

UU Fellowship of Chautauqua Newsletter

Spring 2011

Season Opening is just around the corner!

Spring has sprung – snow and tornados have gone by, and now we are thinking about summer at Chautauqua. We hope all of you on the email and snail mail lists will be with us sometime during the 9-week season, and have great programs for you not just on Sunday morning but also during the week. Join us for the Week 4 Ethics series at 9:30 in the Hall of Philosophy, and every week enjoy the 9:30 Monday morning talkback with the minister, Tuesday afternoon social at UUDH, and Friday afternoon World Café at Chautauqua on the UUDH patio at 3:30. Roger Doebke is heading up this new program and has a fuller description of the program in this newsletter. At this writing, the UU Denomination House at 6 Bliss is full for the summer, and the roof and inside projects are finished.

As always, we seek your support as volunteers with our coffee hour, set up and put away helpers and greeters on Sunday morning, and Tuesday social hosts. Contact me if you are able to help any time during the season (Karen@gottovi.net). We are also looking for technical support with sermon and Ethics Series CD production and distribution. Contact Bob Adams to find out more about what this entails (RADAMS95@aol.com)

Please consider increasing your financial support of our denomination house and Sunday services this year. We want to continue to make the house affordable for our guests, and also ensure its future, and to maintain our high quality Sunday and Ethics Week programs. We will also be delighted to send you materials about the Edward Everett Hale Legacy Society.

There will be a memorial service for Betty Scolnick, our wonderful hostess at the Sunday Services who passed away last July. The far-flung family is working on the date. Contributions to her memorial fund are welcome. Please send checks payable to UUFC, PO Box 622, Chautauqua, NY 14722, and put Scolnick fund on the notation line.

Best wishes to you, safe journeys, and see you at CHAUTAUQUA!

Karen Gottovi, President

Summer 2011 UU Speakers and Programs

Nancy Bechtolt reports that Sundays at 9:30 in the Hall of Philosophy will be as compelling as ever and here are ten reasons why.

June 26 Rev. Kate Walker Alexandria, VA
July 3 Rev. Daniel Kantor Dallas, TX
July 10 Rev. Frank Hall Westport, CT
July 17 Rev David Weissbard Rockford, IL (retired)
July 24 Rev. Lee Barker President, Meadville/Lombard Seminary
July 31 Rev. Richard Gilbert Rochester, NY (retired)
Aug 7 REv. Lisa Ward Churchville, MD
Aug 14 Rev. Michael McGee Arlington, VA
Aug 21 Rev. Terry Sims Surprise, AZ
Aug 28 Rev. Daniel Budd Cleveland, OH

Our highly acclaimed (even by non-UU's) Ethics In Everyday Life Lectures will be held each morning at 9:30 in the Hall of Philosophy during the 4th week of the season--July 18-22. Speakers will address the topics of successful marriage, ethical gene research, end of life issues, and medical ethics. Our 16th annual series promises the usual high level of thought provoking and challenging ideas you have come to expect.

RE Program for Summer Sundays

The UUCF is very excited that our newly named R.E. Director, Diana Bower, will be offering a religious education program for children ages 4-13. We will meet at the Hall of Philosophy and walk to the UU House for activities during the Worship Service on Sundays at 9:30.

To aid our planning it would be helpful to know how many participants we might have. If you know that you and your family will be at Chautauqua on certain Sundays, could you please send Diana an email at dbower16@aol.com to let her know the names and ages of the children and the Sundays they will be present. You may also send her a note once you know your plans at the address below and any children attending at the last minute will also be invited to join the group.

You may also write to Diana at PO Box 646, Chautauqua, NY 14722

House News from Jo Ann Deblinger

In a few short months the UU House in Chautauqua will open for its 3rd season. What a delight! A few early cancellations have been filled with people from the wait list. As of April 5, Weeks 1 and 8 have only 1 or 2 names on the list. People who want to take their chances on the wait list for summer 2011, please go to the website (www.uufchautauqua.org) to print an application. NO PAYMENT is necessary UNLESS an opening has occurred AND you have been accepted. We find that openings do not occur until just before the season begins OR during the season, so flexibility is important.

Brigitte and Vic Popelars, our hosts, are looking forward to welcoming past guests and getting to know those arriving for the first time. If you have not yet met the Popelars, you have a treat awaiting you.

As mentioned in the Winter Newsletter, dates have been established for off-season, whole-house rentals in the *fall* of 2011 and *spring* of 2012. We can rent only for religious- affiliated affairs (weddings included) OR Chautauqua Institution-related activities. The price is \$2,000 a week or \$400 a night, with a minimum of three (3) nights. Fall 2011 dates available are September 2 – October 4; spring 2012 dates available are April 27 – May 20. Contact Sandi Stupiansky at swaite@edinboro.edu for more information.

We need a few enthusiastic volunteers:

If you are able to co-host a Tuesday Tea please contact Lenore Adams at lenorea@mailstation.com

If you are available to lend a hand for at least half the season consider volunteering as a House Tour Guide. Tours are offered between 2:00 and 3:00 on Saturday afternoons and between 12:15 and 2:00 pm on Sundays for the many donors, potential residents, and general visitors who are eager to see the house. Please contact Jo Ann Deblinger at jadcc@frontiernet.net

We continue to invite residents and Fellowship members to share their talents at the house. Past sessions have included drumming, contra dancing, dreaming, and a talk by the creator of the weavings in the House. These sessions are usually held between 5 and 6 PM on Wednesdays but other times can be arranged if needed. Let us know what you'd like to present!

A World Café coming to UUFC This Season

The World Cafe at Chautauqua will be sponsored by the Fellowship and held on the patio at the Denominational House at 6 Bliss every Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

The small discussion group format will explore participants' questions and comments regarding the various lectures heard during the week on the Chautauqua Weekly Theme. Designed to support civil and thoughtful discussion, each session will be led by facilitators who will assist the group to make sure everyone who wishes to participate will be heard and that all viewpoints will be treated respectfully.

Our patio is currently used on Monday mornings for the Sunday Sermon Feedback and on Tuesday afternoons for the social tea. The addition of the World Cafe on Fridays makes it clear how important our denominational house can be in providing a venue for UU initiatives.

Special Pre-Season Program Opportunity

THE INSTITUTE ON RELIGION IN AN AGE OF SCIENCE (IRAS) is holding its Annual Meeting at Chautauqua instead of at its former Star Island site. IRAS will hold their 57th Annual Meeting at the Athenaeum Hotel during the week before the season starts. The program dates are 6/18 – 6/25. The program, under the title DOING GOOD, DOING BAD, DOING NOTHING will explore Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Human Behavior.

This is a great opportunity for anyone on or near the Chautauqua Grounds the week before the Season begins to attend this thought provoking and informative meeting.

If you are interested in attending, the roster of speakers and more information plus a Registration Form are available at the IRAS web site at www.iras.org. The fee for the entire week-long meeting is \$150, \$25 per day or \$10 for a single talk. You are invited to attend the opening session for free; it is on Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 PM.

You also may contact Co-chairs Karl E. Peters kpeters396@cox.net, and Rev. Barbara Whittaker-Johns revdrbwj@comcast.net.