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Nominees

Terms are for two years. If only one person is nominated for each position, the persons shall be declared elected. Brief biographies of new nominees are on page 9.

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Nominating Committee member: Sheldon Bennett

The Board deeply appreciates the work of Ellen Brandenburg, who has chaired the Nominating Committee, and to Chris Backus and Nancy Doughty, the other members this past year. We are very grateful for those who will continue to serve on the Board and those who will be joining us in July.

ByLaws Updated

The Board's recommendation to update the ByLaws was announced through the January Elderberries and after the 30-day period for comment, was "passed". The updated ByLaws are on the website. With that change, we are delighted to welcome a ninth member to the Board.

Send updates! Please send any changes to your address, phone or email to: Marcia Olsen at membership@uurmapa.org or 7950 NW Ridgewood Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330. Printed Directories should arrive mid-May. If not, please contact Marcia. The most current Directory is online at www.UURMAPA.org (ID: UU-SAGE, password WISDOM).



UURMaPA, Attleboro, MA, Oct. 2012

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Front row (l-r): Glen Snowden, Margi Nasemann, Eleanor Richardson, Ellen Brandenburg, Richard Trudeau, Iska Cole, Sylvia Howe

Second row: Gregg Carter, Janet Bowering, Robbie Walsh, Kathleen Ward, Maurice Cobb, Jim Eller

Third row: Kerry Mueller, Judith Downing, Susan Weston, Doris Hunter, Joyce & Dick Gilbert, Carol Taylor, Chris Backus, Dick Fewkes, Connie Johnson, Med Anderson, Judy Mannheim, Sue Nichols, Marcia Olsen, Paul L'Herrou

Fourth row: George Brandenburg, Ed Lane, Peter Richardson, Ron Marcy, Joel Weaver, Andy Backus, Dave Hunter, John Weston, Sheldon Bennett, Vern Nichols, Molly Bennett.

Photo by Eleanor Richardson (using tripod!)

Herb of the Year, versatile Elderberry packs a punch

Both a medicinal and culinary herb, the versatile elderberry (*Sambuca canadensis*) has a power-packed list of attributes. The berries of this native shrub contain vitamins A and B, more vitamin C than oranges, and have been used for centuries to ward off colds and the flu. A mixture of berry juice, cider vinegar and honey is said to be healing, and a great boost to the immune system. In addition, the berries are loaded with cancer-fighting antioxidants.

UURMaPA Fall Conference October 1-3, 2013 Attleboro, Massachusetts

We encourage participants to arrive on Tuesday from 3-5pm. Settle in and enjoy Happy Hour hosted by Ellen and George Brandenburg, Paul L' Herrou and Sylvia Howe. Dinner is at 6:00 followed with our Necrology Service by Rev. Elizabeth Strong, UURMaPA Historian.

Wednesday will highlight a "Wellness in Retirement" program in the morning and a "25 Beacon Street Odyssey" by Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President of UUA, in the afternoon. The evening will be full of music at its best with Dan and Jan Karney doing a program called "Timeless Tunes," Jan on the piano and Dan singing. A duo not to be missed!

Need I say more!! It will be a wonderfully unforgettable gathering. First come, first served. Please get your registrations in early as we expect overnight space will go fast.

Questions? Contact Joel Weaver, 610/296-0762; cell: 267/566-2386; weaver_je@hotmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me/us for the UURMaPA @ Attleboro Conference. I enclose \$195 per person. My check is made payable to "UURMaPA @ Attleboro". (Please mail to: Joel Weaver 104 Amity Dr. Wayne, PA 19087)

Name/s: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Note: Bathrooms at La Salette are shared by 2 rooms and are not wheelchair accessible; it is only a few steps from the doorway to the toilet. There is elevator access to chapel and rooms.

Please indicate any special needs, dietary or otherwise: _____

REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK ***must be received no later than*** September 10.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: *You may apply for financial assistance by contacting Paul L'Herrou, UURMaPA's treasurer [e-mail: paullherrou@gmail.com phone: (978) 290-7285]. Paul will need to know the amount of assistance that you need. Don't forget to include costs for travel, caregiver for a dependent partner, etc. in addition to the registration fee in your calculation of need.*

Please Remember that UURMAPA is funded by member contributions, and that all mailings cost money. Please consider sending a check to UURMAPA, c/o Paul L'Herrou, treasurer, 38 Kimball Ave., #12, Ipswich, MA 01938. Thank you!!



Joyce and Dick Gilbert, Attleboro 2011

THE STAGES OF RETIREMENT: GO GO – SLOW GO – NO GO

I don't know who coined the phrase describing three stages of retirement, but they are clearly provocative.

There is the potential burst of energy when one leaves the pulpit in a settled or interim ministry for the last time. While I had to choke back the tears in June of 2002 when I left the Rochester Unitarian Church, I

felt that I still had a great deal of ministry left in me. Even after three years of interim work I discovered that while you can take the preacher out of formal ministry, it is hard to take the ministry out of the preacher. Even now, eleven years from 2002 and eight from the end of interim work, I like to be in the pulpit, give workshops and be there for special memorial services. I suspect many of you share this perspective. We don't really want the burdens and responsibilities of full – or even part-time – work, but the itch is there and we still have the energy to scratch it. Of course, there are also those among us who turn their talents and energies to non-ministerial pursuits, hobbies and interests to which they can give real attention perhaps for the first time.

Then, there is the “slow go” of retirement, occasioned by the inevitabilities of simple aging or perhaps an illness or an operation. As I recover from another hip replacement, I am anxious that the recuperation period will slow me down to the point of frustration. I hope to exhibit what I have called “the courage of patience” as I enter a period of harnessing my gait and being more dependent on others. (Ministers, I find, don't like being dependent – we are good at serving – not so good at being served). This is a difficult stage of retirement.

Finally, we enter the “no go” stage when our energies are consumed just getting through the day and the night. These are the frustrating years when we seem to have nothing more to give. Here “doing” gives way to “being,” with its considerable challenges. I have phrased the question “what are we worth when motionless?” as topic for a future column.

As I am in touch with many UURMaPAns, it strikes me that many of us move back and forth through these stages, waxing and waning as health and mortality become central issues. Probably most, if not all of us, will touch each stage. Some of us hope to remain in the “go go” stage to the very end and go out like a quickly extinguished candle. Others of us will be content to move through each stage in succession. How we deal with each will be our contribution to those who follow. We are the models for our colleagues. May we negotiate each of these stages with grace.

-- Richard Gilbert, UURMaPA President

New Retirees

Rev. Jose Ballester and partner, Susan E. Ballester, 55 Greentree Lane #28, South Weymouth, MA 02190-2022; 781-335-0246 joseballester@mac.com Jose recently served the Foxborough Universalist Church, Foxborough MA, and will continue with pulpit supply, part-time interim or consulting.

Rev. Kathryn Jorgensen, 234 Hyde St., San Francisco, CA 94102; 415-474-0508 kay@faithfulfools.org. Kay recently served Faithful Fools Street Ministry and says, "I will volunteer as Guide, mentor and member of Residential Community and daily ministry of Faithful Fools Street Ministry."

Rev. Bruce Lakin, PO Box 441126, Indianapolis, IN 46244-1126; 317-375-1674 revlakin@aol.com. Bruce last served the UU Church of Muncie, IN and has no plans to work.

Rev. Stephen Shick and partner JoAnn Shick, 27 Rangeway, Lexington, MA 02420-1138; 339-223-0821 stephenmshick@comcast.net. Steve recently served the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson and says, "I plan to continue to preach occasionally, write, publish, and teach extemporaneous preaching. I do not plan on being employed full-time by these ministries, but may at some future date consider doing an occasional parish interim ministry."

Rev. Adele Smith-Penniman – "I retired 10 years ago but was unaware of the need to fill out this [Intent to Retire] form. I have been receiving the UU ministers pension since then." She is already a member of UURMAPA and her address is in the Directory.

Rev. Jeffrey Symynkywicz and partner Elizabeth Symynkywicz, 98 Bassick Circle, Stoughton, MA 02072; 781-344-7819 jsymynkywicz@post.harvard.edu. Jeff recently served First Parish Universalist Church, Stoughton, MA, and will continue with teaching, writing, etc.

Rev. Douglas Wilson and partner, Prudence Berry, 144 Leshure Rd., Rowe, MA 01367; 413-339-4468 dougw@rowecenter.org. He recently served UU Rowe Camp and Conference Center in Rowe, MA.

Rev. J. Mark Worth and partner Michelle Worth, 923 Castine Rd., Penobscot, ME 04421-0571; 207-326-4886 James.mark.worth@gmail.com. Mark recently served the UU Congregation in Castine, ME. He might possibly fill an interim position.

Lunch to Welcome New Retirees at G.A.

The UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association will host a luncheon June 21st, 11:30 a.m., at General Assembly in Louisville for those retiring. The luncheon will be at the Louisville Marriott next to the convention center. All UURMaPa members are invited. New retirees (and partners/spouses if applicable) will be our guests and participate in our ritual of welcome to UURMaPa. Expect to receive a more formal invitation in the mail. Please, RSVP to Jim Eller at wjimeller@gmail.com. There will also be a "Best practices around Retirement" workshop with the Transitions office and the UUMA, and a collegial conversation during professional days.

Covenant Circle for the newly Retired

A UURMaPA Covenant Circle for newly retired ministers (1st or 2nd year of retirement) is forming and will begin in late April. This once-a-month conference call "covenant circle" will offer a chance to share with colleagues the challenges, issues and joys you are finding in your first year(s) of retirement. We still have a couple of spots open for this group. This circle will be facilitated by Jim Eller and Makanah Morriss. If you are interested in being part of this circle, please be in touch with Makanah Morriss, revs2uu@aol.com or cell 434-238-7232. Thanks.

Dental Care in Retirement

The UUA Office of Church Staff Finances recently announced that as of January 1, 2013, newly retiring ministers and church staff who are at least age 62 and already enrolled in the UUA dental insurance plan can continue their participation in the plan during their retirement. That's good news for UURMaPA members-to-be, assuming they want to continue their dental insurance. For UURMaPA members-in-fact, however, according to Jim Sargent, UUA Health Plan Director, no such participation is or will be available.

This doesn't mean that retired persons can't find dental insurance. AARP offers a dental insurance plan to its members. Many AAA regional offices do, too. Google "dental insurance for seniors." Reading the fine print, however, you are likely to find that the premiums are higher, the benefits fewer, and the exclusions more tightly drawn than in the UUA plan.

Is such dental insurance worth it to you? If you'd like more information and some guidance on the question, e-mail JohnHWeston@gmail.com -- John Weston

News from the Hinterlands

Jean Zoerheide, wife of former minister Bob Zoerheide, is recuperating from a broken hip. You can send cards or notes to Jean at Roland Park Place, 830 W 40th Street, Baltimore, MD, 21211.

Donna Discuillo, is taking a dozen of her paintings public in an art show with five other women during Women's History Month.

John Manwell and Phyllis Hubbell were named Ministers Emeriti at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore in January.

From **Charles and Claudine Grady**:
"We are still hanging in there, at 87 and 89 respectively, but getting more and more tottery. I have a lot of good stuff to read on my Kindle, including the complete works of William Makepeace Thackeray. I have begun to enjoy the novels of the mid-Victorians: Dickens, Thackeray, Trollope--all that crowd. They are often quite witty, and their styles sure beat texting's product."

Following time in hospital and extended care, **Arlene Kaufmann** is home, in stable condition, and has two excellent caregivers providing 24-hour care. If you want to write to her or send her a card, her address is 401

100th Ave NE #326, Bellevue WA 98004. She'd love to hear from you.

Tom Owen-Towle has published a new book: WAKE UP! Daily Lessons For a More Liberated and Loving Life. WAKE UP! is for anyone who wishes to experience greater illumination and clarity in his or her own life. It is available from Amazon.com or your local bookstore or can be ordered directly from Tom Owen-Towle at uutom@cox.net

Ron Knapp has published MOMENTS In A Life--a memoir-- <http://outskirtspress.com/moments>; 412 pages; List:\$25.95. Eight Decades of Exploration/Six Decades in the Ministry/Six Decades of Marriage/Five Children/Thirteen different homes/Seven different states. Signed copies available from the author for \$25, includes shipping. Make checks payable to Ron Knapp, 9615 Wirt Street, Omaha, NE 68134. Also available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Peter Richardson's book, Journey Beyond God, received honorable mention at the 2012 New England Book Fair. For a description, see www.redbarnrockland.com.

UURMaPA Creative Sage-ing Award Call for Nominations

UURMaPA's annual Creative Sage-ing Award recognizes members for outstanding service and creativity in pursuing new ventures *after retirement*. Such ventures might include publication and other creative work, community service, and mentoring. The Creative Sage-ing Committee (**Jay Atkinson, Nancy Doughty, and John Weston**), will meet in late May to select a UURMaPA member (minister, partner, or couple) for 2013. Past honorees have been **Lex Crane** (2008), **Bill Murry** (2009), **Eleanor and Peter Richardson** (2010), **Meredith Anderson** (2011), and **Andrew Backus** (2012). This year's honoree will be announced at General Assembly in Louisville and awarded a cash prize of \$500.

Please give careful thought to this award. Provide the committee with the name of your nominee (who could be yourself), together with a description of the achievements that prompted the nomination. Send by *May 15* to: John Weston, 35 Winfield Rd., Providence, RI 02906

johnhweston@gmail.com

Unsung Hero Award Call for Nominations

Every organization has people who work behind the scenes to make the group successful. UURMaPA is no exception! Help the board to identify this year's "unsung hero." Last year's honoree, our first, was **Glen Snowden**. The award is for someone who has not previously been publicly recognized—minister, partner, or couple. This year's honoree will be announced at GA in Louisville and awarded a cash prize of \$500. Deadline for nominations is May 15. Send your nomination, together with your rationale for making it, to: Paul L'Herrou, 38 Kimball Ave., #12, Ipswich, MA 01938 paullherrou@gmail.com

IARF Peace Commission Conference in England

Dick Boeke is hosting a peace conference Aug. 20-23, 2013, at the Unitarian Church in Horsham (25 minutes from Gatwick Airport). The theme is "Religious Freedom and Responsibility." Rooms in the Travelodge 100 yards away. Early bird fee (before May 1): £260 (approx \$390 US). £300 after 30 April. (If lodging not required £40 advance, £50 after April 30). To register, please go to <<http://www.worldfaiths.org/events.php>> Speakers include Rev. Chris Hudson MBE, Belfast; Dr. Marcus Braybrooke, President WCF; Rt Rev. Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton; Dr. Shlomo Alon, V.P. IARF; Dr. Yehuda Stolov, Israel; Professor Hal French, IARF US Chapter chair; Sheikh M. Amin-Evans; Charanjit and Ajit Singh MBE; Dorothee Gehrman, Germany; Dr. Doris Hunter, IARF USA; Annelies Trenning, IARF, Netherlands; Advocate Rengapashyam, IARF, India; Dr. Dan McKanan, Harvard.

Affordable Care Act

There will be an enormous amount of information about the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the next year. The complete first issue of the UUA's fine new monthly "Alert" prints out at 6 pp. The "Executive Summary," however, is only 1 page. Because the Affordable Care Act has nothing to do with Medicare, the great majority of retired colleagues will not be affected by the ACA.

UURMaPA members wishing to inform themselves about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the UUA Health Plan may wish to subscribe to the new monthly Alert from the Office of Church Staff Finances by e-mailing your name, congregation or UUA affiliate (if any), job title, and preferred email address to: Patti Angelina, Insurance Plans Coordinator: insurance_plans@uua.org. Or go to <http://www.uua.org/careers/compensation/health/284597.shtml>. Bear in mind that the Act does not affect Medicare. — John Weston

UURMaPA Survey Summary

The decision to survey members resulted from ongoing discussions by the UURMaPA Board about how our members were faring financially, how well our Caring Network is functioning, and how our members feel about attending conferences or other gatherings. The UUA Office of Church and Staff Finances also requested member organizations to poll their members about the UUA's Health Plan. We also feel it is important to have emergency contact information for our members. All these issues were put into one questionnaire that was mailed to our membership. This is the (long overdue) report of those results.

Of the 597 surveys mailed in June 2012, 242 completed ones were returned, a reply rate of 40.5%. Of those, 76% said that they are all right and expect to be so in the future. Sixty-three respondents (26%) had some concern about their finances. For some, even by reducing living expenses, they feel they will not have adequate resources in the future, or are in need of help now.

Regarding the UUA Health Plan, only two respondents are members of that plan and neither saw a need to change the benefits. Of those who answered these survey questions, 91 were satisfied with their current plan; 28 felt the plan cost too much; some didn't know about the plan (many of our members retired prior to its existence); eight widows of UU ministers didn't know they were eligible. It is apparent that at this time the UUA Health Plan is not an issue for most of our members, but there is also the need to make members aware of it as an option.

Some members feel they cannot afford dental care, and a few said they were unable

to get a prescription filled within the last year because of finances. This was discussed by the Board with Joyce Stewart of the UUA Office of Church and Staff Finances in September. One of our Board members is liaison to the Council on Church Staff Finances and has presented our concerns.

Regarding attendance at conferences, UUMA Chapter Meetings, or other gatherings, some respondents skipped the question, some said they attend sporadically. Others frequently attend. Reasons for not attending included health/age/accessibility cost or difficulty of traveling, busy with other interests, "UUMA Chapter Meeting programs are for active ministers," or just "not interested." Anecdotal experience suggests that the longer ministers and partners are retired, the more their interests shift from church or UUA-related activities to other, often more local pastimes.

The returned surveys were given to the Caring Network Coordinator to follow up on any pastoral need expressed in them. The survey also requested Emergency Contact information; 210 members provided this, which will be kept on a database for possible pastoral concerns. UURMaPA now has emergency contact for 35% of our households. Others are encouraged to send their emergency contact information to Margi Nasemann, Caring Network Coordinator, at mnasemann@juno.com or 1150 Meadowbrook Drive, Syracuse, NY 13224-1768.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey, and those who provided it and tabulated the results!

Thanks to New Caring Contacts!

Margi Nasemann writes: I want to welcome our new UURMaPA Caring Network Coordinators since I last wrote to you. They are Shirley Ranck in the Bay Area Coastal (CA); Glen Snowden in Central Mass; Barbara and John Molfese in Colorado/Montana/Wyoming; Barbara Child in Heartland South; Sheldon Bennett in Mass Bay Coastal; Rhett Baird in Mid-South; Barbara Morgan in Pacific Northwest and Western Canada; Jeremy Brigham in Prairie Star and Mid-Western Canada; Maureen Thitchener in St. Lawrence; and Makaanah Morriss and Henry Ticknor in Virginia. We are glad to have you all on board.

Nominee Biographies



Judy Welles retired in 2011 from a 14-year co-ministry with husband, Duane Fickeisen at UUs of the Cumberland Valley, PA. She grew up in the UU Society of Wellesley Hills, MA. Before entering

Starr King at age 47, she was an administrator for Planned Parenthood. Judy has two children, three stepchildren and six grandchildren. She loves to knit, garden, and walk. She is a member of First Unitarian Church in Portland, OR. She was on the Board of Trustees of Starr King for 9 years and is a member of the Western Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee.



Doug Gallagher is senior minister emeritus of the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Bloomfield Hills, MI. He served on the board of trustees of the UUA, and as a trustee on the executive committee of the UUMA

where he held the Good Offices portfolio.

He has served in various capacities – president, treasurer, good offices – in the Heartland, Joseph Priestley and Mountain-Desert Districts, and as a member of the UUMA’s CENTER committee.



Liz McMaster retired to Albuquerque NM in 2004 to be part of her grandsons' growing up. She is involved with First Unitarian of Albuquerque's Social Justice Council,

particularly with immigration issues, having organized a work trip to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, earlier this year. She's a weaver and has recently branched out from rag rugs to transparent window treatments. Her curiosities seem to outplay the number of hours in each day, but she is grateful for both the curiosities and good health.



Sheldon Bennett retired in 2012 after serving United First Parish Church (Unitarian) in Quincy, MA for 25 years, with prior careers in physics, construction management,

and management consulting. He is President and a Trustee of the Unitarian Service Pension Society and is active on local civic boards. Sheldon lives with his wife, Molly, in Quincy, and enjoys visiting his four daughters in New York City, Seattle, Martha's Vineyard and Brookline, MA, practicing piano and Tai Chi, hiking, and catching up on current cosmology.



Nancy Doughty has been retired for more than 15 years. She served 6 years on the UURMaPA Board, first as member at large, later as President. She continues in UURMaPA as Caring

Representative and convenes a monthly conference call with retired colleagues. She and her husband, Bob, live in northern Michigan and both have attended regional conferences over the years.

UURMAPA West, Seabeck, WA April 16-18, 2013



*Hot off the Press! Messages via iPhone pronounce this conference a great success!
Back Row: David Maynard, Andy Backus, Dennis Daniel, Duane Fickeisen, Phillip Hewett, Ev Morris. Middle Row: Jane Maynard, Judy Welles, Steven Storla, Marcia Olsen, Joan Morris. Front Row: Barbara Morgan, Sydney Wilde, Bob Shaibly, Shirley Ranck, Chris Backus.*

Photo by Andy Backus.

How Would You like to be Remembered?

Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist and industrialist, had the life-changing experience of reading his own obituary. His brother died, but a Paris newspaper mistakenly reported the death of the "dynamite king." So Nobel awoke to find his life laid out on the front page of his morning paper. The shock was overwhelming and life-changing. He saw himself portrayed as a weapons dealer, trading in death and destruction. Nobel had a kinder view of himself. He understood the purpose of his life to be bringing different people together, breaking down barriers between diverse nations and people. He resolved to make clear the true purpose of his life. He devised the plan for disposition of his fortune so that it might support individuals and groups effective in working for understanding and peace. The Nobel Peace Prizes were born from a mistaken obituary.

UURMAPA invites members to write their own obituaries and share them with us. Why?

One function of *Elderberries* is to memorialize the lives of members – ministers and partners. The UUA staff provides brief obituaries for ministers, but not partners. We would like to include in those tributes how you would like to be remembered. The writing process is also a potentially powerful spiritual experience. Please submit them to Marcia Olsen, marcia.olsen29@gmail.com.

SAMPLE (from Eleanor Richardson, former obit. writer): **Jane Jones (Reverend Robert Brown)**, 99, died on X date, place of death. Birth date & place, parents' names. Education, date of ordination. Churches served (both min and partner), Tullusa, AL (abbr. All states). Brief work history for spouses. Names of surviving spouse/partner and children, and one address to write to. Number of grandchildren, no names. No names of children's spouses. (Memorial donations) Add one thing, if possible, to make it special, i.e. Rev. Brown was tiddly-winks champion of Essex County. You will want to expand this to keep in your "Death, in case of" file at home.

In Memoriam

The Rev. Donald J. Jacobsen, Sr., 85, died Jan. 6 in Georgia. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, Nov. 17, 1927, to Mina and Frederick Jacobsen. He was educated at Hamilton College, Columbia, and St. Lawrence. He served churches in Fort Worth, TX; Pasadena, CA; Chicago, IL; and Atlanta, GA. He was a member of the UUMA, LREDA, the UUSC, the UUWF, the CLF, and the friends of Religious Humanism. He also chaired the Social Responsibility Committee of the Central Midwest District. He played an active role in the civil rights struggle. In addition, Rev. Jacobsen taught elementary school, worked in psychiatric hospitals, and served in the Hospital Corps of the United States Navy. He is survived by his wife, Ann Ehrlich; daughter, Karen Jacobsen-Mispagel; son, James Jacobsen; and 3 grandchildren. His son, Donald Jacobsen, Jr., predeceased him. A memorial service was held March 2nd at the UU Congregation of Atlanta. Notes may be sent to Dr. Karen Jacobsen-Mispagel at 1120 Cherokee Circle, Athens, GA 30606.

Mary Sage Mackay Kring, 80, widow of the Rev. Walter Donald Kring, died Aug. 20, 2011. She had served as DRE at All Souls Church in New York City, where he served as minister for many years. A history buff, she enjoyed editing her husband's books. The family jokes that she made them longer. Sage, as her family called her, was a proponent of alternative medicine. Notes of condolence may be sent to her step-daughter: Suzanne E. Shapiro, 896 Addison Dr. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

Annette Helen Youngs Redman of Alexandria, VA, widow of Rev. Edward Redman, died Sept. 17, 2012, in Springfield, VA. She was born August 5, 1916, in Bangor, ME and graduated from the University of Maine. She had a gift for organization and was active in the churches her husband served—Ann Arbor, MI, and Arlington, VA – and later at the UU Church of Reston, VA. She attended the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly in Williams Bay, WI, (now the Midwest UU Summer Assembly), for 50 years, and was registrar for most of that time. She enjoyed Elk Lake in northern Michigan. Her needlepoint was exhibited at a juried exhibition and she was an accomplished knitter. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority for 75 years and was a Caring Coordinator for UURMaPA. She is survived by five sons: Stephen, of Arlington, VA; Bruce, of Elk Rapids, MI; Peter, of McCall Creek, MS; William, of Inverness, FL; and Jon, of Fairfax Station, VA; 15 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Stephen Redman, 6004 2nd Street, Arlington, VA 22203. --Betty Jo Middleton



The Rev. Nancy C. Roemheld, 80, died on January 4, 2013. She was born in Holyoke, MA, Feb. 23, 1932, to Ruth and Frederick Stevens, and was educated at Alverno College, Meadville Lombard Theological School and The University of Chicago Divinity School. Rev. Roemheld served the UU Fellowship of Athens, GA 1986-1994. She then had a remarkable 12-year career as interim minister, serving in Jamestown, NC; Studio City, CA; Buffalo, NY; Tucson, AZ; Kenosha, WI; Wilmington, NC; Erie, PA; Los Gatos, CA; and Omaha, NE. She also was chaplain at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, NS, Canada. She was a lay leader before becoming a minister and helped guide the Athens, GA, Fellowship through construction of brand new facilities. She served on the board of the Central Midwest District. She is survived by daughters, Joanne R. Jeanguenat; Kathryn C. Zunac; and MaryBeth Roemheld; a son, Steven F. Roemheld; two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by her former husband, Fred Roemheld. A memorial service was held Feb. 9 at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, WI. Notes of condolence may be sent to Joanne R. Jeanguenat at 2702 Mason St., Madison, WI 53705.

The Rev. R. Lanier Clance, 74, died April 15. He is survived by his life partners who have both cared for him for the last 40 years, Pauline Rose and Nancy Zumoff. A memorial service has tentatively been scheduled for May 11. (More details will be announced via internet). Notes may be sent to Pauline Rose Clance and Nancy Zumoff at 1293 Fairview Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

Rev. Dr. Raymond C. Hopkins, 93, died April 19. He is survived by daughters, Patricia Hopkins, Linda Hopkins, and Janet Clark; 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Notes may be sent to Linda Hopkins at 8 Morris Ave., Saco, ME 04072. A memorial service will be held at Ferry Beach in the summer of 2013, at a date to be determined. A more complete obituary will follow.

Rev. Byron E. Kelham, 86, died April 14. He is survived by his wife, Ethyl Kelham; daughters, Rebecca Claussen, Cara Henderson, and Leslie Kelham; 7 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Donations may be made to The Society for Ministerial Relief C/O Glen Snowden, 34 Meeting House Lane #201, Stow, MA 01775. Notes may be sent to Leslie Kelham, 135 Vernon Pl., Pueblo, CO 81004. A more complete obituary will follow.

Consider Reading this Book

Still Alice by *Amy Genova* -- book recommendation by Chris Lilly Backus.

As we grow older, we may fear that our minds are slipping. Perhaps this fear is why I listened so intently to a book review on NPR a few years ago about Amy Genova's nicely-crafted novel *Still Alice*. I just got it out of the library and found it very compelling. The main character, Alice, a brilliant Harvard professor, begins to lose track of things she had known well. She is painstakingly diagnosed with early onset (younger than 65) Alzheimer's disease. The book is written from Alice's viewpoint, which I found very touching and poetic. I recommend this highly, especially if your partner or parent is suffering from dementia.

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