

C M D U U W F NEWSLETTER

April 1973

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF UUWF

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation. To plagiarize a phrase "You've come a long way, Baby! And we certainly have when you consider that our history dates back even farther than ten years ago.

The Association of Universalist Women first organized in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1869, where women attending the Universalist Biennial Convention met separately and formed the first national organization of church women in the United States, calling it the Women's Centenary Aid Association.

The Alliance of Unitarian Women was formed at Saratoga, N.Y. in 1880. By 1882, seventy-five churches had auxiliary branches, and their first cooperative project was the Post Office Mission which supplied tracts and mission materials for church vestibules.

Separate but concurrent annual meetings of the two groups met in Chicago in May 1963, voting to merge into one association. The result The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.

The 1973 Biennial Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada May 28-30. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, a special dinner and dramatic presentation is planned by UUWF Canadian Women at the First Unitarian Church of Toronto.

The Central Midwest District UUWF was formed in 1964. Joint meetings of the Association of Universalist Women of Illinois, and the Alliance of Unitarian Women of the Western Conference were held in the Universalist Church of Oak Park in 1961 to explore the possibilities of a future union. On November 20, 1964 a district meeting was held at Joliet, adopting the revised by-laws and electing the first CMDUUWF president, Lucille Kazmark, 1964-1965. Margaret Harris was president from 1966-1968; Betty King 1969 to the present.

The 15th Annual Allerton Institute will be celebrated this year.

CHICAGO AREA SPRING MEETING

"What are YOU Doing the Rest of Your Life? The Chicago Area UUWF will present this question to all - whether you are a career woman or retired; working wife or homemaker; pre-school mother or in the Empty nest syndrom." We all must have purpose in life. What is your goal today for tomorrow? Goals are flexible and the pathways varied, but without some commitment, life has little meaning.

Life marches on! Are you in the parade, or standing on the side-line? Pick up a banner and step to the beat! Join the Unitarian-Universalist women at the Chicago Area Spring meeting at 5 E. Clinton Street, Joliet, on Thursday, April 12.

Together, we will explore, from the various "stage-levels," the exciting opportunities available for enriching our lives and ultimately the lives of others. A panel of "experts" from the Joliet Junior college will provide the expertise on the world of work, volunteerism, self enrichment, etc.

Registration and coffee	9:30
Call to order	10:00
Salad Bar Lunch	1:00
Adjournment	2:00

Cost of the luncheon will be \$1.50. There is no cost for registration or program. Child care will be available without charge, but please indicate how many children will be attending by sending reservations by April 9 to:

Mrs. Robert Hoyt
1215 Richmond Street
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Mark April 12 on your calendar!
It is the first day of the rest of your life!

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District Cookbook

Phyllis Brening of the Rockford Unit is the editor of a new cookbook compiled with favorite recipes gathered from the Unitarian and Universalist women in the Central Midwest District. We all like to try something new and different. Share your favorite recipe with us, whether it is an exotic gourmet dish or an everyday hearty meal. If you have enjoyed it, perhaps others will.

Bring your recipes to the Chicago Area meeting on April 12, or mail them NOW to:

Mrs. George Brening
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C M D BOARD MEETS

The Board Members of the Central Midwest Unitarian Universalist Womens Federation met in Chicago at Marshall Fields on Tuesday, February 20. Chairman Betty King will attend the UUWF conference in Toronto, Canada on May 29-30 as the Central Midwest District delegate.

Unit dues are due by May 31. Please send .50 per unit member to the treasurer Hester Huff, R.R. #1, Clinton, Ill. 61727

The next board meeting will be held May 1. All meetings are open to all U-U members, and minutes are available upon request

"Marriage and/or Alternatives" is the theme of this year's Allerton Institute on June 19, 20, 21. Robin Sprietsma from the DuPage unit is the 1973 chairman with Betty Steel of Chicago Heights, and Nancy Mercer from Peoria and Sharon Zoars from Hinsdale on the committee.

A panel of several Unitarian Universalist ministers including Gene Kreves of DuPage and Don King, Geneva will discuss marriage problems that need counseling and what help is offered to prospective marriage partners.

Small discussion groups will examine the changing life styles of today. What is the future of marriage? No longer is it necessary for a woman to marry for financial support and sexual satisfaction. No longer do men have to marry for social status and sexual satisfaction. Perhaps not every one should be married. Individuals of today have alternatives to the "...til death do us part" marriages of their grandparents.

Must society accept the pre or trial marriages of the young people? Must it also approve of group marriages where people live in communes, share property, chores and money? Must it make room for the marriages of three individuals and homosexuals? What do we mean by "open marriage"?

There will be an opportunity for examining personal relationships, ways of solving conflicts within those relationships and a self-evaluation of goals.

By exploring these alternatives in our society and thinking about our own relationships, we will be better equipped to adjust ourselves to, or change with the forces that are changing society

Other highlights will be Marian Baker's excerpt from the play "Plaza Suite"; a birthday party to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Unitarian Universalist Women; a choice of small workshops of several crafts, church fund-raising and programs. Finally, we will be honored to be joined by Elizabeth Scarlotas, our new UUWF Director from Boston, who will talk briefly about changes the past year in the UUWF.

WHAT IS ALLERTON ??????

More than a conference

More than a retreat

not quite

R & R meaning rest and recreation

more like

R & R meaning rethinking and renewing

Allerton is part of 3 days, Tuesday-Thursday, June 19-21 spent in the red brick mansion in a wooded area overlooking a small lake in Allerton Park; part of the University of Illinois, located 10 miles from Champaign-Urbana.

Arrange for your husband's meals, care of the children, a dog-sitter, leave your problems and worries and come think with us about a larger concern of our society - Marriage; are there alternatives? Can it be broadened? Am I affected?

At allerton one can enjoy the solitude of oneness with the shared warmth of like minds.

Cost is \$35-\$40. for two nights lodgings and 7 meals plus a \$4. registration fee sent to Hester Huff to ensure your reservation. That's Mrs. Lawrence Huff, R.R. #1, Clinton, Ill. 61727

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