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UURMaPA's Unsung Hero Award

The UURMAPA Board of Directors has instituted a new Unsung Hero Award to be given to one of our UURMAPA members who has not been recognized for his or her vital contributions to our UU retired movement along with generous service to others. This award will not replace the Creative Sageing Award (which we will do next year) but is an extra plus for service deserving of recognition. It is proposed that each year the UURMaPA Board will call for nominees from the membership to honor a volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution to our association, working behind the scenes during their retirement years. The successful nominee will not have been recognized elsewhere. The honoree will be recognized at General Assembly or at our UURMAPA Fall Conference, in *Elderberries*, and will receive a \$500 honorarium. This year, for the first recipient, we would like to place before you the name of the **Rev. Glen Snowden** for the Unsung UURMAPA Hero Award. Glen is a former member of the UURMAPA Board and took on the role of Coordinator of the Caring Network Reps all across the Continent. I know of his work because he persuaded me to take on the position of Caring Representative for the Ballou Channing District. It was my job to keep in touch with retired UU ministers and their partners and report back to him on any needs or concerns that came my way. Glen also worked on the Planning Committee for the Attleboro Fall Conference for a number of years

I have direct knowledge of his able work in this area as well because he got me to serve on that Committee with him. How do you say No to a sweet talking guy like Glen when all he wants you to do is assist him in his wish to be of help and service to his fellow ministerial colleagues and their partners?

Glen may be soft spoken, but he's very persuasive in a very caring way, because he really cares and he really means it when he sets out to be of help and service to others or asks you to join him in that service. I can also testify that Glen Snowden is the kind of guy who hangs in there for the long term, loyal to the end. He did it with his late beloved wife Lorraine, and he did it in so many other tasks and obligations he took on over the years. For example, Glen has been Secretary of the Society for Ministerial Relief at least since 1980. David Pohl says that Glen was there when he went on in 1973. People who have dealt with Glen on personal financial issues have uniformly said that he was most kind and gracious and professional in helping them. Many retired ministers are indebted to Glen - not for the money they received since that came from the Society- but for his assistance in helping them organize their finances to present their case for help. He has always been diligent and timely in his response to people in need.

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Continued from Page 1: For many years Glen was Secretary of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, and still continues to serve as one of its Directors. This is an investment group that manages and distributes quarterly contributions to retired ministers who have served for 20 or more years. If that were not enough Glen also serves on the Board of the Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society since at least 1990 – an organization with both Congregational and Unitarian roots that provides charitable help and aid to needy clergy and their family within our Congregational and Unitarian churches. I don't know where Glen finds these groups but I'm glad he's there "doing the Lord's work."

I've known Glen since 1970s and 80s when he asked me to speak to one of his religion classes at Emerson College (where he was a teacher and professor) about parapsychology and mystical experience. He and I worked together on the Psi Symposium Board for some 30 to 40 years trying to promote interest in psychic and mystical experience within the UUA. I told you Glen had the propensity to hang in there for the long term. I'm just glad he's hung around long enough to be part of our UU Retired Ma Pa organization and just in time to receive this first and well-deserved Un-sung UURMAPA Hero Award. *Dick Fewkes*

Learning to Age Gracefully and Gratefully Richard S. Gilbert, UURMAPA President

My wife Joyce and I do a fair amount of child care with our grandchildren. A 6 a.m. phone call more often than not brings news of a sick grandchild (we have three in town – ages three, six and nine). Both our younger son and his wife work in jobs where substitutes are not easy – he is a middle-school history teacher and she is an occupational therapy supervisor. Usually we do a "tag team" so one of us is available for the necessary coverage. We enjoy being helpful and we get to know our grandchildren well; that is one of the reasons we remain in Rochester.



Dick Gilbert continued:

Moreover, this responsibility is a learning opportunity. Take what I have learned from our going-on-ten grandson, Sam, for example. We had taken all three of them to a library playground for an after-school stint. I was playing tag with the three of them, rather unsuccessfully chasing them around the playground. Of course, I was almost always "it." Other children on the playground joined in the fun. One of them shouted a warning to Sam: "Watch out, he (referring to me) will catch you!" Sam stood there a few feet from me smiling, arms confidently crossed, and said, "He's my grandfather. I can easily outrun him!" And, of course, he was right. A 70-something with arthritis is no match for a very athletic boy. That didn't make it any easier to take, however. I fancied myself an athlete in my younger days – football, basketball, baseball, tennis, etc. I didn't know quite how to respond to Sam – with an embarrassed admission he was right, or pride in the athletic prowess of a boy who has some of my genes.

A few weeks later the same scene played out on a soccer field one Saturday morning during warm-ups for a youth program. I challenged him to dribble the ball past me and squared myself for the assault. He came at me with speed and deception, sending me solidly on my posterior in the wet dew. I had to laugh at myself.

So it goes that our grandchildren are teaching me to age gracefully. My increasing limitations are balanced by my pride and joy in their increasing capacity. I'm coming to admit that I just can't do what I used to do, though I have stubbornly fought to do so. I hope they appreciate that I keep trying to keep up with them. And I try to stay in shape – if only to enjoy long hikes, brisk swims and hide-and-seek with them.

I find it a challenge to age gracefully, but try I must. It helps to remember that I was once like that nearly 10-year-old grandson. It helps to remember how grateful I have been to enjoy the sheer bodily energy of sports. And it helps to be grateful for what has been, and for the generations unfolding before my appreciative eyes. Growing older is not for wimps, for sure. There are compensations, however. And one of them is a red-haired grandson who knows he can easily outrun you.

UURMaPA at ATTLEBORO, MA

The Place to be from Tues., Oct. 1, 2013
through Thurs., Oct. 3, 2013.

Why? Because we enjoy socializing with each other (Happy Hour & Free Time). Because we have inspirational experiences (Worship). Because we hear amazing stories of our lives (Odyssey). Because we do good programming (Keynote Event). And because we want the opportunity to reconnect with all of you!!! Joel and I are co-chairs of the Attleboro Conference this year. We hope to live up to the wonderful job that Susan and John Weston did as co-chairs last year. Thank you John and Susan for sharing your wisdom from your 2012 experience with Joel and myself.

Our goal is to provide a well paced, intentionally thoughtful, stimulating, fun loving, and inspirational experience for all those who attend. We are very sure we cannot make all those things happen by ourselves. We look to hear from you, our colleagues, and your partners. What will bring you to Attleboro in October? We look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions. Please be in touch with us.

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Diamond Anniversary

John & Barbara Wolf celebrated their Diamond wedding Anniversary on Sept.30th with an Open House at their home in Tulsa,OK.

Both born in September, John in 1925 and Barbara in 1929, the invitation proclaimed two blue sapphires celebrating their Diamond Anniversary

The Book Corner

Book Discount

UURMaPA member Rev. James Wentz (NY Metro District) recently announced in the national UUMA newsletter that clergy (of any religion) may obtain a \$10 discount off the Amazon \$29.95 list price of his 722 page paperbound book, *A Case for "NON-EXISTENT GOD."* He wishes to extend the same courtesy to all UURMaPA members. If you wish a discounted book send him your name, address, and a personal check or money order for \$19.95 to his name at "199 Smith Street, Freeport, NY 11520." The book will be mailed by USPS Priority Mail. [Colleagues who have already purchased the book from Amazon may email him a request for a \$10 refund (include the date of purchase) at revwentz@optonline.net]. Details about the book, including 50 pages of text, may be read at the book's website: www.non-existentgod.com.

Every reader, but particularly each recipient of this offer, is asked to post a review on the book's order page at Amazon.com (where you need to have established an account), he says.

UURMaPA member, Rev. Sarah York (Sara Moores Campbell) is proud to announce the second edition of her top selling book, *"Remembering Well, Rituals for Celebrating Life and Mourning Death."* The book is available through Amazon and other retailers or from www.apolloranchinstitute.com, the publisher. Volume discounts available through Apollo Ranch Institute Press, 74 Ballard Creek Rd. Fairview, North Carolina 28730.

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In Memoriam

STEVEN C. REINHARTSEN (1951-2012)

Reverend Steven C. Reinhartsen died, unexpectedly, at home on September 14, 2012. He was 61 years old.

Rev. Reinhartsen was born in Amityville, NY on June 7, 1951. He attained his Bachelor of Science degree from Valparaiso University in 1973. In 1981, he went on to earn a Master of Education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Finally, in 1997, he earned a Master of Divinity from Duke University.

Rev. Reinhartsen was ordained on January 12, 2003 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, NC. A community minister, he spent over two decades as a career counselor to students at Alamance Community College. Recruited by a small group of Unitarian Universalist residents to help form the UU Fellowship of Twin Lakes in January 2000, he also provided spiritual leadership and preaching to the Unitarian Universalist group at Twin Lakes Retirement Center in Elon, NC.

Rev. Reinhartsen's life experiences were vast, including years of travel and adventure. During and after college, he hitchhiked across the U.S. twice; studied for a semester in Germany; and spend two years teaching in Australia. He and his wife, Mary travelled extensively throughout their years together. They visited nearly every major national park, and also travelled to places such as Paris, London, Santa Fe, Costa Rica, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Rev. Reinhartsen enjoyed jogging, hiking, golfing, landscaping, fantasy baseball, and a good bottle of red wine. Described as a "quiet, wise, kind man," he made those that knew him "feel at ease from the beginning" with his "calm nature." A friend noted, "Steve was such a thoughtful person and so many people will always remember him for that."

Rev. Reinhartsen is survived by his wife, Mary Davis; a son, Karl Reinhartsen; a brother, Paul Reinhartsen; a brother, Lars and his wife Gretchen Reinhartsen; as well as nieces Rois, Maja, and Zoe.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro in Jamestown, NC.

As many of his friends, colleagues and family knew, Rev. Reinhartsen was passionate about the work-study program at Alamance Community College and how beneficial it was for students to hone their skills before entering the workforce. In honor of this legacy of passionate advocacy for students, the College has created the Steven Reinhartsen Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will benefit work-study students at ACC and help with tuition, books and emergency expenses. Donations for the Steven Reinhartsen Memorial Scholarship may be sent (with "Reinhartsen Scholarship" in the memo line) to ACC Foundation, P.O. Box 8000, Graham, NC 27253.

Donations may also be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, 5603 Hilltop Road, Jamestown, NC 27282

Notes of condolence may be sent to Mary Davis at 120 Forestview Dr., Elon, NC 27244.

WYNANDA V. HELVERSON

The Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association board offers our condolences to the family and friends of Wynanda V. HELVERSON, 93, of Bedford, formerly of Cambridge, June 9, 2012, who died peacefully almost a week shy of her 94th birthday. Wife of the late **Rev. Ralph Helverson**, Unitarian-Universalist minister of First Parish in Harvard Square. Mother of Donald Helverson of California and the late John Norman Helverson. Grandmother of Rebecca Byors of Maine, Sophia, Hope, and Annika Helverson, all of California, and great grandmother of Katlyn Byors. Also survived by her sister, Betsy Hauser of Illinois, and several nieces. Private Memorial Service at Carleton-Willard Village, Bedford. Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home 781-438-0135

PATRICIA ANN HOUFF, (McTigue)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of Patty, who was born September 24, 1930 and passed away September 16, 2012. She was a life-long resident of Spokane, born as the first of three children to Mary and Tom Meagher. A graduate of Lewis and Clark High School and Stanford University, she worked as a fundraiser for Eastern Washington State College and as a residential realtor. Patty was a persistent advocate for civic engagement and environmental preservation. She was active for many years with the League of Women Voters, the Spokane Mountaineers, the Spokane Unitarian Universalist Church, the Peace and Justice Action League and the Inland Northwest Land Trust, as well as many other civic associations. For nearly thirty years she was an active volunteer with the Dishman Hills Conservancy, and one of her proudest accomplishments was assisting in the creation of the "Dream Trail" in preservation of the Dishman Hills. Patty was effective far beyond what her modesty admitted. She cultivated deep, enduring friendships; she was an exceptional mother and grandmother; and she was profoundly beloved.

Patty was married to James E. "Jim" McTigue for 21 years and the Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Houff for 36 years. She is survived by her husband, Bill Houff; her four children, Peggy McTigue, Kathleen McTigue, Mike McTigue and Tom McTigue; sons-in-law David Miller and Nick Nyhart; three granddaughters, Hannah and Maris Nyhart and Annie McTigue; stepsons Greg and Rob Houff; her siblings Michael Meagher and Dr. Mary Meagher, sister-in-law Joan Meagher, niece Shannon Meagher and nephews Colin and Sean Meagher.

A Memorial Service in Patty's honor was held on Friday, October 26, 3:00pm at the Spokane Unitarian Universalist Church, 4340 W. Fort George Wright Drive, Spokane, WA 99224. Memorial gifts in Patty's honor may be made to the Dishman Hills Conservancy for extension and preservation of the Dream Trail.

JOHN F. "JACK" HAYWARD (1918-2012)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. John F. "Jack" Hayward who died on September 24, 2012. He was 94 years old.

Rev. Hayward was born in Winthrop, MA on May 8, 1918 to Catherine and Frank Hayward. He graduated with an A.B. from Harvard University in 1940. He went on to attain a B.D. from Meadville Theological School in 1943 and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1949. Finally, in 1968, he earned a D.D. from Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Rev. Hayward was ordained on June 10, 1943. He served as a military chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve and later, in the Marines, from 1943-1946. He was called to serve as minister of the First Unitarian Church in Columbus, OH from 1948-1951. He then began his career in higher education at the University of Chicago, serving as an Assistant Professor of Religion and Art from 1951-1956 and as an Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology from 1956-1961. He went on to work as an Associate Professor of Theology at Meadville Lombard Theological School from 1961-1968. In the years spanning 1968-1983, he served as the Chair of the Department of Religious Study at Southern Illinois University. He retired in 1983.

Rev. Hayward was a proud, founding member of Prairie Group. He served as the Scribe for over 20 years, and received Emeritus status from them upon his retirement from the group after 54 years.

Rev. Hayward is survived by his loving wife, Lois Hayward; daughter, Miriam Hayward and her husband, Rick Herbert; son, David Goodward and his wife, Margaret; grandchildren, Megan Hayward, Zachary Hayward, Joseph Herbert, Gina Hayward, Gavin Goodward, and Jenna Goodward; and great-grandson, Jaden. He was predeceased by his sons, Peter Hayward and Steven Hayward; and his beloved first wife, Muriel Sternglanz Hayward.

A memorial service took place on November 3, at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, Carbondale, IL 62901.

In Memoriam, Continued

DWIGHT BROWN (1927-2012)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Dwight Brown, who died on October 14, 2012 at the age of 84.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marie E. Brown; daughter, Janet E. Darez; daughter, Deborah L. Brister; daughter, Stephanie L. Murray; son, David A. Brown; sister, Elaine Clum; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his father, the Rev. O. Dwight Brown; mother, Mae Brown; and mother-in-law, Grace V. Wilson.

There was a memorial service on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country, Kerrville, TX 78028.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Marie E. Brown at 916 Barnett St., Kerrville, TX 78028.

AN INVITATION TO WRITE YOUR OWN OBITUARY

In the Building Your Own Theology program there are opportunities to write one's own epitaph and to write one's own obituary. The epitaph was an exercise in the section on writing one's spiritual odyssey; the obituary was in a session on death and immortality. UURMAPA invites members to write your own obituary and share it with us. Why? One of the functions of Elderberries is to memorialize the lives of members - ministers and partners. The UUA Ministries and Faith Development staff provides brief obituaries for ministers, but not for partners. We would like to include in those tributes how you would like to be remembered at the time of your death. The writing process is also a potentially powerful spiritual experience. Please submit them to Marcia Olsen, marcia.olsen29@gmail.com.

JOHN "JACK" WILKINSON, III (1928-2012)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. John "Jack" Wilkinson, III who died on October 22, 2012 at the age of 84.

Rev. Wilkinson was born in Syracuse, NY on July 24, 1928 to Mary Leavenworth (Van Duyn) Wilkinson and John Wilkinson, Jr. He attained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Miami in 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. Later, in 1964, he received a Bachelor of Divinity from St. Lawrence University Theological School.

Rev. Wilkinson was called to the Second Universalist Church of Weymouth, MA in 1964 (where he was also ordained on October 11, 1964) and served as the minister there until 1968. He was then called to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chattanooga, TN from 1968-1976. Lastly, he served as interim minister at St. Paul's Universalist Church in Little Falls, NY from 1989-1990. He retired from the ministry in 1990.

Rev. Wilkinson denominational activities included his work in 1965 on the Family Summer Institute Planning Committee in Ferry Beach, NH; his position as Chairman of the Religious Arts Committee for the Ballou-Channing District from; his work as an advisor to the Liberal Religious Youth Spring Conference in Lynn, MA; the position of Chairman of the Arts Committee for the Thomas Jefferson District from; and as Treasurer of the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association from. He also participated in the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, AL.

Rev. Wilkinson was a social activist who made a sincere investment in his communities by serving as President of the Chattanooga chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; as a board member, member of the Executive Committee, and Treasurer of the Tennessee Civil Liberties Union; and as a member of the Religious Committee of the Chattanooga Bicentennial Commission.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Unitarian Fellowship of Huntington, Huntington, WV 25701.

MAGGIE PIPES (1926-2012)

The Board of the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association joins with the family and friends of Maggie Pipes in celebrating her long and fruitful life. Maggie, the beloved wife was retired UU minister Ernie Pipes, died on May 24, 2012 after a very active 85 years. This summary of her life is taken from a beautiful tribute to her, written by Ernie and delivered at the celebration of her life held on June 30th, which would have been their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Maggie grew up in a small town in Texas near the Mexican border. She was bi-lingual, owned a horse, and was loved by parents who helped her develop a strong sense of self and confidence. She graduated from Trinity University with a major in Theater Arts. Her social concerns and liberal outlook took her to the Unitarian Church of San Antonio where she was active in local politics and justice issues; it was there that she met Ernie, whom she married on June 30, 1949. After Ernie's graduate work at Harvard, he was called to his first pastorate in Albany, NY. Maggie immediately became involved in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, with an intense commitment to the civil rights movement.

Maggie and Ernie raised three children, moving to Santa Monica in 1956, where she continued her dedication to social action. In the 1960s, in response to the urban crisis in LA, she helped create the Mafundi Institute, a center in Watts which taught film making, drama, dance and writing. In 1973 Maggie began to work with Cesar Chavez, representing the UUA to the National Farm Workers Ministry and, with Howard Matson, helped establish the UU Ministry to Migrant Farm Workers. Her work on their behalf extended over three decades.

Maggie was also instrumental in the Sanctuary Movement of the 1980s, which rescued Central Americans fleeing death squads, torture, and political repression. She inspired the Santa Monica congregation to sponsor a family from Guatemala, raising the bond money to move them out of INS detention and guide them through the process to win legal status.

Outraged by the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, Maggie helped to create the Oscar Romero Spanish-speaking UU congregation at First Unitarian Church in LA, which has been active since 1982.

The riots following the Rodney King beating and trial in 1992 were in the vicinity of the First Unitarian Church. The Rev. Linnea Pearson turned to Maggie to form the UU Crisis Response Network, which became the Urban Ministry, serving the inner city through numerous community programs. Maggie served as chair from its inception in 1997.

In recognition for her many years of unheralded service in the cause of social action and liberal values, in 2002 Maggie was awarded the Unsung UU Award by the UU Association. As her health deteriorated Maggie still "worked the telephone" on issues and causes of concern to her and maintained a network of close connections with a large group of friends. What friends and family remember most about Maggie is the warmth and love which she brought to her relationships, and they were graced to have known this beautiful person.

CHARLOTTE JUSTICE SALESKA (1935-2012)

The Board of the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association joins with the family and friends of the Rev. Charlotte Justice Saleska who died on December 28, 2012 at the age of 77.

She was the first and only female settled minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Quad-Cities, in Davenport, Iowa, from 1988-2000. She is survived by her sisters, Carol Jones and Carmen Wilks; brothers, Warren Justice and Sam Justice; son, Scott Saleska, his wife, Kirsten Engel and their daughter, Helene; son, Kent Saleska, his wife, Heidi Saleska, and their children, Parker and Mirek. A memorial service will be held in Spring 2013 on a date yet to be decided.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Kent Hemen Saleska at 210 12th Ave. N., Hopkins, MN 55343; or to his email address: revkent@uucmtka.org.

More In Memorium

ROBERT L. HADLEY (1928-2012)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Robert L. Hadley who died on December 28, 2012 at the age of 84.

He is survived by daughter, Amy Hadley; son, Thomas Hadley; son, Peter Hadley; wife, Pat Hadley; and life partner, Jimmy Sullivan. A memorial service will be held in Spring 2013 on a date yet to be decided.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Jimmy Sullivan at 130 Dartmouth St., Apt. 407, Boston, MA 02116.

ROBERT C. CLARKE (1928-2013)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff offers our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Robert C. Clarke who died on January 18, 2013 at the age of 84.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ann; daughter, Betsy; son, Jim; grandchildren Marie and Justin; and a great-granddaughter, Ava. He was predeceased by his sister, Helen, and brothers, Jim and Jack. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Ann Clarke at 10554 Applewood Drive, Sister Bay, WI 54234.

DAVID V. LEONARD (1942-2013)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff offers our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. David V. Leonard who died on January 28, 2013 at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Wiltz; daughter, Elisabeth Anne Leonard and her husband, Adam Hill; son Marc Leonard; brother, Richard Leonard; sister, Lucy; and grandchildren, Benjamin Sage Hill, Jaden Austin, and Kaia Austin. A memorial service has not yet been scheduled.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Linda Wiltz at 16 Genesee Ave., Binghamton, NY 13903.

BILLY WEST (1922-2011)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family of Billy West, age 89, of Atlanta, who died on December 20, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, the **Rev. Frances McQuarie West**. He is survived by his daughters, Jean Alhadeff of Atlanta, Nina West (Steve Addison) of Atlanta, and Aran West of Syracuse, New York; son, Todd West (Rebecca) of Florence, Alabama, and 6 grandchildren. Billy was born and raised in McCurtain, Oklahoma. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force 1943-1945, earned a BS degree from the University of Oklahoma and served in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service. He earned his MA/Mycology from Vanderbilt University, and worked as Research Mycologist for CDC, U.S. Public Health Service, Atlanta until 1956. He was a microbiologist for CDC in Atlanta from 1961 to 1972, earning his PhD in Microbiology from the University of Oklahoma in 1962 retiring in 1972. He and his wife then attended Georgia State University earning masters degrees in Community Counseling. Bill and his family were long time members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 31 at 2:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to the William Joseph West Endowment fund, c/o: Eastern Oklahoma State Foundation, 1301 W. Main, Wilburton, Oklahoma 74578 OR to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Published in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* on March 18, 2012.

RONALD MICHAEL MAZUR (1934-2013)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff offers our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Ronald Michael Mazur who died on January 17, 2013 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Dorfman; daughter, MJ Mazur; son Nathan Mazur; sister Marianne Damigella; and his loyal rescue pup, Jazmyn. Notes of condolence may be sent to Sharon Dorfman at 1436 Sunningdale Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or dorfmans@aol.com.

JACK MENDELSON (1918-2012)

UURMaPA joins the Ministries and Faith Development staff as we offer our condolences to the family of the Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn who died on October 11, 2012 at the age of 94.

Rev. Mendelsohn was born in Cambridge, MA on July 22, 1918 to Jack and Anna (Torrey) Mendelsohn. Rev. Mendelsohn attained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University in 1939. He then went on to earn a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Harvard Divinity School in 1945. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 1962. Rev. Mendelsohn was ordained by the Beverly Unitarian Church in Chicago, IL on October 28, 1945. He was called to the Unitarian Church in Rockford IL and served there from 1946-1954. He then went on to serve the All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis, IN from 1954-1959. Rev. Mendelsohn was called to the Arlington Street Church in Boston, MA and served there from 1959-1969. The years 1969-1978 found him working at the First Unitarian Society of Chicago until he moved his ministry to the First Parish in Bedford, MA where he served from 1979-1988. Rev. Mendelsohn retired and began his next career as an interim minister at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara. He served there from 1990-1991, and then found himself back in the northeastern United States at the Community Church of Boston, where he served from 1991-1993. He served as an interim minister from 1993-1994, and for the last time, at the First Parish Church in Beverly, MA. In 1988, he was named Minister Emeritus of the First Parish in Bedford.

Rev. Mendelsohn's lifetime of community activities and accomplishments were vast and impressive. He served as president of the following: the Urban League of Greater Boston, Boston's Foundation for Housing Innovations, the Binder Schweitzer Foundation, Hyde Park and Kenwood Council of Churches and Synagogues, Chicago's Alliance to End Repression, and the Abraham Lincoln Centre. He was the president and CEO of the Civil Rights Project, Inc.; and the grant administrator of Eyes On The Prize, an award

winning public television series on the civil rights movement. He served as director of the following: the Housing and Planning Association of Metropolitan Boston, the International Institute of Boston, and Chicago's Center for Psychotherapy and Religion.

Heavily invested in and committed to the denomination, Rev. Mendelsohn served as: a member and an officer of the Board of Directors for the Western Unitarian Conference; vice-president of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; chairman of the board of Beacon Press; vice-chairman of the Unitarian Universalist Black Affairs Council; chairman of the UUA's Program-Committee; chair of the UUA's Channing Bicentennial Celebration Committee; chair of the UUA Committee on Urban Concerns and Ministry; and president of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA). He was also once a candidate for the presidency of the UUA; a founding member of the Association for Liberal Religious Studies (Collegium); a consultant for the Cambridge Forum; the only male member of the UUA Committee on Women and Religion; and an adjunct faculty member at Meadville Lombard Theological School. In 1997, he received the UUA Distinguished Service Award.

Long active in civil rights and political matters, Rev. Mendelsohn made headlines when he conducted the Vietnam War Resistance service at Arlington Street Church in Boston in 1967. He also served as an advisor on religious questions to his friend and fellow UU, Adlai Stevenson; and, in 1968, he served on the campaign staff of Robert F. Kennedy. In 1979, an old friend and colleague, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, asked Rev. Mendelsohn to accompany him on his trip to the Middle East to meet with Yasser Arafat. 15 years later in 1984, he once again travelled with Rev. Jackson to Syria to attend negotiation talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Rev. Mendelsohn is survived by his loving wife, Judith Frediani; son, Channing Mendelsohn; daughter, Deborah Mendelsohn; son, Kurt Mendelsohn; granddaughters, Olivia Jenkins and Hannah Kossow; step-son, Aaron Worth; step-daughter, Keilah Worth; and step-grandson, Luca Domingos-Worth.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Judith Frediani at 51 Butler Ave., Maynard, MA 01754. Page Nine

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AND
PARTNERS ASSOCIATION
ADOPTED September, 2010

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association.

Article II - PURPOSE

Acting in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the purposes of this organization shall be to serve the Unitarian Universalist movement, and to enhance the well-being of retired Unitarian Universalist ministers, their life partners and surviving life partners and to provide such programs and activities as may be feasible for their benefit.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

All ministers in fellowship with the UUA **classified by the Association as retired** who have formally announced their intention to retire, their life partners, and the life partners of deceased Unitarian Universalist ministers, as well as all ministers granted life membership by the UUMA and their life partners shall be members of this organization. Other persons may become members by application to, and approval by, a majority of the Board

Article IV - ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 The Board of this organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Newsletter Editor, and a Caring Network Chair. and **twothree** Members-at-large.

Section 2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have general supervision over the activities of the organization.

Section 3 The Vice President, in the absence of the President, or in the inability of the President to serve, shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President for the remainder of the term.

Section 4 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall keep a faithful account of the financial transactions of the organization and shall receive contributions of funds and shall make payments in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Board. Whenever the Board shall authorize the Treasurer to open an account at any bank or other financial institutions, the Secretary and other officers are authorized to execute such agreements as are usual for the opening and maintaining of such accounts without further action by the Board.

Section 6 The Newsletter Editor shall edit and supervise the production of a newsletter under the general direction of the Board.

Section 7 The Board shall administer the affairs of this organization and shall adopt policies and administer programs to carry out the purposes as stated in Article II.

Section 8 The Board shall send to all members, at least once every two years, a report of its activities including a financial statement.

Section 9 Meetings of the Board shall be held at least two times a year.

Section 10 The Board shall have the power to fill, for the remainder of the term, any vacancy that occurs in its membership or in the Nominating Committee.

By-Law Changes from page Ten:

Article V - ELECTIONS

Section 1 The officers, ~~two~~~~three~~ Members-at-large, and a Nominating Committee, consisting of a chair and two others, shall be elected by a mail ballot of the members.

The President, the Vice President, the Caring Network Chair, ~~one~~~~two~~ Members-at-large, and the Chair of the Nominating Committee, shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Newsletter Editor, one Member-at-large, and two members of the Nominating Committee, shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Electees shall assume office on July 1 following their election and shall serve for two years. If, however, their successors have not been elected by the end of their terms, they shall continue in office until their successors have been qualified.

No officer, member-at-large, or member of the Nominating Committee shall serve more than two full terms in any one position. No person shall serve on the Board for more than six consecutive years.

Section 2 All members shall be eligible to vote in an election conducted by the nominating committee.

Before December 1 preceding the election, the Nominating committee shall poll the membership for suggestions of nominees. From these and their own suggestions, the committee shall make its nominations and notify the membership by ~~March~~~~April~~ **1**.

In case of multiple nominations for a single position, the Nominating Committee shall conduct an election by ballot to be completed in time for the election results to be certified by the Secretary and announced to the membership by ~~June~~~~July~~ **1**.

If only one person is nominated for each position, the person shall be declared elected.

No nominee shall be listed on the ballot without his or her consent. The Nominating Committee is authorized to establish such procedures as are necessary to carry out these provisions.

ARTICLE VI -AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board in the following manner: the Board proposes an amendment; it is circulated to the membership so that members can send comments and/or corrections to the Secretary; an official Board vote will be taken on the amendment no sooner than 30 days after it is published.

UURMAPA BOARD PROPOSES A BY-LAW CHANGE

At its September/October meeting in Boston the UURMAPA Board voted to amend the by-laws by adding one member to the current membership of eight. According to our By-laws the Board proposes amendments which must be circulated to the membership (via Elderberries) for comment. The official board vote is taken on the amendment no sooner than 30 days after it is published. See the UURMAPA By-laws at www.UURMAPA.org.

The rationale for this proposal is the increasing work load of the all-volunteer Board. Its work is divided as follows: president, vice-president (GA liaison), secretary, treasurer, caring network coordinator, Elderberries editor, conferences coordinator, and a member at large. Our hope is to assign the member-at-large to assist the caring network coordinator in their ever-increasing work; and to add a member to work with UUMA on the proposals made by the UUMA Task Force on Retirement. If you have questions or comments, please contact Dick Gilbert at Rsgilbert@uuma.org.

The Job World

Friendship Fellowship UU in Rockledge, Florida, is about to start a search for a quarter time consulting minister. Our current C.M. is retiring after more than 10 years with us. We are a small (about 90 members) but active fellowship of mostly senior citizens in Central Florida near the Kennedy Space Center and Orlando.
Allen Claxton (321-777-7996)

REPORT FROM THE UURMAPA EXECUTIVE



Left to right: Dick Fewkes, Jim Eller, Marcia Olsen, Jan Sammons, Dick Gilbert, Margi Nasemann, Paul L'Herrou and Chuck Campbell.
Dick Fewkes and Jan have left the Board.

Your UURMAPA Board gathers once a year for a face-to-face meeting in Boston just before our conference at Attleboro. Thereafter, it meets monthly via telephone conference call. Board members also attend our conferences – at Attleboro, Asheville and Seabeck. The president writes letters of condolence to surviving partners and/or their families at the death of a member; and welcomes new members with a copy of the retirement “Guide.” We were represented at General Assembly by President Dick Gilbert and Vice-President Jim Eller. UURMAPA hosted a lunch for new members and was represented at the UUA lunch for families of deceased ministers. Dick Gilbert participated in the Service of the Living ceremony, welcoming the new retirees.

At the fall meeting the Board reviewed basic board functions and received a report from the UUMA Task Force on Retirement where we were represented by Jim Eller and Chris Backus. The Board approved implementation of its recommendations. More on that report will be forthcoming. A new Retirement Guide was approved and will be distributed to the membership. Joyce Stewart and Richard Nugent of the Office of Church Staff Finances updated us on the TIAA-CREF retirement plan, the UUA health plan and other financial issues that relate to retirement. Alicia Ford, Head of Professional Development, and Keith Kron, Director of Transitions Office, discussed common concerns. Jan Sammons, outgoing Secretary, presented the findings of an UURMAPA survey. (See elsewhere in this issue).

The Attleboro conference attracted 44 participants (see elsewhere in this issue) and will convene again October 1-3, 2013; the Asheville conference was attended by(na) (plans for 2013 TBA); the Seabeck conference drew 25 attendees and will meet again April 16-18, 2013.

UURMaPA at Seabeck 2013 April 16-18



Once again we'll return to this beautiful site on Hood Canal that has been enjoyed by UUs in the Pacific Northwest for many years. Come see why! All UURMaPA members, from any region, are welcome! We gather on Tuesday afternoon and the retreat ends after lunch on Thursday.

The keynote program is: "Finding Your Place by the Fire" with Carol Scott-Kassner, President of Sage-ing International.

Once we step into retirement we are invited to move inward - to reflect on our lives and to learn to simply "be" for a change. For those of us who've been successful "doers" that is often a challenge. Simply sitting around doesn't meet our needs for finding meaning. We will spend time working with these tensions and, hopefully, reframing the doing-being paradox in ways that will help each of us find our place in the midst of these different impulses.

The odyssey will be presented by Bob Schaibly and Steven Storla. Come enjoy the fellowship with old friends, the worship services, the odyssey, the program, and the opportunity to soak up the ambience of this elegant seaside camp with motel-like accommodations, with a comfortable meeting room and the dining room a short walk away. (Meals are healthy and delicious.)

Register now using the attached form. It is possible to stay for only a day to save some cost (indicate that to the registrar) though we encourage full participation for these three days. UURMaPA encourages our members to attend conferences, so if financial aid would help you to come, please send that request with your registration. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Seabeck is an easy drive from SeaTac Airport or from anywhere along the I-5 corridor. Directions can be found at Seabeck's website: www.seabeck.org. (If coming from Sea-Tac, head to Tacoma and use those directions.) Include your flight plans on the registration form; it may be possible for people to drive together. If you are coming from the north you will be treated to a Washington State Ferry ride across Puget Sound, to add to the pleasure of your visit here.

It will be a glorious spring in the Pacific Northwest! And we will be on the water to enjoy it.

CITATION TO ANDREW BACKUS FOR THE 2012 CREATIVE SAGE-ING AWARD



Andy Backus, the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association is pleased to present you with its 2012 Creative Sage-Ing Award along with a check for \$500.

You have served three of our congregations – Tyngsborough, MA, Oneonta and Schenectady, NY, with distinction, and provided remarkable service as Interim Minister in San Diego, CA, and Vancouver, B.C.; you edited a significant collection of readings for your ministerial colleagues; you have written and performed music, as well as accompanied worship services for many groups.

You have been an exemplary UURMAPAN. You served on the Board for four years, including being treasurer. While moderating the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association chat line, you turned your technological talents to UURMAPA. Single-handedly you have managed the UURMAPA website, the data base, UURMAPA Announce and Speak-Up list serves. Eight years we have depended on your singular skills. When you decided to retire from several of these tasks, it took two persons to take over the work; even though you had done this work for years, you volunteered to continue to moderate the Speak Up list serve, much to the delight of the UURMAPA Board.

You have consulted with many among us as well as with countless other ministers and partners who rely on your considerable talent. You have carefully trained your very grateful successors the ways of digital information. You were—and are—our “go to guy” when we have computer issues.

Your continued interest in UURMAPA activities and attendance at conferences models a retirement life of involvement. Your musical talent as composer and performer has graced and enriched many of our worship services.

UURMAPA is not your only interest or your only service venue in retirement. The ACS emergency community service appreciates your talent as a ham radio operator. You are an award-winning designer and builder of sets for the Bellingham Theater Guild. In addition, boaters in the Northwest appreciate the meticulous instruction on boat safety you and Chris provide. We wish you clear skies and gentle waves.

We thank you for what you have done, not only for us, but with us.

We are delighted to honor you at this time. Congratulations!

The Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association Board

October 4, 2012



Front row L-R: Barbara Morgan, Leon Hopper, Chris Lilly Backus, Nan Geer, Barbara Cheatham, Dorothy Hopper
 Second row L-R: Harry Hoehler, Dick Henry, Gerald Sparling, Phillip Hewett, Bill Main, Joe Wesley, Lucy Hitchcock, Alice Wesley, Andy Backus, Judy Hoehler, Marcia Olsen, Marvin Evans, Barry Andrews, Linda Andrews, Bill Haney
 Photo taken by Karyn Morash

Twenty-two of us met for a luncheon, hosted by Dorothy and Leon Hopper at Horizon House in Seattle on Oct., 16, 2012. After lunch we learned more about the UUMA Task Force on Retired Ministers, which has had two UUMaPA members participating.

More In Memorium

We join with the staff of the UUA Ministries and Faith Development in offering our condolences to the family and friends of the Rev. Nancy C. Roemheld, who died on January 4, 2013 at the age of 80.

She is survived by daughter, Joanne R. Jeanguenat; daughter, Kathryn C. Zunac and husband, Mick; son, Steven F. Roemheld and wife, Margaret; daughter, MaryBeth Roemheld and partner, Laurie Gift; grandchildren, Kristen and Jonathan; and great-granddaughter, Nora. She was predeceased by her former husband and friend, Fred Roemheld.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 N. Astor St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

News from the Caring Network

Mary Adams reports she had a champagne party to celebrate Herb's son Joshua's marriage to John Barnes in NY when it became legal. Maurice Cobb made it to the Attleboro conference, thanks to Jan Bowering. He's still driving at 95, although he's been in the hospital for a broken radius and for pneumonia. Janet Hawkes had artery surgery in September. Rolfe Gerhardt had a heart attack in early January and is starting 12 weeks' therapy. Iska Cole was finally able to sell her house in Florida. Pat and Charles Stephen are headed for a vacation in Juno Beach, FL, and Paula Moulton is going to that UU stronghold, St. Miguel d'Allende in Mexico for a week. Peter Richardson had excellent results from his prostate cancer treatments, and he and Eleanor are back in Florida for 3 months.

UURMaPA at Sebeck 2013 ... April 16-18

Registration deadline is March 10, 2013

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Plan for arrival: _____

Special needs: (for room, meals, etc) _____

I prefer a: Single Room _____ Double Room _____ I'd like to share with _____

(Rooms have two or three single beds and private bath; we may ask you to share a room if you are coming alone.)

Deadline is 3/10/2013. Please mail to:

Barbara Morgan, Registrar

UURMaPA at Sebeck

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Include a check for \$225 per person (covers six meals, two nights lodging, social hours, and program)
payable to "UURMaPA"

Would you like information on financial assistance? _____



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