# Elderberries

The Newsletter of the

Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association

#### VOLUME XXII

## AUGUST 2007

#### NUMBER 4

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD 2007-2008**

#### President:

Nancy Doughty - (231) 933-4801 12055 S. Woodwinds Circle #13 Traverse City, MI 49684-7727 nwdrev@charter.net

#### Vice-President:

Carl F. Thitchener - (585) 657-7526 3895 Green Road Bloomfield, NY 14469-9725 carlt@rochester.rr.com Secretary: Jean Rowe - (828) 883-9538 1165 N. Country Club Rd. Brevard NC 28712 jrowe@uuma.org Treasurer: Andrew C. Backus - (360) 715-1984 2746 Broadway Bellingham, WA 98225 andrewbackus@msn.com Caring Network Chair: Makanah Morriss - (434) 384-7821 1317 Rocky Mountain Road Forest, VA 24551 revs2uu@aol.com Newsletter Editor: Eleanor Richardson - (207) 596-5502 22 Mechanic Street Rockland, ME 04841 grandmoot@aol.com

#### At Large:

Barbara Prairie - (859) 985-0301 314 Jackson Street Berea, KY 40403-1720 bprairie@adelphia.net Fia Scheyer - (828) 524-5274 334 Jim Corbin Road Franklin, NC 28734 scheyer@peoplepc.com

Nominating Committee Chair: Edwin A. Lane - (781) 235-4911 42 Wareland Rd. Wellesley, MA 02481-7610 lane.ed@comcast.net

## President's Perspectives . . .



Nancy Doughty

## **Summer Greetings**

It has been a month since General Assembly, but memories linger. The UURMaPA luncheon, attended by 55, was outstanding with good food and continuous conversation. Beth Miller and Joyce Stewart and ten new members were our guests.

Members of our Board at GA also

attended a luncheon Beth Miller hosted for surviving family members Thursday before the Service of the Living Tradition that evening. The depth of sharing among those present was a moving experience even as it was a bittersweet reminder one day our families will be invited to such an occasion.

The Workshop, *Complex Collegiality: Settled* and Retired Ministers, moderated by Brad Greeley and myself with Carolyn and Tom Owen-Towle and Arvid Straube as participants, was stimulating and helpful. The Owen-Towles shared how they prepared the congregation for their leaving, including setting specific boundries, ie., no weddings, only participation in memorials when invited by the settled minister. Again, we heard from partners sharing how they have been affected in retirement by withdrawing from long *(continued on next page...)* 

#### Web Address: www.uurmapa.org

*Elderberries* is published quarterly in November, February, May, and August. Next deadline October 15. Send contributions to Eleanor Richardson, editor, grandmoot@aol.com, or 22 Mechanic St., Rockland, ME 04841. Please be mindful of space limitations! Look at the previous Elderberries as a guideline for your article. established friends, letting go and cultivating a new role. UURMaPA is in an unique position to explore the best practices for partners and it's my hope our partners will begin this process.

Board members met at GA with Rob Eller-Isaacs and Sarah Lambert, UUMA president and vp respectively. At that meeting we related the early history of why UURMaPA was formed and shared with Rob and Sarah why we believe UURMaPA belongs in the *Professional Organizations* category. We continue in conversation with UUMA leaders and Beth Miller.

I want to acknowledge how important it was that several members of our Board, Andy Backus, Jean Rowe, Barbara Prairie and Gretchen Manker, were present for workshop, the two luncheons and the meeting with Rob Eller-Isaac and Sarah Lambert about our relationship to the wider UU movement. I've discovered we each bring our unique and star qualities to these gatherings that blend into creating wisdom and carrying on the mission of our organization.

Finally, I want to welcome Makanah Morriss and Fia Scheyer to our Board and shout kudos to Glen Snowden and Gretchen Manker for their years of service on the UURMaPA Board.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: In a conversation with Beth Miller, Director of the Ministry and Professional Leadership Staff, we have just learned UURMaPA has been invited to join the Professional Leadership Coordinating Council and be recognized as a Professional Group. Membership includes the Association of UU Administrators (AUUA), the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA), the UU Ministers Association (UUMA), the UU Musicians Network (UUMN), and the UU Society of Community Ministers (UUSCM), with the UUA giving support and guidance. And now UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association and the Interim Ministry group will be joining. This is encouraging news for us as an organization! The mission of the Professional Leadership Coordinating Council (PLCC) is to promote healthy partnerships among UU professional organizations and encourage development of strong UU professional leadership teams. Group members meet twice yearly, in the spring and at GA, with 3 representatives from each group attending. We will be invited to the spring meeting. — *Nancy Doughty* 

## Report of the Nominating Committee



Now is the time for you to have your input into choosing the UURMAPA Board. In 2007 we must fill the following positions:

Treasurer – currently Andrew Backus Newsletter Editor – currently Eleanor Richardson One At-Large member – currently Barbara Prairie Two Nominating Committee members

Please send us your nominations, either yourself or others! From these and their own suggestions, the Committee shall make its nominations and notify the membership by March 1. See Ed Lane's address info on the masthead.

Ed Lane, chair

## Let's Get Together!

**New York gathering Sept. 13:** Our evening together at the Happy Buddha restaurant in Flushing May 14, was highly successful. On Thursday, Sept. 13, Wendy Moscow will conduct an "Interfaith Walking Tour of Flushing," for IARF/NY, visiting a number of sites of religious and historical significance. Flushing provides the oldest continually-used house of worship in NYC (the Quaker Meeting House), a beautiful Hindu Temple and several other places of interest. We will meet at 3:30 pm (place to be decided). Dinner afterward (6/6:30) will be at the Pho Shabu Vietnamese restaurant, 136-71 Roosevelt Ave., Flushing. – Sue & Vernon Nichols, Vcnsrn@aol.com; (212)674-2412 **St. Lawrence Portrait Dedication – Oct. 2, 2007** 10:45 a.m. at 25 Beacon St., Boston. A reception to view the expertly photographed oil portraits of Ebenezer Fisher, Isaac M. Atwood and John Murray Atwood – deans of St. Lawrence – will be held in the Lounge Landing, continuing with the Dedication in the chapel. Luncheon following the service. For reservations, contact Gene Navias: (617) 436-2128 or ebnavias@aol.com.

## Conferences

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). As previously, requests for continuing education grants to attend conferences should go to Rev Michelle Bentley at mbentley@uua.org or at the UUA, 25 Beacon St, Boston MA 02108. Tel. (773) 643-6988. Attend any conference, regardless of where you live! **NORTHEAST – Oct. 2-4, 2007** at LaSalette in Attleboro, MA. UURMAPA now has nearly 900 members, making it one of the largest independent affiliates of the UUA. Our theme is "Retirees: Rules, Rights, Roles." What should the relationship be between UURMAPA and other related organizations? A panel will address this. Charles and Nancy Eddis will present their odyssey. Wednesday evening Fun Night will feature Robby Walsh with his banjo, presenting delightful songs by Malvina Reynolds. Afterward there will be an "open mike," so bring your instruments, new poetry or anything else. Thursday's business meeting will be led by Nancy Doughty. Chair is Rev. Dorothy Boroush, P.O. Box 142, East Taunton, MA 02718. email: dboroush@netscape.com. Registrar is Med Anderson, (802) 948-2508.

**PAN SOUTH – Feb. 5 - 7, 2008**, at the Ft Myers, FL, Church. Programme details are not finalized yet. Please call Kathleen Hunter at 603-526-2941 or email her at kdhagd@mac.com if you have questions. The Ft Myers Church has a lovely facility with an outdoor screened fellowship area, a great caterer and is near many interesting attractions.

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. In 1982, Dr. Schaefer joined Research Corporation, one of the first U.S. Foundations wholly dedicated to the advancement of science and was president, CEO, and Board Chair until December 2004. He is president of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope project. The LSST will provide digital imaging of faint astronomical objects across the entire sky, opening a movie-like window on objects such as exploding supernovae and potentially hazardous near-Earth asteroids. Dr. Schaefer enjoys a reputation as a skilled photographer, serves as board member on the Ansel Adams Trust and is lead coordinator of the Ansel Adams calendars sold annually world-wide. He is an active UU.

- Roy Phillips, chair, rdp45@cox.net; (520) 514-2447; Al Thelander, registrar, (530) 657-7526.

Maine picnic: 17 ministers and partners gathered June 13 in Rockland for the annual Maine picnic. Attending were Dick Norsworthy, all the way from Dexter, Dave and Iska Cole, Dick Kellaway and friend Marion, Rev. Steve and Cynthia Phinney from Ellsworth (now headed for New Mexico); Rev. Herb and Mary Adams; Rev. Rolfe and Susan Gerhardt; Rev. Brad and Chris Mitchell; Peter's daughter Tamsin, at Bangor Theological; Rev. Lee Devoe, interim in Augusta; and Rev. Mark Glovin, minister in Rockland. – Peter and Eleanor Richardson

## New Sage-ing Award

Do you know UURMAPA members (including yourself) who have contributed to their community creatively in recent years - possibly new ventures after retirement, mentoring, outstanding public service or building on experience in other creative ways? If so, consider nominating him or her (or a couple) for the newly-established Creative Sage-ing Award, which comes with \$500. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 2008.

The nomination should include a description of the activities, creative endeavors and contributions to the community that make you think of this person(s) as deserving of recognition. Tell the story as you would a stranger. Tell how this nominee has impacted the community, including the UU community. For more information, visit www.uurmapa.org or contact Barbara Prairie (see board member list on masthead) for a brochure or answers to questions.

## UURMaPA-Announce

Welcome to the UURMaPA-Announce@lists.uua.org mailing list! We currently have 303 members on the list. You will receive very little mail from this list, only occasional announcements from the UURMaPA leadership which need to reach you between quarterly issues of Elderberries. List managers are Andy Backus at andrewbackus@msn.com or Jean Rowe at jrowe@uuma.org. You may also email them if you are not yet signed up on the list and would like to be, or would like to be removed. To post to this list, send your email to: uurmapa-announce@lists.uua.org

## Survey Report

Thank you for the many replies to the Ministerial Activities survey! Here are some results: Out of 173 respondents (8 anon.):

Community Ministry – 22; Conduct Rites of Passage – 121; Counseling ministry – 46; Consulting Ministry – 38; Hospital Chaplaincy – 8; District Boards, Committees – 28; Interim Ministry – 33; Member of UU Cong - 146; Active Role in UU Cong – 111; Emeritus -88; Member of non-UU Cong - 8; Ministerial Settlement Rep - 10; Supply Preaching -110; Teach in academia or hosp -30; Compose or perform music -16; Listserves/Websites – 9; Mentor Younger Clergy – 55; Ministerial Involvement in Community/Interfaith groups -67; District/Denominational Spirituality groups – 38; Social action – 99; Ordinations, Installations, Memorial svcs – 121; Retreat, Camp, conference – 19; UUMA Exec/Committees/chapter activities – 55; UUA/CUC Board, UU Boards, Grant Agencies – 29; UURMAPA committees -40; Workshop leader at district, congregational, or summer confs -43; Write poetry/prose for UU/ professional scholarship/editorial/newspaper articles - 55. There were hundreds of interesting comments. I liked Leon Hopper's observation that the focus of ministerial involvement in retirement changes over time. – Eleanor Richardson

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

**George and Elise Briggs**, married on June 12, 1957, in Hillsboro, OR, celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sunday, June 10, 2007, with a reception held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The party was hosted by their family.

## New books

Andrew Backus' latest music for congregational use is now available on his website: www.andrewbackus.com. He has been writing settings of opening words most recently. After five years, Lex Crane has produced a book "Love, Sex, and the Human Condition: Getting a Life" available from Trafford Publishing 1-888-242-4444. Cost: \$16. Bill Houff says Lex's chapter on The Liberation of Sexuality is worth more than the price of the whole book.

**Peter T. Richardson's** *Archetype of the Spirit* integrates the history of religion before the invention of the alphabet with four patterns of spiritual practice in religious traditions today. It is for general interest reading and sermon illustrations plus anyone practicing spiritual direction or leading workshops on spiritual development. \$24.95 plus 3.50 P&H from www.redbarnrockland.com or 207/596-5502.

Herb Vetter: In 2007, three of my books are being published in paperback: *Notable American Unitarians (1936-1961); The Harvard Square Book* covers topics from 1636 to today; and *Hartshorne: A New World View* by the late UU philosopher, Charles Hartshorne. www.harvardsquarelibrary.org. **Robert Nelson West's** new book, *Crisis and Change: My Years as President of the Unitarian Universalist Association 1969 – 1977*, has recently been published by Skinner house. This is a compelling account of West's historic tenure as second president of the UUA, arguably the most tumultuous 8 years in the young life of the association. It was a time of financial crisis, institutional immaturity, unproductive polarization, anti-institutionalism and even governmental harassment in time of war. Copies available from the UUA Bookstore (www.uua.org/bookstore).

Joyce Smith reports cataract surgery has gone well for her this summer...Annette Redmond celebrates her 91st birthday August 5....Fred Campbell continues to enjoy summer sailing and winter skiing. Richard and Jopie Boecke enjoy getting Elderberries in England. Charles and Claudine Grady are in Lake Pointe Landing retirement community in Hendersonville, NC. "We're holding on for dear life, hoping to see the end of the Manichaean, schizophrenic Bush/Cheney/Rove junta." Virginia Bourne, minister's daughter, sends greetings and a contribution.

Ted Webb has recently been hospitalized, but is doing better. He will require an extended recuperation period, but he has friends and family close by in Sacramento, and the news from them is that "dear ol' dad, only a grouch when he is ailing, seems assured of a reasonably complete recovery." Vernon and Sue Nichols left June 7 for Portland, Oregon, to visit family and attend the UUGA. They planned to be in NY for July and in Ontario at their cottage in August, returning soon after Labor Day.

**Bill and Barbara DeWolfe** have finally moved to Augusta, ME. "Having closed on our Damariscotta home in January and endured 4 plus months of temporary housing in Damariscotta, we moved into our new cottage at Granite Hill Estates (Look it up on the WEB). The settling in was aided by sons Paul and Rick and Rick's wife Kathy. They were so helpful that we are really beginning to feel at home. We were able to spend 9 days in Montana in early June to attend granddaughter Emily's high school graduation. We would love to hear from you. (See new address under Directory changes). Acting in conformity with the purposes and principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association,

the purposes of this organization shall be to serve the Association and to enhance the well-being of

retired Unitarian Universalist ministers, ministers of religious education, their life partners and surviving life partners and to provide such programs and activities as may be feasible for their benefit.

Fully half of our 600 households give from \$10 to \$250 each year to make UURMaPA possible. This is our great strength: we are a broadly dedicated constituency – for which we are all immensely grateful. We receive, as well, \$500 a year from the UUMA. Outside of administrative and travel expenses, our largest costs are the publication of *Elderberries*, about \$2900, the preparation and distribution of our *UURMaPA Directory*, about \$1200, and our membership on the Council of Church Staff Finances, \$1200. Significant, too, are costs of welcoming new members at General Assembly.

We hold in reserve \$15,300. This year we dipped into it to cover an operating loss, which was \$1,400. We hold \$7,800 in our Memorial Fund monies, given to honor deceased

colleagues. This year and last, the Memorial Fund has made possible substantial grants to first-time attendees of our regional conferences.

As we look to the future, we see a more and more significant role in the leadership of the UUA and the UUMA. We are confident of the stability of our core services. And we are learning that we must make widely known the immense contribution that our membership continues to make to our movement and its congregations. We are maturing as an organization. Please, as you contemplate the financial legacy you plan to leave this sore world, remember UURMaPA. Giving to UURMaPA is a wise investment in the future of Unitarian Universalism. Already some have made that gift. Thank you. Respectfully submitted, Andrew C. Backus, Treasurer



## **UUA Pension Questions**

**Question**: I got a rather large surprise several days ago. I called Fidelity to raise the monthly draw from my Pension account and found out I could not do it over the phone. One may decrease but not increase the monthly draw by phone. I did not know of this process before. I suspect there are some other UURMAPA members who do not either. – Fred Campbell

Answer: There are two issues on the table here.

1. Fred Campbell's information is correct in that distributions from the UUA retirement plan are initiated by calling Fidelity (800/343-0860) and requesting the form to begin taking money out after one's retirement date. We can also print out the form at the UUA and put in the mail. The form itself isn't taxing but if the participant is married, it does require the signature of the spouse and notarization by a notary public. [This is to prevent ministers in a conflicted relationship from taking off with the money that the couple has scrimped to save during their married years.] Then the form is mailed to me or Joyce at the UUA, and we immediately sign off with the approval of the UUA (the plan sponsor), and mail the form to Fidelity which can put a check in the mail within a week. Subsequent decreases in the amount one wishes to receive only require a call to Fidelity. Subsequent increases require the spouse's approval.

2. As a rule we try to dissuade retired clergy from rolling their assets in the UUA retirement plan into an IRA, for if they do, they forfeit the tax-exempt status of distributions taken out for the maintenance of a home. This only applies to clergy, not family members, since the retired clergy housing allowance dies with the minister.

- Ralph Mero

## In Memoriam

Anna Louise Brigham, 91, died May 14 in Quincy, MA. In 1938, she married Rev. John W. Brigham, who died in 2004. She received her B.S. in German and counseling from University of Rochester, where she was secretary in the German Department. During the ministries of her husband, they lived in Castine, ME; Billerica, Arlington, and Quincy, MA; Sioux City and Burlington, IA; and Rochester, NY. An avid stamp collector, Anna Louise prepared "Unitarians and Universalists on Stamps," accessible on the Quincy Unitarian Church Website. She was a member of the Quincy Church, the Women's Alliance and the Quinsippi Stamp Club. Survivors include three sons, Lawrence of Morrow, OH; Rev. Jeremy of Cedar Rapids, IA; and Daniel of Canandaigua, NY; six grandchildren, 12 greatgrandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held in Quincy Aug. 18. Messages may be sent to Lawrence Brigham, 5925 Morrow - Cozaddale Rd., Morrow, OH 45152.

Susan Leslie Grigg, 59, died May 5 of lymphoma. She was the wife of Rev. Justin G. G. Kahn Sr. She was a certified archivist, having served in various capacities at the Beinecke Library at Yale; the University of Minnesota; and Smith College. Since 1996 she had been head of the Alaska and Polar Regions Collections at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She was a Board Member of the Alaska Historical Society, Vice President of the Alaska Library Association, and member of the Alaska Historical Records Advisory Board. She set up the archives at the First Unitarian Society in Madison, WI. She published journal articles and reviews, and her dissertation on the dependent poor of Newburyport MA before 1860. She was an editor and contributor to the Oxford American National Biography. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Justin (Jace) Kahn, Sr.; three stepchildren, J. Giles G. Kahn, Jr. of Wheaton IL, Tempe R. K. Vierck of Ballwin MO and Peter R. T. Kahn of Olivette MO; and three step-grandchildren. Messages may be sent to Jace at St Paul's United Church of Christ Box #157Eyota MN 55934; jacekahn@hotmail.com.

Rev. Dr. Ralph Norman Helverson, 95, died April 25 at Carleton-Willard Village, Bedford, MA. He was minister emeritus of the First Parish in Cambridge, MA, which he served 1959 to 1977. He also served UU congregations in Ithaca, NY, and N. Palm Beach, FL, as well as being interim in San Diego, CA, W. Hartford, CT, Naples, FL, and Dedham, MA. A distinguished preacher, thinker and writer, he was also a beloved pastor and colleague. He had served on several boards and committees of the UUA and related organizations, and was the author of several collections of prayers and meditations. A memorial service celebrating Ralph's life and ministry was held May 9 at The First Parish in Cambridge. Letters of condolence may be sent to his wife of 67 years, Wynanda Helverson, 88 Falmouth Court, Bedford, MA 01730-2912.

Reverend Richard G. Kimball, 72, died June 23. He served congregations in Hingham, Westborough, Somerville, Billerica, Fitchburg, Woburn, Boston, West Roxbury and Essex, MA. He also served the Stockport, England, Unitarian Church 1960-61. He was named Minister Emeritus by Theodore Parker UU Church, West Roxbury, in 1985 and by the First Universalist Church of Essex in 2004. He was a member of the UU Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns Committee, the Religious Arts Guild, the Interfaith Committee, the Visiting Nurses Association, and the Aids Action Committee among others. A gifted teacher, he was an instructor of Psychology at Bunker Hill Community College, Mass. Bay Community College, Newbury College and Berklee School of Music. His wife, Deirdre Kimball, and son Jordan Kimball (currently in Guinea, West Africa, with Action Against Hunger) survive Richard. Messages may be sent to: Deirdre Kimball, 29 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date at Goddard Memorial Chapel, Tufts University, Medford, MA. The Boston Globe ran an interesting article:

http://www.boston.com/news/globe/obituaries/articles/2007/07/24/richard\_kimball\_72

Rev. Gordon Glenn Newell, 89, died March 14 in Caribou, ME. He was a longtime member of the Caribou UU Church, and is remembered as the "pie parson" for his famous apple pies. He served as a Congregational as well as a UU minister. He was Pastor Emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Shelburne, MA. He had a true passion for life and enjoyed it to its fullest. He loved nature and all of its beauty and also enjoyed good poetry. He is survived by two daughters Judith Solman, and Elizabeth Maifeld; and a son Larry Newell, all of Caribou; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and his first wife. Anne Newell of Caribou. Gordon was predeceased by his second wife, Gladys Newell. Memorial services will be held at a later date at the First Congregational Church, Shelburne, MA.

Reverend Margaret Odell, 94, died May 28 following a stroke. She served congregations as a religious educator in Wellesley Hills, and Worcester, MA; Germantown, PA; Princeton, NJ; Alexandria and Reston, VA; and Columbia, MD, where she was named Emerita Minister in 1983. She was educational consultant in the Ohio-Meadville District 1968-1977. She participated in organizing the Liberal Education Directors Association and was president from 1953-1955. In 1974 she was awarded the Angus MacLean award for excellence in religious education. Rev. Odell leaves no survivors. The UU Congregation of Columbia, where a memorial service was held July 8, and a few long-time friends are her family. Messages may be sent to: Rev. Paige Getty, UU Congregation of Columbia, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045-5048.

*Reverend Dwight E. Smith*, 76, died April 18, of an aneurysm. His wife, Rev. Carol Hilton was by his side. He served congregations, in co-ministry with his wife in Hobart, Indiana; Cedar Falls, Iowa, Clinton, Iowa, and Vista, California. Following their retirement in 2003, the Palomar UU Fellowship in Vista named them Ministers Emeriti. Surviving are his wife and two children from a previous marriage, Mark Smith of Lafayette, LA, and Cara Ferguson of Houston, and four grandchildren. Messages may be sent to: Rev. Carol Hilton, 3091 Buena Hills Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056. A memorial service was held May 20.

Reverend Kenneth Jackson Smith, 90, died March 21 in Penney Farms, FL. He was ordained in 1951 by the First Universalist Church of Duluth, MN and served in Duluth; Garden City, NY; Vineyard Haven, MA, and Corpus Christi, TX. The UU Church of Martha's Vineyard named him Minister Emeritus in 1987. Smith was active in community and denominational affairs. His lifelong interest in promoting peace and equality led him to chair committees to further the efforts for racial equality in the 1960s while living in Philadelphia where he ministered to the Ethical Culture Society. His niece, Susan DePass in California, survives him. In 1984 he married Ruth Luening who predeceased him. Messages of remembrance may be sent to: Ms. Susan DePass, 28352 Rancho Grande, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. At his request there were no services.

Reverend Vester (Van) Vanstrom, 90, died of a stroke May 25. He was predeceased by son Marc and his wife of 68 years, Millicent, who died in 2006. His sons, David and Keith, and Vester all had apartments in the same complex in Bedford, TX. He had two grandsons. Van and Millie were pioneers in Interim Ministry in 1975 serving congregations in Bellevue, WA; Golden and Denver, CO; Media, PA; Southwest Extension Ministry, Tulsa, OK; and Houston and Corpus Christi, TX. Vester requested no memorial service and his cremains, along with Millicent's will be interred in a cemetery in Chisago City, Minnesota near their childhood homes. David says of his father, "I always remember my dad helping people, as a minister, lawyer, friend or volunteer (my mother too, especially at hospitals and Planned Parenthood). My father was a great humanitarian and thinker (or as he liked to say, "freethinker.") Messages may be sent to: David Vanstrom, (dvanstrom@sbcglobal.net), 2837 Airport Freeway #1018 or Keith Vanstrom, 2209 Murphy Drive #1812, both in Bedford, TX 76021.

## 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 Carl know, otherwise we will have to use precious UURMAPA funds to pay for this service! Address changes should be sent to Carl F. Thitchener – (see masthead)

## New Listings: 2007 Retirees

Rev. Joseph & Nancy Bassett, 158 Lowell Street, No. 4, Peabody, MA 01960; revbassett@aol.com Rev. Ellen and George Brandenburg, 91 Essex Street, Salem, MA 01970; ellen.brandenburg@gmail.com *Temporary address* (for the next year): 80 Rue des Terrasses, Thoiry 01710 FRANCE, (978) 993-4104 (a Vonage phone works on both sides of Atlantic!) Rev. Carolyn Colbert, %UU Church of Livermore, 1893 N. Vasco Rd., Livermore, CA 94551 ccspider@comast.net Rev. Dr. Kenneth Collier and Anne Anderson, 714 W. Pedregosa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-1917; (805) 898-9424; UurevKen@cox.net; Annewander@cox.net Rev. Judith A. Downing, 6 Allen Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; (774) 202-4474; jadowning6@comcast.net The Rev. Alan and Patricia Egly, 701 Iowa Street, Davenport, IA 52803; (563)326-2409 iowastreet@sbcglobal.net Rev. Ruth Ellen and James Gibson, 1521 East Franklin Street, Apt. B209, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2845; (919) 942-6602; regibson@uuma.org Rev. Dr. Doris and Rev. Howard Hunter, 14 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617) (876-3059; revdrleen@aol.com

#### 2007 Retirees – contact info <u>NOT YET</u> <u>CONFIRMED</u>

Lt. Col. William A. Grace, 2511 Wood Run, San Antonio, TX 78251-2540 Rev. Patricia and Manfred Hoertdoerfer, 17

Overlook Drive, New Hampton, NH 03256-4241 phoertdoerfer@uua.org

Rev. charlie kast (no caps), 406 Mitchell Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516-1918, (919)967-2646 cjk@mailstation.com Rev. Dorothy W. Kimble, 22 Duffield, West Hartford, CT 06107, (860) 523-7123 kimbledorothy@sbcglobal.net Rev. Thomas E. Korson, 2526 Dahlia Street, Denver, CO 80207-3149, (303) 759-0522 tkindenver@comcast.net Rev. Nana W. Kratochvil, 1571 Lexington Ave., Muskegon, MI 49441-3125, (231) 759-0522 nanakratochvil@gmail.com Rev. Mary J. Harrington and Marty Teitel, 24 Colonial Farm Road, Haverhill, MA 01832 MJHsealcove@comcast.net Rev. Paul H. L'Herrou and Rev. Sylvia L. Howe (we include partners even if they are not yet retired) 38 Kimball Ave., Unit 12, Ipswich, MA 01938-1222; Home: 978-356-5835; Cell: 978-290-7285; plherrou@verizon.net Rev. Dr. Adele Smith-Penniman, 191 Wickett Pond Road, Wendell, MA 01379; (978) 544-1891 asmithpen@net1plus.com Rev. Carol Taylor, 104 Amity Drive, Chesterbrook, PA 19087, (610) 296-0762 catuumin@aol.com

(We have gleaned 45 additional names from the UUA database, which will be in the November Elderberries.)

## New Phone Numbers:

Rollene Wells – 804-378-1122 Rev. George Tolleson – 828-298-8805; gtoll2@charter.net



New Email address: Rev. Charles and Anne Howe - revcahowe@earthlink.net New Snail Mail Addresses: Rev. C. Leon and Dorothy Hopper, 900 University St. Rev. Justin (Jace) Kahn: - St Paul's United Church of #11Q, Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 382-3191; clhopperjr@aol.com Christ Box #157. Evota MN 55934 (507)545-2495; (507); 696-7700 (cell) Rev. Hvezdon and Vera Kafka, 400 Hemenway St.eyotaucc@earthlink.net; jacekahn@hotmail.com Apt 118, Marlborough, MA 01752 Virginia Bicknell, 81 Gibbs Ave. N., Newport, RI (978) 562-5966; hvezdon@aol.com Betsev Skeirik, Epoch of Brewster, 873 Harwick Rd, 02840 Brewster, MA 02631; (508) 432-7084 Rev. David and Jane Brown, 33 Christian Ave 169, Concord, NH 03301; (603) 429-0015 Rev. William Weir, 10505 8th Ave N. Apt 111, Rev. William and Barbara DeWolfe, Minneapolis, MN 55441 4 Hickory Lane, Augusta, ME 04330 weirwilliam@msn.com (207) 622-7130; bdewolfe@tidewater.net Rev. James Zacharies, 616 Flint Ridge Trl, SE, Rev. Mary Harrington & Marty Teitel, Albuquerque, NM 87123 24 Colonial Fam Rd., Haverhill, MA 01832 (505) 345-9058; zach1@swep.com **Corrections** George and Elise Briggs Our address has NOT changed, as printed in the last Elderberries. Our address remains 105 Echo Glen Dr., Apt. D2,; Winston-Salem, NC27106. (336) 723-4571; gbriggs5@juno.com. **Rudi Gelsev** – unit #2-105 (not 2105) Clark Olsen - 4 Mt. Meadow Circle (not 90)

R. Styzens - 302 N. Jade Cove Dr. (not Jade Cove Dr.) email correction: rstyzens@uuma.org

Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association c/o Carl F. Thitchener 3895 Green Road Bloomfield, NY 14469-9725

NONPROFIT ORG. U.S. POSTAGE PAID ROCKLAND, MAINE PERMIT NO. 1825

Address Service Requested