

CMD UUWF NEWSLETTER

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Allerton 1976

When the Allerton gang gets together, baby, things MOVE! June 15, 16, 17, 1976, will be no exception, according to the committee from Bloomington.

"Discover UUWF!" is the theme, and we are asking you to consider these questions in defining the commodity known as "UUWF".

What are its characteristics and attributes? What does it do? Will it benefit me? Do I need it or is it a non-essential clutteration---a luxury? What happens if I use it incorrectly? Is it recyclable? Renewable? What sort of warranty has it? Can it be used in a variety of ways? How is it stored? (Is it larger than a breadbox?) What upkeep is required? That kind and amount of energy is necessary for normal operation? DOES ITS VALUE OUTWEIGH ITS COST?

"DISCOVER UUWF!"

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NEXT ISSUE IN APRIL

The next issue of the newsletter will be mailed out in April. Please get your news items to Mildred Richards by the latter part of March or very early April. We are especially interested in Unit community projects, interesting programs, and in money-raising projects which you have found to be particularly successful.

BOARD MEETS FEBRUARY 21ST

The board of the Central Midwest District Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation will meet at 11 a.m., Saturday February 21, at the Paradise Inn in Champaign, Illinois. The Inn is located on Route 45, just south of Champaign.

Any member of CMDUUWF may have minutes and/or attend board meetings at her own expense. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Reservations may be made with any of the officers or directors. The Secretary will be happy to provide copies of the minutes.

Scholarship Awarded

In recognition of International Women's Year, it was voted at last June's Allerton Institute to give to Meadville Seminary \$200 for the 1975-76 academic year, to be applied to the education of a woman theological student, preferably from the Midwest District. The board was empowered to decide on the proper procedure for handling this bequest and it voted to send the money to the UUWF for its decision as to the recipient.

Barbara Marshall, executive director of the UUWF, informs us that from a list of six names supplied by Meadville to the UUWF, Virginia Perin Knowles has been selected for our help. In informing Mrs. Knowles that she was UUWF's choice, Mrs. Marshall wrote: "In selecting you as awardee, the UUWF Finance Committee's intent was to recognize the special needs and problems encountered by older women in pursuing new careers and/or changing lifestyles and, especially, the difficulties in actualizing one's goals

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In the October, 1975, issue of the Newsletter, we carried the text of a resolution, passed at the annual meeting at Allerton, which directed the Central Midwest District to send publicity to the member Units appealing for financial aid to the Clara Barton Camp and the Continental UUWF. While this appeal was approved at the Allerton meeting, it should be made clear that it carries with it no mandate for action and any fund-raising project undertaken by any Unit is completely voluntary.

At the December 6, 1975, CMDUUWF board meeting, Lucille Kazmark reported that she had informed the UUWF President and the Continental UUWF Board of the Allerton resolution and they were gratified that this action had been taken. The board voted to empower Lucille Kazmark to communicate with other

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in the face of competition with young women and men, who, because of their age, receive greater encouragement and support----financially and otherwise----and more opportunities for success."

Following is Mrs. Marshall's summary of Virginia Knowles' qualifications: "Virginia is 51 years old. She received a B.A. degree with honors in English (Phi Beta Kappa) from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1945, completed summer seminars at the Sorbonne in 1946 and the University of Mexico in 1947, and received an M.A. degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1948. Virginia's extensive professional experience includes six years as Director of Religious Education in Unitarian---Universalist churches in Alexandria, Virginia, and Silver Spring, Maryland; 3½ years as Intelligence Officer, Central Intelligence Agency; 2 years as Administrative Officer and Special Projects Officer, Institute of International Studies, U.S. Office of Education; 2 years as Head of Speakers' Bureau, Montgomery County, Maryland, League of Women Voters; and foreign travel. She has been a member of the Board of Trustees, Greater Washington Association of Universalist Churches. Virginia is in her second year at Meadville, but has been given advanced standing...."

An invitation has been extended to Mrs. Knowles to attend the 1976 Allerton Institute and it is hoped that she will be able to be with us at that time.

In the past our newsletter was called the Prairie Pioneer. Noone at the last board meeting seemed to know when this had evolved into the CMDUUWF Newsletter. Dissatisfaction has been expressed with both names. Do you have a better idea? If so, forward your suggestion to Mildred Richards, newsletter editor. We can make our choice at Allerton next June.

UUWF-CLARA BARTON

At the February 21, 1976, meeting the board was informed that Lucille Kazmark had written to the presidents of other Districts of the UUWF, urging that they publicize the financial situation of the Clara Barton Camps and the Continental UUWF and that they ask their member units to consider aiding these organizations. This action had been authorized by the board at its December meeting.

The UUWF Pacific Southwest District has replied as follows:

.....Dissatisfaction with putting out money to support a Diabetic Camp was voiced. No one objected to keeping the Clara Barton home as a conference center and historical landmark, but the camp has outlived any function as a demonstration project. Muriel Older discussed the terms of trust funds that make the continuation of the camp practically essential.

After noting that Districts have no authority in such matters, it was.... approved that the Board send publicity to the individual units suggesting that they consider sending \$50.00 or more over and above the regular dues to the Continental UUWF to help reduce the deficit.".....

In a recent letter thanking the Naperville Unit for its \$115 contribution to the Clara Barton Camp, Barbara Marshall, Executive Director UUWF, went on to say "You may already know that the Clara Barton Camp has been owned and operated by the Federation since 1932-when it was created as the first camp in the nation for diabetics and as a humanitarian service project to serve as a living memorial to Clara Barton. You may not know that 150 girls (63.29% of the total enrollment) who attended sessions last summer received aid from the UUWF. Part of this assistance was made possible by the generous contributions of organizations and individuals; however, in keeping with the Federation's

long-standing policy, we have continued to not turn away any youngster because of inability to pay although income has not been equal to costs. Therefore, the hundreds of girls who annually benefit from the services provided at the Camp, the trustees of the UUWF, and I are sincerely appreciative of both your financial help and your commitment to this vital program."

Mr. Marshall has also expressed her gratitude for the "vast amount of time, thought and energy" which Lucille Kazmark has contributed to this project.

NEWS FROM THE UNITS

Your editor is definitely on the mailing list in St. Louis! Eliot Chapel reports a successful money-making enterprise. Las Vegas Night provided gambling (a \$2 admission charge bought \$1,000 in play money, with more money available at \$.25 per \$100), dancing and refreshments. It is reported that the house take was \$235.00.

The Alliances of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis and of the Eliot Chapel had a joint program recently at which Joseph Dolgin, an attorney, talked on "The Law in Your Life," emphasizing how the law affects all of us every day in many ways.

In Madison, the Evening Group of the Alliance has been having a series of talks on the subject of aging. One most interesting talk was on Death and Dying given by Anita Burr, who had studied under Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. This proved to be a heart-warming, unmorbid experience. My own hope would be that some day someone this well qualified could lead a similar discussion at Allerton.

Unless you want to continue to only hear of the Alliances in St. Louis and Madison, I wish you would put me on your mailing list for your newsletters. I am my own source of information in Madison and I receive the St. Louis News letter regularly.

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