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April 6
THE GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN?
Erik Eriksson

While he has never held political office, he has had a profound effect upon the conscience of this nation. A literate man, he has written numerous books, many of them best-sellers. He has excelled as an actor and radio interviewer, subjecting his guests to a level of scrutiny they frequently have never before experienced. A person of irreducible integrity, he is an unquestioned candidate for the title "Greatest Living American."

Erik is a classical and jazz music critic. He has served as editor of several magazines and lectured frequently on social and arts-related issues, serving as a speaker for the UUFDC since early in the group's history.

Music: Lolly Lebovic, violin; Dottie Gerrits, flute

April 13
DOOR COUNTY POETS
Peggy Lott

On April 13th several Door County

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICES



poets will read their poetry in a celebration of National Poetry Month with a special reading at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County. The reading will be part of the regular service. Come and enjoy the performance!

Music: Donna Russell, piano

April 20 -- Earth Day
LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF THE EARTH
Dr. Marcia Bjornerud

In a world that is more deeply divided than ever by political and religious ideologies, there seems little hope of finding a common philosophy or set of principles to guide us through these uncertain times. Nature itself may be the only common value and the history of the Earth the only politically neutral narrative from which all nations may agree to take counsel. But more inhabitants of the Earth must learn to read ancient rock texts and strive to understand the wisdom – at once pragmatic and philosophical – embedded in the planet's own record of its past.

Marcia Bjornerud is a professor of geology and environmental studies

at Lawrence University. A structural geologist, she has studied mountain building processes. She is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and author of "Reading the Rocks: The Autobiography of the Earth."

Service Leader: Lu Schilling

Music: The Kopischke Family

April 27
TRANSITIONS: NAVIGATING THE WINDS OF CHANGE
Rev. Joan Shiels

Transitions bring both joy and fear. As the Fellowship anticipates a Big Change – moving to a bigger building – we reflect on how to navigate bumps in the road while still enjoying the ride.

Joan Shiels is UCC Assistant Minister of Hope Church in Sturgeon Bay. She is a "religious hybrid with a deep but skeptical appreciation for all of the world's religious traditions."

Service Leader: Garrett Cohn

Music: Dottie Gerrits, flute; Gerri Friedberg, piano

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Garrett U. Cohn

*(from Naples, FL—temp 72, sunny, mild
humidity daily)*

We have been in Naples for two weeks after driving from Baileys Harbor. The weather is the opposite of Door County. Snow is expected here in some other millennium! Although, it was 41 the other night—lots of grumbling!

My "Door County Authentic Gear" tee shirt attracts people from Green Bay (coming here for 15 years, for example), Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis and other Midwest locales. When I tell them this is our first visit their response is always "You will come back"—and then they add comments about their wonderful memories of Door County!

Last evening we attended UU Congregation of Greater Naples to hear Ron Miller, PhD. His topic was "Christ or Paul—who speaks for Christianity?" Ron founded Common Ground in Chicago (<http://www.cg.org>), and is an acquaintance of ours for 35 years. He speaks here annually. We are attending his lecture this afternoon "Buddha and the Ethics of Unitarianism" at Hodges University.

This congregation has over 250 members and was founded 1975 with 10-12 people. By 1976 they were granted a charter with 45 members, meeting September through May with weekly services, only occasionally in the summer. In 1979 they had graduated from a fellowship to a church. Sunday school had 7-9 children. During these early years they met in an abandoned train depot with either lay leadership or part time ministers. In 1981 they built a domed structure (with volunteer help, they say) with 85 members. The full time reverend retired and they entered into a retrenchment period, functioning as a fellowship 1984 to 1986.

In 1986 a full time minister joined them and in 1996 the "domes" were demolished as too small and a new building was constructed in 1998. They went through three interim or part time ministers until 2001 when Reverend Kathleen Damewood Korb became their fulltime minister.

Their growth is about 8 % new people per year. The Naples trading area is about 300,000 although Naples itself is about 21,000. The community looks a lot like ours with mostly retired or "mature" attendees. They have a children's RE of about 15 -20 students with a paid director, and plenty of adult classes, Circle Dinners, Social Action, and other programs. We will be attending UU Services Sunday. I will be glad to respond to any emails.

I have to reposition my chair, the sun has moved. We are missing you all.

Dollars and \$ense

Juliana Neuman, Treasurer

It's time to start thinking about our first year in a more spacious building—a momentous time in the life of the Fellowship! In April each of you will receive a letter and a pledge form requesting your generous support for the new fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2008. It will be a challenging year financially, but the rewards will be many.

Update on the capital campaign: as of mid-March we had pledges totaling \$258,000 from 63 households. Our goal is still \$270,000 and every dollar counts, so please join in if you haven't already done so!

With the pledge money already received, our cash payment will be \$120,000. We will be borrowing a total of \$390,000 from Associated Bank at 6% interest (or less, as interest rates continue to drop). \$330,000 of this loan will complete the purchase of the Windflower building and about \$60,000 covers re-financing of the mortgage balance on the Koessl building. We have the option of paying interest only on the loan for the first year, so our minimum payments will be \$1950 per month. (Our current mortgage payments are \$900/month, but we have made extra payments on the principal whenever possible and will continue to do so.) Of course, our load will lighten when the Koessl building is sold.



Hard at work and having fun! Anya and Simon Kopischke—busy learning in the UUFDC religious education classes for children.



SPRING IS HERE!

Save the Date: April 29

First Highway 42 clean-up date
Tuesday, April 29th beginning at
9:00 AM at Hansotias'
(Clubhouse at Cottage Glen).

Thanks!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
9AM
Monday, April 14th**

CHALICE LIGHTERS NEED YOU

Sarah Naber

Over 800 Unitarian Universalists in the Central Midwest District have joined forces to help their fellow congregations increase the presence of Unitarian Universalism in the district through membership growth. They are called Chalice Lighters because they share the light to ignite dreams. The program is sponsored by the district to raise money for congregations committed to membership growth. The Chalice Lighters program now raises and awards grants up to \$10,000-11,000 three times a year.

What do Chalice Lighters do?

They support congregations throughout the Central Midwest District who want to increase membership by:

- Enlarging their building space or buying land
- Increasing professional staff
- Implementing publicity programs
- Starting new congregations

How do they do it?

Chalice Lighters commit themselves to give at one of the following levels:

- Basic	\$10
- Believer	\$20
- Builder	\$50
- Benefactor	\$100
- Beacon	\$250

They donate three times a year (fall, winter, spring) to support three congregations with a mission and a plan to grow. The congregations are chosen by a district Chalice Lighters Committee through a grant application process. A congregation's financial commitment to growth, supported by a feasible plan, is the primary criterion for selection. Every congregation in the district may apply.

Why do they do it?

One donation, joined with hundreds of other donations, raises thousands of dollars each year. A connection to something greater than oneself is the satisfaction obtained by contributing.

Contact Sarah Naber to learn how you can become a Chalice Lighter.



UUA CORNER

UU Notable News

If you go to your computer and type **DUUB** into Google, you will receive entry to the **DICTIONARY OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST BIOGRAPHY**. This twenty-first century achievement of the UU Historical Society is an amazing miracle of cooperative community uniting our researchers, writers, and editors. Already hundreds of several-pages-each biographies of greater and lesser-known religious liberals are ready for you. Many are by Alan Seaburg of Tufts and Harvard. The dozens of authors include the Rev. Peter Hughes, the eminent editor of this series of articles that stretch back to the year 1500. In this series you will find not puffs of UU hagiography but true tales of our heroines and heroes with strength and weakness disclosed.

Conrad Wright's excellent bibliography of major and minor works of Unitarian Universalist history—1946-1995—is available without charge online. Just go to Google to reach *UU HISTORICAL SOCIETY* and then click on *Conrad Wright's Bibliography of UU History*. This literary service is made possible by *The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* published by the Unitarian Universalist Society.

Conrad Wright, the leading historian of liberal religion in America, is Professor *Emeritus* of Church History at Harvard. He is an *ex-officio* member of the UU Historical Society Board, which publishes the *Journal*.

A subscription accompanies your UUHS membership: Individual \$25, Household \$40 payable to: UUHS Membership Office, P.O. Box38, Duxbury, MA 02331. Herb Vetter, Minister at Large, *Emeritus*, The First Parish in Cambridge, MA.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to the following Sunday Volunteers for February.

Helene Di Iulio
Ray Di Iulio
Sheila Saperstein
Sarah Naber
Helen Taylor
Lynn Lees
Diane Daniel
Dottie Gerrits
Hanne Gault
Chuck Lauter
Phyl Mielke
Al Johnson
Rich Delcarson
Jane Delcarson
Sally Malm
Dave Vermillion
Garrett Cohn
Myrna Cohn
Gerri Friedberg



UU GALLERY ARTIST

Marilyn Hansotia

UUFDC Friend Coral Peterson will display her artwork from April 8 until May 18. A reception will follow the April 13th service from noon until 2 P.M.

“The term random painter applies to my experience and subject matter. My current range includes angels, landscapes, animals, and flowers”, said Peterson. She works in watercolor, pastels, pencils and pen and ink.

The gallery is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00-2:00 and following Sunday services.

SIT MEDITATION CHANGE

Tuesday morning Sit Meditation sessions will not be held until further notice.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Book Group

April 2, 1-3:00

The House of the Spirits

by Isabel Allende

A best seller and critical success in Europe and Latin America, *The House of the Spirits* is the magnificent epic of the Trueba family - their loves, ambitions, spiritual quests, relations with one another, and their participation in the history of their times — a history that becomes destiny and overtakes them all. While the country remains unnamed, the events are those of Chili — and the interference in its democracy by the U.S. Along with last month’s book by Malika Oufkir, it raises questions about the ability of the privileged to understand the lives of the poor and oppressed.

Host: Karen Eriksson

Karen’s condo is south of Ellison Bay: Hwy 42 N. of Sister Bay, turn left on Porcupine Bay Road (just before Shepard of the Bay Church). Right on Grasse Lane at Northbluff Condo sign. Pass the barn, turn right at the T, to unit 5C.

May 7th Book Group.

Population 485

by Michael Perry.

Host: Peggy Lott

People’s Choice Movie

April 1

MASH (Restored, uncut)

Movie 6:30; Refreshments 6:00

A world acclaimed comedy, M*A*S*H focuses on three Korean War Army surgeons brilliantly brought to life by Donald Sutherland, Tom Skerritt and Elliott Gould. Though highly skilled and deeply dedicated, they adopt a hilarious, lunatic lifestyle as an antidote to the tragedies of their Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and in the process infuriate Army bureaucrats. Robert Duvall, Gary Burghoff and Sally Kellerman co-star. 160 min

APRIL EMERSON

Marilyn Hansotia

REMEMBERING THE GREEKS will be the topic of the April 15th Emerson Cultural event presented by Door County author and playwright, Henry Timm.

“There was nothing the ancient Greeks did not poke their noses into, no experience they shunned, no problem they did not attempt to solve. Whatever we experience in our day, whatever we hope to learn, whatever we most desire, whatever we set out to find, we see the Greeks have been there before us, and we meet them on their way back.” So ends Thomas Cahill’s meditation on our Greek forefathers, *Sailing the Wine-dark Sea; why the Greeks matter*. Indeed, the Greek presence in our lives is still so relevant that new translations of their words continue to appear. In this presentation, Timm will share some “Cahill” moments from the Greek literary legacy that will show how much we share of war, reconciliation, even redemption with our ancient brothers and sisters.

Remembering the Greeks will begin at 7:30 P.M. April 15th. Tickets are available at the door for \$10, \$5 for students. A reception will follow.

The last Emerson Cultural Series event will be held May 27th featuring two Door County favorites: mezzo-soprano Cynthia Stiehl and pianist Judy Jackson performing “Songs of Scandinavia and the British Isles”.

We are again accepting HP, Lexmark, and Dell ink cartridges to purchase office sup-

CARING COMMITTEE

The Caring Committee coordinates assistance to members and friends who have a need. **Helene Di Iulio** will take the "first call" during April. If you are unable to reach Helene, previous coordinators, **Judy Wittenkeller**, **Myrna Cohn**, or **Sally Malm** will take the "second call." Please let one of them know of your needs and also the needs of others (if you have their permission). They will coordinate visits, phone calls, rides and food, send flowers and cards and just be supportive.

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LADIES LUNCHEON INVITE

St. Rosalia's Church has invited the women of the UU Fellowship to their spring luncheon and fashion show on Thursday, May 1st.

Please give your name to **Sally Malm** (854-7235) or sign up at the Fellowship. We need to give a count of women early in April.

A \$5.00 donation is accepted at the luncheon.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



- 2 Paul Schilling**
- 2 Elliot Wollman**
- 9 Jim Rutter**
- 12 Mary Mitchell**
- 12 Margot Warch**
- 19 Lu Schilling**
- 21 Sid Gault**
- 23 Lois MacKinney**
- 24 Keta Steeb**
- 29 Amanda DeWitt**
- 30 Ellie Kaage**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Thursday
10:00-2:00

or

Fridays by appointment

VISITORS

Vicki Amundson, Baileys Harbor, is a friend of Coral Peterson.

Richard & Sandra Dirks, Egg Harbor, are Methodists and friends of many UUFDC members.

Barnie Haen, Sturgeon Bay.

Roy & Charlotte Lukes from Egg Harbor are ELCA Lutherans and friends of the Warches, Sweets and many UUFDC members.

Janet & Jim McGrath, Green Bay.

"WE CARE" NOTIFICATION

"I regret to inform you that your organization's "WE CARE" collection for the past four quarters did not meet the minimum \$50.00 needed to issue a check.

Remember...the more Pick 'n Save customers with your organization's account number assigned to their card, the larger your donation!"

UUFDC MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

This could be our easiest fundraiser benefiting the Fellowship! Just sign up at Pick 'n Save with UUFDC number

872250

The Fellowship will receive a % of your receipt total-if we reach the minimum of \$50.

Please, sign up
during your next visit
to Pick 'n Save.

KUDOS

KUDOS to:

Lynn and Jeff Berger, Marilyn and Phil Hansotia, Carrie and Dave Link, Peggy Lott, Sally and Dick Malm, and Leonette Tackenberg for making early payments on the next installment of their capital campaign pledges!

Thank you all!



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March 31 — Social Responsibility Meeting **5:00 P.M.**

Sundays — 10:30 service
Mondays — Mah Jongg 1:00 P.M.

1 — *MASH* 6:00/6:30 pg. 4
 2 – Book Club at Karen Eriksson’s pg. 4

8 — Board Meeting 4:00
 14 — Religious Education Meeting 1:00
 14 — Newsletter Deadline
 15 — Emerson Cultural Series 7:30, pg. 4
 20 — Car Pool Sunday
 22 — Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner at St. Rosalia’s Church
 29 — Hwy clean-up 9 P.M. pg. 3

May 1 — St. Rosalia’s luncheon and Fashion Show pg. 5

UUFDC April Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 SRC	1 Movie	2 Book Club	3	4	5
6 SS	7 MJ	8 Board	9	10	11	12
13 SS	14 MJ RE meets Newsletter deadline	15 Emerson	16	17	18	19
20 SS Car Pool	21 MJ	22 Loaves & Fishes Din- ner	23	24	25	26
27 SS	28 MJ	29 Highway clean-up	30	1 Spring Luncheon		