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## "BODY AND SOUL" CMD-UUWF Annual Meeting at ALLERTON JUNE 11, 12 & 13th, 1991

### WE "DISCOVER" ALLERTON

How did we begin holding our annual meetings at Allerton Park? Lucille Kazmark, Joliet, sent some interesting facts regarding the establishment of our long relationship with Allerton. Marion Baker, Avon, provided some additional information.

In the late 1950s the members of the Board of the then Association of Universalist Women met at the home of Dorothy (Pete) McKinney in Urbana. At the same time, Dr. Robert Rice, husband of one of the Board members, was attending a ministerial meeting at Allerton Park. Dr. Rice, knowing that the women's Board was meeting in Urbana and was seeking an annual meeting place, called his wife, Robertine, from Allerton. He was enthusiastic about the lovely mansion and beautiful grounds. Dr. Rice said that there had been a cancellation and the women's group could meet there if an immediate decision were made. Dr. Rice thought it would be an ideal place for the group. The Board agreed. A Steering Committee was formed which included the Board President, Lucille Kazmark, Marion Baker, Margaret Harris, Ellen Jordan, and Robertine Rice. These women, with the assistance of a few other members, planned the first meeting and set up a brief outline for future meetings at Allerton. Hester Huff was appointed Registrar, a position she held with both dignity and humor for many years. The second president was Margaret Harris. Due to health problems, Margaret did not continue in that position for very long but did serve admirably while she was able to do so.

We continue to enjoy the beauty of Allerton as did those women almost thirty-five years ago. May their enthusiasm remain with us.



As the star flower opens  
To the sun, wind, and visiting bee,  
So let us open hearts and minds  
To all the world that we see.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the last of my messages, because a new president will be elected in June at Allerton along with a secretary and two new directors. Every two years two members of the executive committee and two directors of the board are elected. Officers and directors may remain in office for two terms or four years. My fourth year on the board is ending and I am both happy and sad. I need time for myself and feel happy about that and am sad that I will no longer have the same contacts and experiences with so many wonderful women.

I would particularly like to thank former board members Many Babel, Lynn Rund, Clarise Jefferson, Di Lovitt, Susan Karcher, Ruth Davis and Mary Leung as well as the current board members listed on the back of this *VOW* for all their efforts on behalf of the CMD-UUWF. And to the many Allerton Camp Wyman and Lake Geneva Chairpersons, former *VOW* editor Pat Murray and present editor Jo Jameson, I honor you for all of us.

CMD-UUWF has the structure in place that can make it a strong voice and communicator for the women in the district.

With the establishment of a Women & Religion Committee and their annual conference in January as well as UUWF conferences, Camp Wyman in the spring, Allerton in the summer and Lake Geneva in the fall; there are connections for all women in our district. With *VOW*, we have the vehicle to provide excellent communication. We are fortunate to have all these opportunities. Please help sustain these connections.

Every woman in the district has the opportunity to facilitate and strengthen our women's web. Each of us can be an important strand in the web. Write an article for *VOW*, help at a conference, give a workshop, serve as an officer, tell other women about us, pay your CMD-UUWF dues and expand the circle.

I feel privileged and my soul nourished by being a part of all of you the past four years.

Blessed Be, *Joanne Fought*

### JUNE ELECTIONS

Four new members of the CMD-UUWF Board will be elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Offices open include that of president, secretary, and two directors. If you are contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee, please consider that request carefully and favorably. Dedicated and self-motivated women are needed to serve on the Board in order that the work of our organization can continue to expand and develop.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Please call them with your recommendations.

**SALUTATION TO THE DAWN**

Look to this day!  
 For it is life, the very life of life.  
 In its brief course  
 Lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The bliss of growth  
 The glory of action  
 The splendor of beauty,

For yesterday is but a dream  
 And tomorrow is only a vision.  
 But today well lived makes every yesterday  
 A dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
 Look well, therefore, to this day!  
 Such is the salutation to the dawn.

---Kalidasa  
 (Indian dramatist)

**DUES AGAIN**  
 The date on which dues are due from your Unit or individually is shown on your VOW mailing sticker. Check with your local Unit treasurer or the CMD-UUWF treasurer if you have any question because we want to be sure that you continue to receive VOW. Our treasurer, Pat Baker will be happy to accept \$5.00 per member any time. Her address is listed on the back of this issue.

*Isis, Egyptian mother  
 goddess, lover, teacher,  
 sorcerress, she is woman  
 empowered, skilled, free; she  
 teaches, heals and transforms.*



**APPLICATION FOR CMD-UUWF CONFERENCE GRANT**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOMINATED BY: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (name & address)  
 CONFERENCE OR RETREAT \_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO : Pat Skogen Johnson, Rt. 1 Box 1, Beloit, WI 53511

**CALL FOR HESTER HUFF  
 ROLL OF RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS**

The 1980 annual meeting of the CMD/UUWF established the Hester Huff Roll of Recognition to honor an outstanding CMD/UUWF woman for service within the Central Midwest District. Nominations may be made by individuals or by UU groups. The nominee may be from any part of the District, not necessarily from one's own area or group. Members of the current selection committee or the Board of CMD/UUWF are not eligible for nomination.

Who among us should become the honored one this year? Please give this immediate thought and action. Let the selection committee have your nomination(s) soon. Please use the nomination form included in this mailing. (Duplicate for extras, if needed) The closing date is May 15.

We know there are many women among us deserving of special appreciation for devoted service to our causes. Do take time, effort, and the needed concern to nominate them. Every nominee will receive a letter of recognition from the committee. The name of the person selected will be engraved on the Hester Huff Roll of Recognition plaque. She will be honored in a ceremony by the former recipients of the honor at the Annual Meeting at Allerton. She will retain the plaque for one year.

- We eagerly await your nominations. Committee members are:
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| <b>Jo Jameson</b> , recipient, 1990<br>6538 Cedarbrook<br>Peoria, IL 61614 | <b>Carol Wike Nudo</b> , recipient, 1989<br>401 George St.<br>Alton, IL 62002 | <b>Bonnie Olson</b> , recipient, 1988<br>1091 Kinmouth<br>Joliet, IL 60433 |
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**NOMINATION FORM HESTER HUFF ROLL OF RECOGNITION**

Complete this form and send to : Any Committee member listed above by **MAY 15, 1991**

1. Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Renomination: If complete materials have been submitted on a candidate, please renominate adding only current material. The Committee will review the earlier material in the file.**

Number of years member of church: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Principal church activities or services: \_\_\_\_\_

CMD/UUWF activities or services: \_\_\_\_\_

UUWF and UUA denominational services or activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community activities or services: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal or religious attitudes of nominee which support nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Use additional pages or letters to support nomination and attach as desired.



# DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS



## BIENNIAL '91

The 1991 UUWF Biennial will be held June 17-19 at Bahia Mar, a 40-acre retreat near Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The site overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and the Intercoastal Waterway and is ten miles from the Diplomat Hotel where General Assembly will be held.

Workshops and lunch table subjects will include discussions on some of the differences that need our input and understanding. The diversity in the lives of each of us will be noted as we tell our own stories and hear the stories of other women.

For additional information contact the UUWF Biennial Registrar, 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108, telephone (617)742-2100, ext. 692.

## MIDWEST LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Midwest Leadership School convenes on The Beloit College campus in Beloit, Wisconsin July 20-27, 1991. This undertaking is sponsored by four districts including Central Midwest, Michigan, Ohio Valley, and Prairie Star. The curriculum includes work in organizational development, elements of worship, theology, UU History, and the development of a worship group to plan and conduct an actual service. For further information, contact Karen Manson, 32 W. Knapp St., Rice Lake, Wisconsin, 54868, Telephone (715) 234-6139.

## THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association will be held at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida June 20-25, 1991. The Theme is "Speak to the Earth and It Shall Teach Thee." Daily worship services, lectures, presentations and plenary sessions will be included. Elizabeth Dodson Gray, an environmentalist and theologian, will present the Ware Lecture. There will be other special events of interest to UU women. Contact your minister or president of your Board for further information.

Our sympathy is extended to Gloria Grimm, 1st Unitarian church, St. Louis, whose husband died April 1. She is a familiar figure to Allerton attendees and was named to the Hester Huff Roll of Recognition as well as being given the UU Unsung Heroine award from UUA.

## VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Two members of CMD-UUWF are candidates for offices on the Continental UUWF Board. Peg Carlson is a nominee for director on the Board and Janet Nortrom is a candidate for the nominating Committee. There is no contest for Peg's position, but there is for Janet's. Please send in your ballot marked for Janet before May 1. It is important to have Central Midwest District women on the Continental Board.

## LAKE GENEVA CONFERENCE

On April 19, about 50 women gathered at 7:00 PM to begin a weekend of fellowship, relaxation and sharing of ideas. The theme was Woman's Web and we constructed a colorful yarn web in the Great Hall. We sang, discussed, listened, learned, drummed, meditated, hugged, hiked, shared and worshipped through a great weekend. Participants agreed that this particular "Happening" was one of the best UUWF conferences remembered in recent years.

Special thanks to Lynn Rund, Pat Murray and Pat Johnson. Other women responsible for its success are too numerous to mention individually without omitting someone who should be included. Our thanks to ALL those busy people who made it happen.

## CAKES TRAINING

A successful "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" training session, co-sponsored by W&R and UUUF, was held in Milwaukee at Milwaukee West Church on April 5th and 6th. It was cosponsored by W & R and UUWF and led by Janet Nortrom from First Milwaukee Church and Joanne Fought, Peoria. 24 women attended. Registration was handled by Pat McFarland of Milwaukee West.

## EVERY DAY - EARTH DAY!

*Over one hundred years ago, the great Indian Chief, Seattle, was faced with the loss of his tribe's land. He responded out of his love and respect for the land, with utter honesty, and heartbreaking eloquence.*

*"We are part of the earth and it is part of us.  
The perfumed flowers are our sisters;  
the deer, the horse, the great eagle,  
The rocky crests, the voices of the meadows,  
The body heat of the pony: and man—  
all belong to the same family."*



## FOOTNOTES

If you have any slides of UUWF conference activities, please contact Joanne Fought, (309) 676-6849 or see her at Allerton.

The annual meeting of CMD-UUWF will be held at Allerton on June 11, 12, and 13, 1991. "Body and Soul" is the theme. The brochure is coming - watch for it!

If you purchased wooden sconces at the Silent Auction at Allerton last June, you will be pleased to know that there are chimneys to go with them. Contact Marion Baker, (309) 465-3766 or see her at Allerton.

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WINGS   
 Be like the bird  
 That, pausing in her flight  
 Awhile on boughs too slight  
 Beneath her and yet sings,  
 Knowing that she hath wings  
 ---Victor Hugo

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