



# CMD-UUWF

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## THE ALLERTON CHOICE

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program at Allerton on June 8, 9, and 10, 1982, will feature issues which have concerned thinking women in the past and which will continue to be foremost in our minds. The theme is THE CHOICE IS OURS, and takes a look at the many choices which we make every day from religion and family to community involvement, from exercise and nutrition to art. Your first Allerton choice will be to select among the twelve or so workshops which will be offered this year. (You can attend only three!)

Among our special guests will be Sandra Caron, Moderator, UUA; Silvia Falconer, UU minister, Alton; and Mary Harkrader, political activist, Peoria. A highlight of the conference will be a special memorial service for the devoted women in our home churches and fellowships whose examples guide us yet today.

As you look through your snapshots this holiday season, please take out your Allerton pictures. We would like to borrow them for our Anniversary Program. Mark them with date, if possible, and names of persons shown and mail it to Joanne Fought, 501 N. Glendale, Peoria, IL 61606. They will be returned to you at Allerton.

Mark your calendars now--Allerton, June 8, 9, & 10, 1982. (cont'd page 2)

Check with your ministers/secretaries-  
Is VOW on your church mailing list?

CMD-UUA

1982 Banner  
UUWF Year

Board Meeting-UUWF-CMD-March 12-13  
Allerton Conference June 8, 9 & 10  
UUA-GA Bowdoin College, Maine -  
June 22 - 27

Northern Ill-Wisc. UUWF Conference  
Lake Geneva, Wisc. - Nov. 6 - 7  
CMD-UUA Annual Meeting - November

(mark your calendars)

## A Thank You and an Apology

Your Editor wants to thank Lindsay Bates of Geneva for calling attention to the fact that she was the author of that lovely Litany on Parting, which was used at Allerton and which I included in the Summer issue of VOW.

Lindsay generously gives UUWF units permission to use the Litany in programs where it would be appropriate. Understandably, she would appreciate credit for her authorship.

Your Editor wishes to add apologies for neglecting to establish its authorship. Lindsay is not only an effective speaker, but a writer with exquisite sensitivity.

You all have my pledge that I will be even more careful in the future that I give full credit to authorship, whenever possible.



### Board Meeting in Springfield

October found the CMD-UUWF Board in Springfield as guests of the Abraham Lincoln Fellowship. Several of the members of the UUWF in that city met with the Board for an evening of getting acquainted and exchange of ideas and suggestions. The Saturday business meeting dealt with plans for next June's Allerton Conference. The details of this planning can be found on page 1 of this newsletter.

One of the actions of the business meeting dealt with the approval of having a representative at the Rockford Retreat. The report on that retreat appears elsewhere in this issue.

One of the items of business concerned the selection and seating of officers and Board members. It was voted to:

1. Have a list of candidates for office in the Spring newsletter.
2. Be sure that permission has been obtained if someone wishes to place other names in nomination.
3. Have the new president sit with the current officers at the second session of the annual business meeting.
4. Present a gavel to the incoming president at the time she officially assumes her duties.

Once again the advantages of holding Board Meetings throughout the District were very apparent. There is no way, scientifically, to demonstrate these advantages, but they are strongly sensed. Because of this conviction the next Board meeting will be held in the St. Louis area on March 12 & 13.

### (cont'd from page 1) Allerton

Registration blanks and a more detailed program will be in your hands the middle of April. Do get them returned promptly. It's a real help for the Registrar to know how many want to come, and whether or not you have special needs.

*Dorothy Sinclair*

## UU Federation News ~ G-A '82 Plans

Clarise Jefferson reports that she has been much involved with plans for UUWF Activities for the General Assembly to be held at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, June 22 - 27. She is delighted that the scheduling this year is such as to make it possible for her to join us at Allerton in 1982.

The September Federation Newsletter contained the announcement that Elise Cade had been elected to the nominating committee for the Continental Board.

## Our Sympathy ~

From a fairly recent Arlington Street Church Newsletter we read the sad news that Connie and Nelson Burgess' son died on October 10 of this last Fall. Many of you will remember Connie as our first UUWF Executive Director...and some of you will recall when she appeared on our Allerton Conference program almost 20 years ago. I'm sure many of us join the Burgess' in their grief.

## Dolores Upstages World Events

Dolores Butler of Avon missed the last Board Meeting because she was visiting her daughter in Egypt. This was exciting enough, but she was also there during the tragic days following the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

After a vigorous three weeks, Dolores' visit culminated in a very serious illness. She finally was well enough to return to this country accompanied by her daughters. Following a period in a Peoria hospital, she returned to her home in Avon just before Christmas. When I talked to her Dec. 20th, she sounded in good spirits, but agreed that she would "take it easy" for a little longer.



## Here's an idea —

The UUWF Unit at the Bloomington, Il., church is sponsoring a series of three programs with intriguing titles. The first is "Our Grandmothers; Ourselves." The second one is named, "Our Mothers; Ourselves." and, of course the last one HAS to be just, "Ourselves".

Those who were planning to attend these meetings, were asked to please be sure to take something that belonged to their grandmothers or someone from her generation. It could be a story, a poem a handmade item, or a treasure that was important to her and to the participant.

It must be admitted that the "Parish News" doesn't give any details about content, but aren't the titles thought-provoking? If they don't send you off on a creative spree, write to Tobe Easton and find out just what they did.

## And here's another!

Did you ever "go fishing" for one of your UUWF programs?

This idea appeared in one of the newsletters and some way the name of the unit has gotten lost. Please let us know if your unit should be credited with this idea.

Each participant is asked to write one or more topics she would like to have discussed by her group as a whole. Each suggestion made is to be written on a separate slip of paper.

All slips are to be dropped into a fish bowl (or something equally appropriate). Someone is asked to "go fishing" for the first topic to be explored.

When that topic has been considered at length, another is fished out for group attention. The program is over when the allotted time has run out. Probably an hour is about the right length for such a program. This, however, is up to group decision. Just one word of warning, this is not a therapy session but rather one of ideas and information.

## Here's a Way to —

There is to be a feature at this year's Biennial Convention that might well be adapted for use at any of our District UUWF conferences.

Often we hear that there has not been enough time given over to exchanging ideas when we get together. Here is a way that that could be easily cured.

(1) Write up an event or project that you have found to be especially successful during this last year. (Make it one page or less, giving pertinent details.)

(2) Make a given number of copies. (Let the size of the gathering govern the number of copies requested...25 could be ok.)

(3) Bring these copies to the conference that you are attending.

(4) Give these copies to the person in charge of the Idea Exchange, and receive a ticket as a receipt.

(5) This ticket will admit you to the Idea Exchange event where you could pick up copies of any of the other ideas brought in. (Sure there may be some duplications, but you certainly will find at least a half dozen new ones. You'll never get new ideas more easily).

(6) People who have no ideas to contribute would be most welcome to any of the extra copies that are left over, after the ticket holders have made their choices.

It's almost like a Christmas Cookie Exchange, except that it doesn't have to be in December, and it's certainly non-caloric (unless, of course, gourmet meals are among the ideas contributed).

Neat, huh? Think of it..there is a possibility of a whole batch of new, unit-tested ideas. Who's going to try it first?

→ Stock up on  
a whole year's  
Supply!



## More "Gentle Shadows"

Do you remember the quote from Adriane Saylor's article in the September Kyriakos? At the time Adriane was one of those "gentle shadows" of Allerton's past.

Recently, at the District UUWF Board meeting, Sandy Drenth shared another bit of information about Adriane. It seems she had come to Allerton with a group of young women from our Joliet UU Church, several years ago.

Wouldn't it be fun if someone else had additional information about Adriane? Does she still attend a UU Church? Would she ever be able to join us at Allerton again? Or is she interested in one of our new conferences? If you know her, tell her we'd love to hear from her, directly.

Greetings from Fran Rall

(Ed. note: This is part of a letter that was an answer to a request of Fran Rall that she check some addresses.)

"...I was delighted to check these out for you....Our Centennial is coming up and we are all at work on it. Just had lunch with Mildred Richards....took over an old Alliance bood....It is sweet and interesting and informative to read. So have been feeling close to Alliance, lately...I have many warm memories of Allerton, Love, Fran."

It's good to hear from old friends. We hope that VOW offers a means of keeping "in touch", even when calendars and miles make it impossible to attend Allerton

The District UUWF is encouraging the development of new conferences which are closer, less expensive and which offer programs at different times of the year. It's not a matter of cutting back on established events but rather a matter of meeting growing needs with variety and innovation. VOW hopes to be the "glue" that keeps us moving together.

\*Another Allerton "Alum"

## ~From Las Vegas~

When the Board met in Bloomington, 11 a couple of weeks ago, Tobe Easton was one of the local UU women who came out to have supper with the visitors. She was so beautifully tanned and rested looking that everyone wanted to know how this had occurred. It was then that they found out that she had won a trip to Las Vegas for selling lots of real estate in January. Congratulations, Tobe. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person.

## to the Peace Corps ~

Not too many years ago several of you met Barbara Smith who joined us at Allerton. Just the other day Elise Cade shared a letter which had come from Barbara who is now in Jamaica for a three year stint with the Peace Corps.

Among the bits of news in this long and interesting letter were the following items:

"Right now there are about 120 PC people in Jamaica, and a lot more throughout the Caribbean on the other islands..."

In reporting on a trip that she and a friend had taken to Ocho Rios, it was obvious that the friendliness and informality of their activities were thoroughly enjoyed.

"Both (of us) are glad we are here to live and work, and not as tourists. The sense of being part of this country is a great feeling...M said at one point she had not had so much fun in years...I agree. It is really fun to be here...(I) hope we can find heated water when we get into Kingston to live. I miss the hot water and a good reading light more than anything else that I left behind...I will try to make up that deficiency when I move into Kingston..."

Barb



NOMINATION FORM  
HESTER HUFF ROLL OF RECOGNITION

Complete this form and send to Lucille Kazmark  
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Joliet, Illinois  
60433

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOMINATION Information:

Number of years member of church \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Church activities or services: \_\_\_\_\_  
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UUWF-CMD ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_  
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UUWF or UUA Denominational services or activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Community services and activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal or religious attitudes of nominee which support nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
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