springtime - come to Camp Wyman. It will be indeed "A Time to be Together."

UUWF BIENNIAL CONVENTION

On June 19-21, Continental UUWF will meet at Yale University prior to General Assembly.

"Healing Connections: Journey Toward Wholeness" is the theme as the focus will be on healing wounds caused by divisions according to gender, race, class, sexual orientation, etc. The keynote panel will consist of the following UU women: Rosemary Bray McNutt, Kim Crawford Harvie, Lucile Longview, Judith Walker-Riggs and Linda Harris May. Of great interest to our members will be the presentation of the first feminist theology awards.

Early registration cut-off is May 15. For additional information contact UUWF, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. (617) 742-2100.



ADVENTURE VACATIONS

Are you interested in a different kind of outdoor vacation? Would you like to try canoeing down the Wisconsin River, hiking in England, biking in Door County, or other outdoor activities supervised by competent guides? Write for a brochure to Tripping Lightly, P.O. Box 17163, Milwaukee WI 53217, (414) 965 1133.

Michigan's Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths predicts that the Equal Rights Amendment will be added to the U.S. Constitution in this century as young women become more aware of discrimination. It was Griffiths who worked diligently in Congress to obtain 218 signatures needed to get the proposal out of a House Committee and onto the floor for debate in 1972. She stated that the next time around the presentation should be made on economic terms. "I never had anybody objecting to my trying to get more money for their working wives," she said.

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