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## President's Perspectives . . .

I'm just back from an exciting Board meeting and the best attended UURMAPA Conference in New England. We had four new Board members who together with the "old" ones were full of enthusiasm, energy and plans for the future.

We zeroed in on the issues of our visibility and communication. We also discussed how to expand what we do and decided that the best way to do that was by using the talents of our members.

We have already done that in the Financial Education program which trained eight people to present workshops at UUMA Chapter Meetings this coming year using the UU Funds grant we received last year. Check out your Chapter to see if they are offering this program. It is aimed at pre-retirees but it should be of benefit to those already retired.

Other job opportunities are (1) Historian/Archivist, perhaps the same person or two different people. We are nearly 20 years old and need to keep track of our history. (2) A computer buff to create a website and explore whether our newsletter can be sent electronically (3) A Conference guru to help struggling conferences with programming and attracting new retirees. (4) Someone to develop a new brochure with pictures (5) A logo (6) Our own song.

We recognized that we aren't very visible. We need to have programs at District meetings and be listed in District Directories, and in The Religious Leader put out by the Ministry and Professional Leadership Staff Group. We need to advocate for programs for retired Ministers and Partners.

From you we need good models of relationships when you stay in the same community and suggestions of ways to get acquainted in new communities and churches when you move. We might want to compile a list of the best places for UU clergy and partners to retire. We need to network among widowed partners of ministers who have their own needs.

It was decided we would offer a prize for "Creative Sageing" (*a propos* of Aging and Sageing) to be presented at the G.A. Luncheon each year. We will need a panel of judges and you out there to nominate people (or yourself) and tell us why the person should win.

These are some of the jobs we would like to fill this year. If you know who might be qualified please let me or any board member know. Our addresses and email are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Joyce Smith



UURMAPA Board members take a break on a beautiful afternoon October 4<sup>th</sup> in Attleboro, MA. From left: Dick Fewkes, Annie Foerster, Glen Snowden, Nancy Doughty, Joyce Smith, Barbara Prairie, Eleanor Richardson, and Andrew Backus.

## Regional Conferences

*Funds too tight to get to a Regional Conference? For partial scholarships contact Michelle Bentley at the UUA: 617 742-2100 – mbently@uua.org. You are welcome at any regional conference, regardless of where you live!*

**PAN SOUTH** – Tues.-Thurs., Feb. 8-10, 2005 UU Church, Shire Lane, Ft. Myers, FL. Outing to Thomas Edison House Museum. Clarke Wells poetry reading. Keynote TBA. For registration & more information, write Larry Hamby, 245 MacDuffie Drive, Athens, GA 30605 – larryhamby@mac.com. Committee: Eleanor Richardson; Polly Leland-Mayer; Rollene Wells; Herb Adams, registrar; Larry Hamby, Glen Snowden; Kathleen Hunter and Alan Deale.

**WEST** – Mon-Thurs., April 18-21, 2005, at the beautiful Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park, California, south of San Francisco and close to Palo Alto, Stanford, and other interesting places. Presenters as presently planned include Ric Masten, Professor Clare Fischer of Starr King School for the Ministry, Lex Crane, Ted Webb, Roy Ockert, Dick Allen and others. Their talks will lead into some interesting discussions. Further information and registration forms will be mailed to members in the western region in January. Others who are interested in joining us can contact co-chairs Al & Mary Thelander, 12833 Lake Wildwood Drive, Penn Valley CA 95946, e-mail: thelandr@nccn.net,

**NORTHEAST** – New conference chair is Judy Mannheim! New committee includes Dorothy Boroush, Jan Bowering, Gene Navias, Eleanor Richardson and Connie Sternberg, with Kathleen Hunter covering Hospitality. Tues.-Thurs., October 4-6, 2005, La Salette Center, Attleboro, Mass. Registrar: Rev. Med Anderson, 353 Fisher Rd., Orwell, VT 05760. Phone: 802/948-2508. Email: revmua@sover.net.

## Read this if you want Money

It's difficult, but vital, to get people's attention for financial planning. Many ministers retire into poverty and a lot enter the ministry with debt many multiples of annual salary. A minister's eyes might glaze over at the mention of finance, but the spouse may handle family finances and feel more urgency. Planning WILL get you more money. Read on for one quick way.

To reiterate from Joyce's article, the Financial Education program trained eight people to present workshops at UUMA Chapter Meetings this coming year. Check out your Chapter to see if they are offering this program. Be sure the financial manager in your household knows about it! While aimed at pre-retirees, it should also benefit those already retired. Finances can still be fine tuned to get the most possible income out of one's nest egg.

### ASK RALPH MERO

Q: What is the Service Gratuity, and am I eligible?

A: The Service Gratuity is available to all ministers at least 66 years old who have served 20 years. It is administered by the UUA Office of Church Staff Finances for the Unitarian Service Pension Society, Rev. Sheldon Bennett, president. Money comes from trusts held by the USPS and the UUA. Applications are available from Joyce Stewart at [jstewart@uua.org](mailto:jstewart@uua.org) or 617/948-6421. The amount of quarterly Gratuities depends on the number of years served in ministry at the time of application and whether the minister elects the "survivor option" which continues payments to the spouse or partner after the minister's death. It is a gift, and nontaxable.

Q: How can I get good help on financial planning without paying a lot?

A: Fidelity is offering free financial planning to persons with accounts in the UUA Retirement Plan if you sign up before December 31<sup>st</sup>. After that you have to pay. According to Ralph Mero, it is a state-of-the-art service and no sales are involved. The name is "Fidelity Advantage." More information is available from Justan Stringham at 800/544-5230, X75751.

Q: How can I be sure my investments are socially responsible?

A: The UUA Retirement Plan has added five more mutual funds managed in a socially responsible manner, bringing the total of SR funds to eight. This enables plan participants to choose between a regular fund and a SR fund in every investment category. While not offering SR mutual funds under its own name, Fidelity has been very cooperative in providing access to funds from other companies in this field at no additional cost to us. An updated summary description of the UUA Retirement Plan is at [www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances](http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances).

### FREE UUA DIRECTORIES

The 2004-2005 UUA Directory is expected in November. Surviving Partners are eligible for a free copy. Please contact Jean Hartman, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108; or email: [hartman@uua.org](mailto:hartman@uua.org) or tel. (617)948-6437. Ministers who have "officially" notified Ministry and Professional Leadership of their retirement will automatically receive a copy. If you do not, please contact Beth Mullen at (617)948-4646.

How are you? ... What are you doing?...

Any new publications? *(please send us your news!)*

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Frank Robertson**, who is recovering from cancer surgery at home. He and his partner Rick McDonald live at 26 Carver Ave., Plymouth, MA 02360. He recently let us know how very grateful he is for colleagues' many cards and loving support.

We visited **Walter Moulton** October 16, who is doing much better. He was diagnosed the week before with cancer. Cards and letters are welcome (plus virtual hugs). They may be sent to Walt and his wife Paula at 3 Hidden Lane, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

**Peter Richardson** is getting together 4 lectures for the Minns Committee at a place and time to be announced. Andover, MA named him Minister Emeritus in June.

**Rosemary Matson** is initiator and co-author of the new UUA Curriculum, "Unraveling the Gender Knot – Challenging the System that Binds Us," which was introduced at GA 2004. The concept was introduced at UURMAPA West Coast and found great interest. For more, write Rosemary at Box 1710, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, or call (831)659-3758.

She also writes that Ramona Barth, widow of Dr. Joseph Barth who died in 2002, is one of 12 women featured on the 2005 UU Women's Heritage Calendar. To order the calendar, write to UUWHS, c/o Hurdsmith Communications, 15 Winter St., #2, Salem, MA 01970. Matson and Laurie James are writing a mini book on Ramona's life, to be ready for GA 2005. Ramona initiated a version of "exorcism" by burning Bible quotes which were derogatory to women on church pulpits on Mother's Day. She called it good theater and good theology.

## In Memoriam

**Reverend Eugene H. Adams** died August 11, of cancer. He was 87. He served in East Boston, Medford, Orange, and Worcester, MA; Binghamton and Jamestown, NY. He was Chaplain and Secretary at the YMCA in New York City. He was minister emeritus at the UU Church of Medford. In 1965, he followed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the march from Selma to Montgomery. To show support for migrant farm workers, he wore denim in the pulpit for three years. As a teenager, Mr. Adams boxed professionally under the name of "Red Adams." His boxing career ended in 1938 in a knockout at the old Boston Garden. Surviving is his wife, M. Caroline (Brown) Adams, and four sons: Richard of Prince Frederick, MD; John of Nobleboro, Maine; Peter of Pittsburgh, PA; and Thomas of Livermore, ME. Messages of remembrance may be sent to Mrs. Adams at: 72 Myrtle Street, Medford, MA 02155-4120. A memorial service was held August 28 in the UU Church of Medford.

**The Reverend Elizabeth Anastos** died peacefully October 14. Her children had been with her all day. Close friends and colleagues in the Boston area had been able to visit and say their good-byes. Many enjoyed her company at the Northeast UURMAPA conference (photo right). The day after returning home she suffered a massive stroke. She was 77.

A prominent Minister of Religious Education, she was UUA Education Consultant 1980-1982; UUA Co-Coordinator of Curriculum Development 1982-1992; and Interim Settlement Director, Department of Ministry, in 1997.

Elizabeth is survived by her children Philip and Lori Anastos of Yarmouth, ME; Kathryn Anastos and John Wallen of Yonkers, NY; Ellen Anastos of Portland, ME; Revs. George and Andrea Anastos of Greenfield, MA; and six grandchildren. Messages of remembrance may be sent in care of Rev. Andrea L. Anastos, 62A Laurel St., Greenfield, MA 01301. A memorial service was held October 21 at the First Parish in Cambridge, MA.



**Freda Wolfe Carnes**, widow of Paul Carnes, third President of the UUA, died September 18 in Boston. A service was celebrated October 2 at King's Chapel. Freda married Paul following World War II, after Carnes' release as a prisoner of war. They were parents to Paul Nathaniel, Jr., and Molly. Freda was committed to studies in education and child development, which she pursued in Cleveland, OH and Buffalo, NY. In Buffalo, she was assistant professor in the early childhood Department of the State College Learning Lab. The Carnes lived in Youngstown, OH; Memphis, TN; Buffalo and Boston, where they moved when Paul was elected UUA president in 1977. Paul died in 1979 at age 58 of cancer. Freda is survived by her children and three grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Freda Carnes Scholarship Fund, c/o the University of Wisconsin, 1860 University Ave., Madison, WI 53705.

**Reverend Robert L. Cope** died September 1, in Lebanon, NH. He was 81. He served in Princeton, NJ; Henderson, New York City, and Buffalo, NY; and served as a Professor of Religious Education at St. Lawrence Theological School from 1957-1960. Upon retiring from the ministry, he worked as a vice president of sales for a multi-media production company in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Bateman Cope of Quechee, VT; son Christopher R. of Hartford, CT; and daughter Catherine (Cope) Cavalier of Boston. Messages of remembrance may be sent to Mrs. Cope at: One the Village Green, P. O. Box 1077, Quechee, VT 05059-1077. The family service was private.

**Reverend Clifton B. Gordon** died September 22, from the aftereffects of a stroke. He was 91. He served in Sterling, MA; Wilton Center and Milford, NH; and Modesto, Yuba City and Bakersfield, CA (Emeritus). He was a high school teacher and guidance counselor in Milford, NH, and taught Psychology at Sacramento State College. He served in the Army Medical Department and the Transportation Corps during World War II, in New Guinea, Philippines, and Japan. Survivors include his wife, Helen Gordon, and three stepchildren, Bruce

Winn, Brent Winn, and Holly Winn Wilner. Messages of remembrance may be sent to Mrs. Gordon at: 3775 Modoc Road, LPC 135, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. A private service was held October 9 in Santa Barbara. A memorial service will be held in Bakersfield at a later date.

**Carolyn Chance Howlett**, 89, died Sept. 29 in Fryeburg, Maine. She was one of only three females in her class at Yale Law School in 1938. She practiced law in New York City until she married Rev. Duncan Howlett. She was the first woman president of the International Association for Religious Freedom, making a number of trips including communist countries in eastern Europe. She was honored for this with an honorary doctorate from the University of Chicago. She was active in community affairs in Center Lovell, ME. Her husband of 60 years died in 2003. She is survived by a brother, R. Robinson Chance; four children, Susan Hasty of Portland, ME; Albert of Falls Church, VA, Richard of Burke, VA, and Carolyn 'Lynn' Korth of Center Lovell, ME; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Oct. 11. Donations may be sent to: IARF, c/o UUA International Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, and messages of remembrance to Susan Hasty, 99A Neal St., Portland, ME 04102-3431.

**Reverend Dr. David P. Osborn** died August 4, of complications from heart surgery. He served the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Society (now Shelter Rock), Manhasset, NY, from 1976-1990, and was Minister Emeritus there. He also served congregations in Brooklyn, NY; Marblehead, MA; Adelphi, MD; Paramus, NJ; and England. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Janet Hooper Osborn. Messages of remembrance may be sent to her at: 10220 Carraro Place, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114-4505. There will be no funeral or memorial service.

**Reverend Dr. Carl J. Westman** died October 14, of congestive heart failure. He was 93. He served in Gloucester, MA; Bridgeport, CT; Rochester, NY; Plainfield, NJ; Lakeland (Emeritus), Naples and Port Charlotte, FL. He was District Executive for Metropolitan New York and a Settlement Representative for Florida District. He spoke out forcefully in protection of the first amendment freedoms during the McCarthy era. He was also active in the civil rights movement. Surviving are his children, Marjorie A. Yasueda of San Francisco, CA; John W. Westman of Atlantic Beach, FL; and William W. Westman of Brasilia, Brazil, 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A daughter, Janet Newton predeceased him in 2003. Messages of remembrance may be sent to: John W. Westman, 2213 Alicia Lane, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 23, at the UU Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Road.

**Reverend Dr. Horace Frederick Westwood** died August 28, of complications from a hip injury. He was 93. He served in West Bridgewater, Somerville, Fairhaven and Brewster, MA; Houston, TX (Emeritus); Woodstock and Hartland Four Corners, VT; Summit, NJ; St. Paul, MN; Victoria, BC; Annapolis, MD; and Schenectady, NY. He was Chaplain with the Marine Corps in World War II, a Lieutenant Commander, in the South Pacific. He served on the UUA Board of Trustees, Ministerial Fellowship Committee, and New Hampshire-Vermont District. Survivors include a brother, Rev. Arnold F. Westwood of Cummington, MA; a daughter-in-law, Teresa Westwood-Smith of Atlanta, GA; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Virginia Wallis Boyd Westwood in 2002. Messages of remembrance may be sent to: The Rev. Arnold F. Westwood, 104 Windsor Bush Road, Cummington, MA 01026-9621. A memorial service was held October 17, at the First Unitarian Church, New Bedford, MA. A service will be held in Houston at a later date.

## Directory Additions and Changes

Profound thanks to Larry Hamby for his yeoman's service as Listmaster. And a big welcome to Fred Campbell. We are a very mobile group and updating is a constant task. Here are some changes and new retirees.

N.B. Ministers who have officially retired are *de facto* members of UURMAPA. Please check with recently retired colleagues to see they are getting *Elderberries*. We always need new members! No dues. Contributions welcome.

Add **Andrew Backus** and his wife, **Chris Lilley Backus**, 2746 Broadway, Bellingham, WA 98225.

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**Rev. Robert Throne** – add his wife, **Teri**, and **Rev. Glenn Turner**'s wife is **Caroline Loupe**.

**Clarke Wells** – new apartment no. , 9C, (1700 Ben Franklin Dr., Sarasota, FL 34236. Tel. 941-388-2075.)

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