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# ELDERBERRIES

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## MUNSON'S MUSINGS

Our programs and activities continue to expand into new spheres of involvement. This issue contains corrections and additions to the recently published UURMA Directory. We also pass this information on to the UUA to update their listings.

Most recently we have enhanced our relationships with the UUMA (Ministers Association). I had a place on the agenda of their Executive Board's meeting (Jan. 11 in St. Augustine, FL. On Jan 12, their president, Wayne Arnason, joined us for dinner and dialogue in Boston. This begins a process by which we can bring to the attention of the UUMA some concerns and recommendations of the retired ministers, partners and surviving spouses.

Some of the matters discussed at these meetings were: The Code of Professional Practices and Guidelines which pertain to retired ministers, the under utilization of retired ministers, the Service Gratuity and sustentation funds, involvement at General Assembly, and our modest treasury.

We will also share minutes of our meetings and to act in an advisory relationship to the UUMA Guidelines Committee. It is an exciting time to be a part of the UURMA. We encourage your continued interest, support and involvement.

Greetings and blessings to you in this new year.

Agape,

Keith

## MISCELLANY

## UURMA Authors

**Ruth Smith**, Emeritus at Clark Lake (East Liberty), Michigan, has compiled her "Twelve Best" sermons under the title *We Never Went Out On Saturday Night*. They are described as "delightful pieces, sure to please the most discriminating reader." Order from:

AAUW  
c/o UUEL  
2231 Jefferson Road  
Clark Lake, MI 49234

Cost: \$5.05 including \$1.05 for postage and handling and \$1.00 to the AAUW.

**Vi Kochendoerfer's** long-awaited *One Woman's World War II* will be issued on the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day by the University of Kentucky Press. Vi says she'll begin to get royalties after the sale of the first thousand copies. Vi is working on another book, *A Modern Pioneer*, and account of her experiences as the first woman graduate from Starr King School for the Ministry. She also offers *Bed and Breakfast* (in Duluth, MN) to friends.

**Ted Webb** is trying to gather a list of book publishers "who could be sympathetic to publishing works of Unitarian Universalist ministers." If you know of such, Ted would be most grateful if you would share the information with him. He is also interested in being in contact with other UURMA members interested in writing for publication. His address is:

2212 Ralston Road  
Sacramento, CA 95821

And an Inquiry

Carol Large, on behalf of the **Big Rapids (MI) UU Fellowship**, wrote to inquire whether there are any retired ministers in that area (West Central Michigan) who would be interested in providing ministerial services to the Fellowship. Carol's address is:

520 Rust Avenue  
Big Rapids, MI 49308

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**Ted Webb** commends to the attention of the UURMA the opportunity to be involved with local chapters of the United Nations Association of the U.S. Al D'Orlando is President of the New Orleans Chapter; Bob and Helen Dick are on the Vermont Chapter Board. Jim Olson (a U.U.) is Executive Director of the UNA-USA for National Programs. Ted writes: "The United Nations Association of the USA is a research and advocacy organization working to build a constituency in this country for a more effective United Nations and constructive U.S. participation in the world body. Unitarian Universalists often provide leadership for UNA's 175 community-based chapters and statewide divisions. Another link is our UU United Nations Office, which is a member of the UNA Council of Organizations. Involvement in a UNA chapter provides an opportunity to learn more and to join with like-minded citizens to build a stronger U.N. at a time when the U.N. must 're-invent' itself for the post Cold War world, these efforts are more important than ever. For more information on the location of UNA chapters or the possibilities for creating a new chapter, please contact:

Jim Olson  
UNA-USA  
485 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 697-3232

**Diane Miller**, Director, Department of Ministry, UUA, is seeking some assistance. She writes, "We are looking for one or more retired ministers who are interested in writing obituaries for their colleagues when they pass away. The obituaries would be published in the *World* magazine and the *UUA Directory*. I would be responsible for sending them information about the deceased minister to help them with their work."

**Jo Bartlett** is working on a project to publish more information on deceased ministers. He writes, "I'm acting on my idea for what I now call, 'Our Colorful Ministers.' I'm beginning with 1992-4 and 1994 obits. I don't picture equal space for every name, but definitely a brief bio for every name on the last pages. I picture a pocket-size pamphlet suitable for our literature racks. It might be possible to have it ready for the General Assembly service." Interested? Jo can be reached at the Unitarian Church in Calgary, where he is interim minister:

1701 First Street, NW  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M  
(403) 276-2436

**Bob Snow**, UUA Vice-President for Communications and Development, writes, "It has come to my attention that some retired ministers -- those who are not currently listed as members of a UU Congregation -- do not receive the *World* magazine. This strikes me as a serious oversight on our part. John Buehrens strongly agrees. He has therefore asked me to write to let you and other members of the UURMA know that, henceforth, the UUA will be happy to provide free subscriptions to the *World* to those who do not currently receive it., If a member of UURMA who is not currently on the *World* mailing list wishes to receive it, please ask him or her to write to:

Irene Greene  
Circulation Manager  
*UU World*  
25 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108."

## CONFERENCE REMINDERS

### FLORIDA -- February 25-27, 1994 -- Gainesville, Florida

- Housing LaQuinta Inn  
 Cost (excluding Saturday evening Dinner and Entertainment) \$85.00 per person, double occupancy, \$40.00 extra for single occupancy  
 Registrar The Rev. Albert D'Orlando  
 3630 White Oak Avenue  
 New Orleans, LA 70131  
 Program - A visit to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' Cross Creek  
 - Two FSU UU professors on aspects of retirement

### PACIFIC COAST -- March 7-10, 1994 -- Cupertino, California

- Housing Marianist Center  
 Cost \$190.00 per person (partial scholarship and travel subsidies available)  
 Registrar Gretchen Manker  
 4530 East Pepper Tree Drive  
 Paradise Valley, AZ 85253  
 Program Changes from Nov. '93 *Elderberries*  
 - A Life Journey, Rosemary Matson  
 - Reflections on My Life in the Ministry, Leon Fay

### NORTHEAST -- OCTOBER 4-6, 1994 -- Attleboro, Massachusetts

- Housing: The Lasalette Center for Christian Living  
 Choice of this site resulted from the devoted efforts of the Committee aided by Horace and Virginia Westwood, Bob and Helen Dick, Bill and Priscilla Gardner, and Bill Hammond and Grace Lindquist. It is described as "accessible, comfortable, and attractive."  
 Program: Information will be available in the Spring.

**Deadline - May ELDERBERRIES - April 15, 1994**

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John Hammon  
Gladys Hilton  
William Hutchinson  
Helen Lothrop  
Irving Murray  
Dorothy McGuinness  
Leonard Prater  
Robert Rice  
Floyd Taylor  
Karel Vit  
Kenneth Walker

# BOOKS

## The Turning point

**How Men of Conscience Brought about Major Changes in the Care of America's Mentally Ill**

Author: Alex Sareyan

Publisher: Psychiatric Press, Washington, DC 1993)

(267 pp plus References, Appendixes, Bibliography and Index; cost \$43.50)

This book tells the story of the 3,000 men, and their wives, mothers, and sisters who worked in the more than 60 mental hospitals, or schools for the retarded during WW II. The men were conscientious objectors who were classified 4E by their local draft boards. Due to the war, hospitals for the mentally ill and schools for the retarded has lost many employees. CO's volunteered to fill the vacancies.

The Philadelphia State Hospital, better known as Byberry, had a total of 135 CO's as attendants, plus a woman's unit. This was the largest number of any hospital in the US. A remark made by a unit members was, "Here in the hospital with its almost cynical disregard to human values, I've

experienced how love and understanding can touch and move the most irrational among us."

Alex Sareyan had a 34% return to the 1277 questionnaires sent out to those whose addresses he was able to gather. These statements make up the basis of his very significant account. In the epilogue he says, "The CPS mental hospital experience was truly a turning point, not only for the mentally ill, but also for those young men whose belief in the sanctity of life had not permitted them to bear arms at a critical period in their lives."

It is an expensive book - but well worth reading!

-- Robert T. Dick

## MONEY MATTERS

### **Paid Your Dues?**

Not in U.U.R.M.A. !! The Reason? There are no dues. But don't we have expenses? Indeed we do. To date, we have managed to pay our bills because some of those who belong have made voluntary contributions. Every member is entitled to do so. If you can do so, a contribution would be most helpful and greatly appreciated. If you can't, fear not. You'll not be ostracized or removed from membership. (U.U.M.A. dues are \$150.00. Retired U.U.M.A. members need not pay U.U.M.A. dues, and are honorary members for life.) Contributions to U.U.R.M.A. should be sent to:

Iska Cole  
U.U.R.M.A. Treasurer  
250 Argyle Road  
Rocky River, OH 44116

## THE WHEEL OF LIFE

**REBECCA FOOTE**

Surviving - Husband,

July 9, 1993  
Rev. Arthur Foote  
Southwest Harbor, Maine 04679-0574

**JOHN KOHLSAAT HAMMON**

Surviving - wife,

November 7, 1993      Age 81  
Oressa Hammon  
444 South State Street #110  
Bellingham, Washington 98225

**DOROTHY McGINNESS**

Surviving - Two Daughters

Carla Young      Martha McGinness  
1350 Hyde Park Blvd.      Radway Apts. J-5  
Chicago, Illinois 60615      Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010

**ROBERT M. RICE**

Surviving - son,

December 16, 1993      Age 93  
Robert M. Rice, Jr.  
RR 2, Box 2189  
Bethel, Maine 04217

**HELENA L. LOTHROP**

Surviving - husband,

December 20, 1993      Age 86  
Rev. Donald Lothrop  
72 Harbor Bluff Rd.  
Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601

**FLOYD L. TAYLOR**

Surviving - wife,

December 27, 1993      Age 91  
Margaret Smith Taylor  
62 Gillies Lane  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06854

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### Eloquent Silence

The vast North Country  
 South of the Canadian border  
 Is an impressive land  
 Uniquely beautiful;  
 Picturesque rivers  
 Flow through proud forests  
 Interspersed with lush meadows;  
 Solitude of the region  
 Eases anxieties  
 Of receptive souls  
 Sensitized to eloquent silence.

-- Ora Wilbert Eads

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