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Gene Navias enjoys a quiet moment during the St. Lawrence Portrait Dedication Oct. 2007 in the Chapel at 25 Beacon St. His marble companion is Rev. John Pierpont, minister of the Hollis Street Church in Boston and grandfather to J.P. Morgan.

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Elderberries is published quarterly in November, February, May, and August. Next deadline is April 15. Send contributions to Eleanor Richardson, editor, 22 Mechanic St., Rockland, ME 04841, grandmoot@aol.com. Please be mindful of space limitations! Look at the previous *Elderberries* as a guideline for your article.

President's Perspectives . . .

After losing our snow cover for the second time this winter, we were greeted with a glorious wet snowfall this morning. Every branch, twig and grass is blanketed in stark whiteness lifting my spirits. Then a whisper of wind beckons it to the ground, reminding me that beauty is fleeting, that we need to be present and notice each day.

In my last column I mentioned the Board had appointed two Task Forces to develop guidelines for right relations for our clergy and partner members. We recognize our clergy members are in covenant with colleagues through the UUMA Guidelines, so one Task Force, with **Andy Backus**, chairperson, and **Dillman Sorrells** and **Brad Greeley**, will draft language to affirm that relationship.

In response to questions repeatedly asked by partners of retired ministers, "What are the expectations for me when my partner retires?" "Are there guidelines of when or how I continue my activities in a congregation?" "Am I to mirror the guidelines for my retired partner?" a second Task Force has been appointed: **Barbara Prairie**, chairperson, and **Eleanor Richardson**, **Chris Lilly Backus**, and **Peter Haslund**, will draft a guideline statement for our partner members' consideration. This Task Force meets in late March and welcomes suggestions. Send to Barbara Prairie at bprairie@adelphia.net.

Again I will be representing UURMaPA at the Pan South Conference in Feb. and later attend the West Conference. UURMaPA members are eligible to receive continuing education funds to attend any conference of an educational nature. And certainly attendance at our Conferences qualifies. Application for funds can be made to



Jory Agate (jagate@uua.org) and will be handled in a confidential manner. Application info is available at the website: uua.org/leaders/leaderslibrary/ministerialdevelopment/continuingeducation/23119shtml. If financial resources have deterred you from attending Conferences, I urge you to explore the education funds available.

On April 17, **Eleanor Richardson**, **Makanah Morriss** and I will be representing UURMaPA at our first meeting with the Professional Leadership Coordinating Council in Boston. A report will be in the next Elderberries.

As he nears retirement on March 31, I want to recognize and thank **Ralph Mero** (*right*), on behalf of UURMaPA for his heartfelt concern, thoughtful attention and wise advocacy for the well-being of our members for 11 1/2 years. His leadership has made a difference in the lives of so many of us.



Your notes of appreciation can be directed to Ralph at rmero@uuma.org, or 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. And the good news is that Ralph has agreed to be nominated as a member of the UURMaPA Board!

Treasurer **Andy Backus** reports that the number of contributors to UURMaPA this year has increased – several members giving for the first time – an indication that we are more and more a presence in your life. Our budgeted goal for the year is \$16,500 and thus far you have contributed \$11,520. My heartfelt thanks for your generosity to this organization that I feel honored to represent! If there are concerns you have about UURMaPA, please be in touch with me via e-mail, phone or snail mail.

-- *Nancy Doughty*

Report of the Nominating Committee

In even-numbered years the Bylaws call for the election of the Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, one Member-at-Large, and two members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate, all for two-year terms. Incumbents are designated with an *.

Secretary: Jean Rowe*
Treasurer: Kathleen Hunter
Newsletter Editor: Chris Lilly Backus
Member-at-Large: Ralph Mero
Nominating Committee: Ellen Johnson-Fay*
Nominating Committee: Leon Hopper*



Ed Lane

Bylaws also read: “If only one person is nominated for each position, the persons shall be declared elected.”

There have been two recent resignations from the Board for medical reasons: Carl Thitchener as Vice President and Fia Scheyer as Member-at-Large. Bylaws call for vacancies to be filled to the end of unexpired terms (June 30, 2009) by appointment of the Board. We are pleased to nominate:

Vice-President: David Johnson
Member-at-Large: Peter Haslund

On receipt of the nominations, your UURMAPA Board voted unanimously to appoint David and Peter to begin their terms with our March meeting in San Jose, CA. We hope they will be able to be there.

Thanks to my colleagues on the Nominating Committee for the promptness, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and quality they have brought to the work of our committee.

Ed Lane, Chair; Ellen Johnson-Fay; Leon Hopper

UURMAPA History correction: The first meeting was in Petersham, Mass., not N.H.



Makanah Morriss

Caring Network News

A round of applause and appreciation to several of our Caring Network Contacts who are finishing their terms of service: **Ruppert Lovely** (Central Midwest), **Larry Hamby** (Mid-South), and **Rollene Wells** (Thomas Jefferson VA and TN), We thank you for your good work over these past years in connecting with our UURMaPA folks in these regions.

Ray and Gretchen Manker



A warm "hello" to our new Caring Network folks:

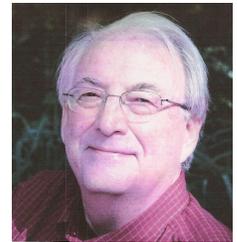
Doak Mansfield (183 Lonesome Pines Road, Laurel MS 39443, 601-729-2932, doakmansfield@hotmail.com) for Mid-South,

Cynthia Johnson (7455 Highway 57, Bailey's Harbor, WI 54202, 920-839-9298, cbjohnson@itol.com) for Central Mid-west,

Bob and Makanah Morriss (1317 Rocky Mountain Road, Forest, VA 24551, 434-384-7821, revs2uu@aol.com) for Thomas Jefferson VA and TN

Ken MacLean (67-697 Lagos Way, Cathedral City, CA 92234, 760-325-5157, torquil@dc.rr.com) our new "international" Caring Network contact for UURMaPA members living abroad.

And a "hello" again to **Ray and Gretchen Manker** (4530 E. Pepper Tree Lane, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-3251, 602-840-8186, rgmanker@cox.net) who have graciously agreed to once again be our contacts for Pacific Southwest AZ and NV
Thanks to all these colleagues for saying "yes." – *Makanah Morriss*



*Note: a new photo for our directory of Caring Network people is **Rev. William Holden** (at right): Prairie Star & Western Canada.*

What I Learned at the Northeast UURMAPA Conference in October

by Dorothy Boroush

You can learn all sorts of things at our various conferences and retreats. In October at the NE conference I finally got the answer to a question that had rattled around in my head for years. The question – Where and how did a man whose name is Gordon McKeeman get the nickname “Bucky”?

I sat beside Bucky (*pictured below, with Phyllis*) as everyone else was packing up, and I asked him. He told me that while he was in seminary he and a few other students decided to take a trip



during one of the breaks. Being on a limited budget, Bucky planned very carefully for the meals they would have on the way. He figured that he could spend only \$.50 for breakfasts. So each morning as they gathered in a restaurant for the morning repast, he would ask the waiter, “What can I get for half-a-buck?” And whatever the waiter replied, Bucky would eat. His friends began calling him “Bucky.”

After meditating on this for several months, I have not been able to identify any deep spiritual or theological significance, but I have thought that the more accurate nickname would be “Half-A-Buck” McKeeman.



Let's Get Together!
*There is a \$200 grant to four **first-time** attendees at each conference. (You must telephone the registrar to see if you are among the first four). Continuing education grants to attend conferences are available from Rev. Jory Agate at jagate@uua.org or 25 Beacon St, Boston MA 02108. Tel. (617) 742-2100. Attend any conference, regardless of where you live!*

Rev. Jory Agate



From left: Peter Richardson, Nancy Doughty, Keith Munson and Pat Hoertdoerfer on tour of Ding Darling Nature preserve at Pan South, Feb. 2007.



NORTHEAST – Oct. 7-9, 2008 at LaSalette in Attleboro, MA. Chairs are Pat Hoertdoerfer, (*photo at left*)(603) 744-3527, phoertdoerfer@metrocast.net and Kathleen Hunter (603) 526-2941, kdhagd@mac.com Registrar is Med Anderson, (802) 948-2508. The theme will be the presidential election - no, not that one - ours - we are inviting any and all who decide to run for the UUA presidency to present and be grilled (and lobbied for our interests).

PAN SOUTH – Feb. 5 - 7, 2008, at the Ft Myers, FL, UU Church. Rev. Charles Eddis of Westmount, Quebec, Canada, will speak on his research on Stephen Fritchman, a controversial figure at the AUA in the 1940s, and editor of the Christian Register. His firing by the AUA Board was very controversial at 1947 May Meetings. Chairs, Kathleen Hunter and Alan Deale (*photo right*), (603) 526-2941, kdhagd@mac.com. Registrar, Herb Adams, (863) 465-1587, herbadams32@hotmail.com.



WEST – March 31 - April 3, 2008 at Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park, CA. “Life Through Lenses” – what a camera can see blossoming in the desert and what a new mega-telescope will see in the far-off sky. Presented by Dr. John P. Schaefer, former president of the University of Arizona. He is president of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope project. The LSST will provide digital imaging of faint astronomical objects across the entire sky. Dr. Schaefer enjoys a reputation as a skilled photographer, and serves as board member on the Ansel Adams Trust. He is an active UU. Barbara Cheatham will report on research concerning UUs' ambivalent attitudes toward those who serve in the military and law enforcement. She asks, "What role, if any, might retired ministers play in helping UUs to walk in covenant with those who choose to serve our country in peace and war?" – Roy Phillips, chair, (*photo left*)(520) 514-2447, rdp45@cox.net; Al Thelander,



registrar, (530) 432-4705, thelandr@nccn.net.

How are you? ... What are you doing? ... Any new publications?

Congratulations to **Ed Lane**, whose letter about the differing types of Unitarianism embraced by Presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson was printed in *The New Yorker* Oct. 15, 2007.

And to **Max Coots'** wife, **Charlotte Ramsay**, after serving 6 years as a Trustee on the Village Board has been elected Mayor of Canton, NY.

Rudi Gelsey: is offering a pre-publication price on his new book: *Conversations with Sacred Masters: Bringing the World Together*. \$20 (plus \$3 postage), 3224 S. Newcombe St., #2105, Lakewood, CO 80227.

David and Iska Cole have finally sold their house, "Forty Oaks," in Edgecomb, Maine and have moved to Brunswick. (see address p. 11)

Jeanne Bletzer had a serious stroke some time back. Now she has recovered enough for a "Retirement Hospital Condo" with her own apartment, and can walk some. She has moved to Arizona, where her son and his wife take wonderful care of her. (address p. 11)

Bruce and Dorothy Clary are in Tulsa nine months/year. Bruce is having double hip replacement operations Mar. 10.

Notes to **Andy Backus, Treasurer:**

Polly Leland-Mayer is planning to be in Sarasota for three winter months. "My cell phone is my only phone (without a land line since I now have cable for my computer.) Cell: 508-277-3824"

JoEllen and Doug Willis are happily ensconced in East End, south of Little Rock. They have purchased a home for the first time in their lives. "We are trying to reconnect with UU friends and colleagues after being out of touch. Thank you for making the effort to reach out!" (address p. 11)

Lee Giles Hirstein, **Phil Giles'** daughter, reports "he is doing well, and continues to live relatively independently in Harwich, MA. He'll be 91 in January! I'll send a full description of his circumstances shortly, but meanwhile, he has asked me to send the UUMAPA a check."

Bob Dick will be 91 in December, and **Helen** is 89. "As you may know, we have been living in Doolittle Home since 1994. It has now become a public charity institution. We are grateful for the Service Gratuity we receive; but we can no longer make a financial contribution to the programs we used to support. We appreciate that others are volunteering their time, talent and efforts as we used to do. I was in on the founding of the Care Committee, and both Bob and I led some of the conferences.

David Pohl: The SLU portraits presentation brings to mind that I was in the very last class John Murray Atwood taught (before his heart attack and death). I took Greek with him as well as the history of Methodism. He was an unforgettable person.... I do not attend UURMAPA conferences for several reasons – one being my having spent nearly 25 years in the Dept. of Ministry attending meetings from coast to coast. But as president of the **UU Society for Ministerial Relief** and V.P. of the **Service Pension Society**, I am able to play a significant role in getting financial aid to our retirees & survivors. This year's amount is about \$800,000. Let me know if you learn of any who need our help.

Eleanor Williams I was glad to receive the 2007 Directory. I am not listed – which is O.K. for this issue. I don't believe I have heard from UURMAPA for some time. (Due to a slight error,

her mail was being returned. See corrected address p. 11, thanks to David Pohl, roommate to Rhys at

More little notes:

From **Annette Y. Redman**: I have read the last Elderberries and find my name celebrating my birthday misspelled. My husband, Edward, was a Meadville graduate in 1941. His longest ministry was in Ann Arbor, MI, about 18 years. He was the first English-speaking minister in Virginia, Minn. He was also minister in Muncie for less than two years when he went to serve the government. He passed in 1985. I was registrar for more than 30 years for the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly, which I have attended for more than 60 years. I enjoy Elderberries very much. As I get older I know fewer people.

Rev. Dorris Dow Alcott (retired – mostly). The 2007-2008 Directory and the November Elderberries just arrived. Good to see so many familiar faces and names.

Tom and Marion Best are enjoying a large family, a large garden, and 3-mile walks each day in the country.

Edith Christensen: Enclosed is my check. Sorry I cannot send more. I miss going to the fall conference in Massachusetts I attended for many years but I just cannot make it any more. How I wish! Getting there is no longer easy for me. My corrected zip code is 23231-2475.

Max Gaebler: Sorry it can't be more; but I'm happy to keep up my support of UURMAPA, an organization founded during the first year of my retirement (under Harold Hadley's leadership, as I recall). I'm sorry, too, that at this point in my life it is impossible for me to get far from home. So I'm really out of touch. But UURMAPA has been playing an important role in the life of our denomination. Good wishes to one and all.

Cynthia Johnson. Glad to increase my contribution. You're doing good work for us all. Please include my husband, **Albert**, in the next directory.

St. Lawrence and friend for 55 years.)

Harry and Judy Hoehler: We are still tutoring in the Boston Public Schools during the week, but one of these days we'll make a UURMAPA conference!

Brief Greetings also from **Herb and Mary Adams, Robert and Anne Clarke, Bob Hadley, Janet Hawkes, Anne Heller, Carol Hilton, Betty Howard (widow of Ernie Howard), Chuck Howe, Ellen Johnson-Fay, Robert and Lorna Kimball, Bob MacPherson, Pat Raible, Alice Schulman, Al and Mary Thelander, Joan Waterhouse, and Donovan White.**

Thanks to all who sent donations!!

Linda Miller is a docent at the Worcester, MA, Art Museum, and would love to give tours to UURMAPA individuals or groups! Call her at (508) 853-8964. Her husband is Rev. David Miller and they live in Holden, MA,

Letter to UURMAPA

Andy -....Thanks Nancy and the rest of you for the great work you are doing with UURMaPA. I read with great interest your recent newsletter and appreciated receiving a copy of the directory. I was especially interested in the results of the two surveys and heartbroken by the comment "We are running out of money...everyday I pray to be relieved by death." I wonder if financial wellbeing in retirement isn't an area where UUMA and UURMaPA could partner more strongly. Finally, I appreciated the fact that UURMaPA publishes the names of minister spouses who have died -- again, I wonder if UUMA could do the same. Although I serve the congregation in Ridgewood, NJ where Ken Patton was the minister for 26 years I had not heard about Mitzi's death and neither had my congregation.

In Faith, Sarah Lammert, VP UUMA Exec

UUMA Life Membership

In a letter to Charity Rowley, Janette Lallier, UUMA administrator, clarified requirements for life membership in the UUMA. Janette writes:

There are three requirements to be granted Life Membership in the UUMA.

1. You must be an active member of the UUMA.
2. You must have retired or announced your intent to retire.
3. You must request an upgrade in membership to Life Member

Therefore, while many, if not all, UUMA Life members are also members of UURMAPA, it does not follow that all UURMAPA Members are automatically UUMA Members. When a member receives Life Member status I send along contact information for UURMAPA. If there is a minister in UURMAPA who is not a life member of the UUMA and would like to be they can be in touch with me and I will happily discuss the options.

Regarding dues: There are no dues required to maintain a life membership. I am fond of saying that once someone has made it to Life Member - they have indeed already "paid their dues." That said, a portion of the UUMA Budget is dependent upon the contributions of our life members. Each year life members are asked to make a voluntary contribution. The suggested contribution is \$125, but any amount is gratefully received. It is my understanding that these contributions would be considered a donation by the IRS.

Janette M. Lallier, Administrator, Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association,
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108; Phone: 617-848-0498; administrator@uuma.org.

Positions Open

Ministers of northern persuasion should know about these opportunities: Ken MacLean is in the middle of a six-month consulting ministry with the fellowship in **Juneau, Alaska**, and he reports that they will be looking for a consulting ministry for six or eight months next year, probably to begin in September. (www.juuf.org)

Anchorage, Alaska seeks an interim minister to begin in February. Their called minister, a Canadian national, has been refused re-entry for work by the INS. (www.anchorageuuf.org)

Edmonton, Alberta's Westwood Church seeks a minister to serve part-time. Edmonton is a congregation of 85 with an average attendance of 61, and children's attendance of 21.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan seeks an interim minister. Saskatoon is a congregation of 86 with average attendance of 51, and children's attendance of 30.

Contact Rev. Dr. John Weston, Transitions Director, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108; transitions@uua.org or (617) 948-6409. Fax: 617-742-2875.

In Memoriam

Virginia Bicknell, widow of Kelsey died in July, 2007, and David Pohl conducted her memorial service at the Unitarian Memorial Church, Fairhaven, MA (where her late husband, Kelsey, was minister until his untimely death from cancer in 1976.) David writes, "Ginny was born in 1929, met Kelsey at St. Lawrence Theological School. and they were married in 1954. Virginia was a teacher as well as mother, grandmother and friend. Her children spoke of her as a great cook, one who loved puzzles, and had a boundless love for her family. She was also 'a second mother' to many college students. I shall always remember her as a smart and kind person who lived with courage and grace throughout her 78 years." She leaves a son, Michael, and three daughters, Rebecca Bicknell, Leigh Hemingway and Anita Langley.

Reverend Gene Bridges, 78, died Jan. 3, 2008, at his home in Honolulu, HI. A 1959 graduate of Starr King, he was ordained by the UU Association of Tacoma, WA, in 1960, serving there 3 years. He served the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, HI from 1962-1970. He then returned to the practice of law, creating The Divorce Clinic to provide low cost legal assistance to persons of limited income. He also owned and operated Bed & Breakfast Honolulu (Statewide), the largest Bed and Breakfast association in Hawaii. According to The Rev Mike Young, Mr. Bridges was a stalwart supporter of civil rights, racial justice, and peace. The Hawaii ACLU's first phone was on his desk and he had marched in Selma. Surviving Mr. Bridges are his daughter, Beth Eileen Bridges; two sons, Adam and Channing Bridges; and four grandchildren. His wife, Mary Lee Tsuffis, predeceased him in 2003. A memorial service was held Jan. 13 at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. Messages may be sent to his children at 3242 Kaohinani Drive, Honolulu, HI 96817-1020.

Julia Cairns, widow of Fred Cairns, passed away Dec. 29, 2007. Her son Ken reported "She died peacefully at her home with her family around her. She was a great lady." Anne Orfald of our Caring Network wrote: "My only contact with her was by phone, but I had the impression that she was indeed a lovely person who had a good life, and was relatively independent in a residence where she could sleep 'til noon if she wished, enjoyed reading, got around with a walker, could take meals in the dining room when she chose, and was happy that her daughter in law was on the staff of the home. She was 88 or 89. According to Charles Eddis, Fred Cairns was a staunch humanist who served congregations in Needham, MA, Madison, WI, and Hamilton, ON. I believe they had three children. Letters may be sent care of Ken & Lynda Cairns, RR #1 Fullarton, ON. N0K 1H0."

Elium Gault, 85, died suddenly Nov. 16, 2007, at his home in Hazlet, NJ. A committed Unitarian Humanist, Elium served the Woodstock, VT, church for a couple of years, then the Manchester, NH, Church for about 20 years. He was active in the Civil Rights movement, and the Anti-Vietnam War movement. Ardently Pro-Choice, he was an active, vocal supporter of the Separation of Church and State. He leaves two sons, Jim and Bert, and daughter Patti. He was very close to his daughters-in-law and grandchildren., A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring at Monmouth Country Unitarian Church in Lincroft, NJ. Condolences may be sent to the family c/o Jim Gault, 1 Cypress Street, Hazlet, NJ 07730-4009.

Monica Adlard Sharp, 98, died Nov. 12, 2007, in Pacific Palisades, CA. She was the widow of Rev. Waitstill H. Sharp. Born in Saskatchewan, she served on the Home Economics staff of the Chicago Tribune and later became Director of the food staff of the American Meat Institute, Chicago. She lived in Greenfield, MA, from

1972 until 2001, where she was a member of All Souls UU Church; Treasurer of the League of Women Voters; and a member of the Board of Organized Work of the Franklin Medical Center. She leaves a daughter, Barbara L. Schlueter, of Pacific Palisades, CA; a step-daughter, Martha Joukowsky, of Providence, RI; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Santa Monica Nov. 19 and in Greenfield, Dec. 8. Letters may be sent to Barbara Schlueter at 809 Toyopa Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Losing Touch with our Members

We count on you to let us know of moves and milestones, particularly of spouses. Some names below were published last November. Thanks to those of you who helped us find them, particularly Gene Navias, who wins the Sherlock Holmes award. Some are found in the activities column above, or in the Directory page 11. This is help almost all of us can give UURMAPA, helping you to stay involved even if you cannot attend conferences.

Barbara McDonald Lewis, 76, died Oct. 18, 2003, in Portland, OR. Barbara was born in a logging camp in Marcola, OR, to a pioneer family who later moved to Salinas in Monterey County, CA. She fell in love with theater there. She married Navy Lt. James Ford Lewis in 1945. Ford became a UU minister; Barbara continued as an actress and became a mother. From 1952 to 1970 Ford led churches in Riverside, Stockton, Portland, Oregon, and the UU Society in Sacramento. Barbara brought her acting and directing to the church stage, as a founder of Theater One. She produced countless shows, and plays written by fellow UUS, like *Stuff as Dreams Are Made On* by Rev. Ted Webb. Ford passed away in 1998 and Barbara returned to Portland to be closer to family, continuing acting there. She loved character parts. Barbara was active in UU Society activities and as a clerk for the Federal Courts. She is survived by James Ford Lewis, Jr., Bronwen Lee Gaderberg, and Mary McDonald-Lewis, 2510 NE Klickitat, Portland OR 9997212.

Ibby Nagy, has died in Calgary, AB. She was widow of Rev. Zoltan Nagy. Rev. Joe Bassett tells us Nagy was ordained in Kolosvar, Romania. He became a chaplain to Unitarians in the Romanian Army during WWII. When the army was impressed by the Nazis he was sent to the eastern front and was present during the Siege of Stalingrad. Ibby followed him there, disguised as a man, and pregnant. She miscarried the child. Returning from the Eastern front, they kept going into Germany, where Ibby was in forced labor making Nazi uniforms until Pattons' army came through and liberated them. While working in a camp for displaced persons, they adopted their daughter, Vera. Through Zoltan's work for the Unitarian Service Committee and Vilma Harrington, they eventually came to America. Zoltan served UU churches in Altoona, IL; Fairhaven, and Chestnut Hill, MA, where he died in 1969. Ibby eventually moved to Calgary to be near Vera. Ibby filled the role of minister's wife in a classic Eastern European style, and had a beautiful garden in Chestnut Hill. If anyone knows Vera's married name and address, please let Eleanor Richardson know, so she may publish it.

Inger Vit, widow of Karel Vit, passed away about 2003, in Portland, OR. She was still listed in the current UUA Directory and in our database, too. Here is your chance to send information to Eleanor, who has come up empty on this one. It which will be published in the next Elderberries.

Elizabeth Whitney, 87, died in November 1998. She was the widow of Rev. Blair Whitney, who served churches in Norton and Peabody, MA; Livermore Falls, Livermore, and North Jay, ME; and Westbrook, ME, where he died at age 55. (His grandfather, Elbert Whitney was a Universalist Minister, while his father, Arthur was a Unitarian minister.) After his death, Elizabeth moved to Cambridge, MA, where she got a job at MIT as archivist for the Industrial Management Department. Surviving are two daughters, Mary Lib Whitney, DRE Emerita at Meadville, PA, 19226 Mulligan Lane, Meadville, PA 16335 and Rev. K. B. Inglee, 1504 First Avenue, Elsmere, DL 19805.

Marjorie Williams died Jan. 7, 2004. She was the widow of George Williams, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard, who died in 2000. George was ordained in Rockford, IL in 1940. He served there until leaving

pastoral ministry to become a lecturer in church history at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and began his career at Harvard in 1947. Marjorie took counseling training, and was active in pastoral care both in Rockford and at the First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, where she introduced the healing service. She leaves two sons, Roger and Jeremy, who is in Australia, and a daughter Portia Weiskel. Their son has Jonathan has died. Letters may be sent to Roger at Centerbrook, 67 Main St., P.O. Box 955, Centerbrook CT 06409 williams@centerbrook.com, or Portia at RD, Leverett MA 01054.

Directory additions and Corrections

Web Address: **www.uurmapa.org**. (Newsletter photos are in COLOR on the web!)
We are looking for a new **webmaster** – do YOU have this skill? Please let Andy know.
Please send address changes to **Andrew Backus, andrewbackus@msn.com**.

NOTE: If you would rather receive **Elderberries via email**, please let Andy know. We are developing a list. This would be a big cost saving especially for those mailed outside the U.S.

Directory Corrections:

Edith Christensen: corrected zip code is 23231-2475.

Cynthia Johnson asks that we add her husband, **Albert**, to the Directory.

Betty Pingel : My correct e-mail address is RevMsP@myexcel.com.

Dillman Sorrells' email address is wrong in the directory. It is: dillmanb@aol.com

Stan Stefancic's telephone number and e-mail address are incorrect.

Home: (415) 453-5383; work: (800) 506 5253; e-mail: srsms@sbcglobal.net

There is a "dot" left out of **Anne Treadwell's** email address. It should read: treadwell@ns.sympatico.ca

Eleanor Williams, 1 Avery St. North Tower, 25A, Boston, MA 02111. (617) 357-4044.

New Snail Mail Addresses:

Jeanne Bletzer, 13836 North Desert Harbor Drive, Unit #600, Peoria, AZ 85381; (623) 875-9863

Rev. Jane A. Boyajian, 8013 11th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA 98117; (206) 783-2535.

Kitty (Kathleen Marie) Chapman, 1620 W. Walnut Street, Stockton, CA 95203-1532

Bruce and Dorothy Clary, 3137 E.26 Place, Tulsa, OK 74114. Phone 918/743-0553.

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Linnea Fiske has moved across town: 219 Avery Heights, Hartford, CT 06106-4271

Wynanda Helverson has moved to a new address since Ralph died last May. It is: 310 Badger Terrace, Carleton Willard Village, Bedford, MA, 01730

Rev. Robert and Arlene Kaufmann, 401 100th Avenue NE #326, Bellevue, WA 98004;
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New or corrected Email Addresses:

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Creative Sage-ing Award

The UURMaPA Creative Sage-ing Award committee seeks to recognize a UURMaPA member (minister, partner or surviving partner) or couple for outstanding service and creativity in recent years. This could include such things as new ventures after retirement, community service, mentoring and initiation or participation in service projects. The winner will receive \$500. The deadline for nominations (of yourself or others) is **February 15**, and should be sent to Glen Snowden, gsnow3@juno.com. For complete information, visit <http://uurmapa.org> or contact Glen.

UURMAPA Luncheon at GA

Each year, UURMAPA sponsors a luncheon at General Assembly to welcome newly retired ministers and partners. We have asked the GA planners to schedule us for 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2008-- the day following the Service of the Living Tradition (but we won't have confirmation of the date until late February).

At the luncheon, we have a welcome ceremony for the newly retired ministers and partners, share information of interest to UURMAPA members, and hear from the UUA staff. There is no charge for the 2008 retirees and their partners. The estimated cost for others is around \$25.

If you know anyone who expects to celebrate their retirement at the 2008 Service of the Living Tradition, please let them know of this luncheon so they can make their GA plans accordingly.

Further information will be sent later in the spring. In the meantime, to make a reservation or for inquiries, please be in touch with Jean Rowe, 828-883-9538 or uurevjeanr@aol.com.

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