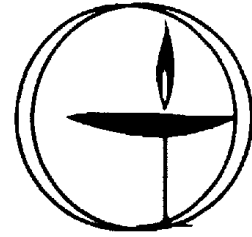


# ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



**Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church**  
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4099

Martha Lisle, *president*

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Robin Larkin, *editor*

The Alliance of Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church is an affiliate member of the church open to all interested women and men. Its purpose is to promote programs and activities of a cultural and community nature that support Unitarian Universalist principles. In furtherance of these purposes the Alliance raises its own funds and establishes its own budget.

**Alliance Day**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

**“Mobile Med's Story”**

**Robert L. Spector**, Executive Director, Mobile Medical Care, Inc. known as “MobileMed”

Bob will be speaking on the plight of the uninsured in Montgomery County and their barriers to health care. He will also present how MobileMed’s unique, community-based service delivery model is an effective strategy in combating this situation. He will share details regarding the history and the evolution of MobileMed into the non-profit organization it is today: operating a network of twenty-three no- or low-cost clinics tailored to meet the needs of specific populations of uninsured individuals throughout Montgomery County.

The clinics, 13 on fully-equipped mobile medical units and 10 in community buildings, churches, public housing complexes and medical facilities, operate at regularly scheduled times, day and evening, offering maximum flexibility to patients through appointment and walk-in services. Don't miss this presentation of how local resources are making a difference in the lives of our community!

## Hospitality Assignments for Alliance Day

*Greeters:* 11:15 Laudie Baer  
*Curb Assistant:* Earlene Green  
*Set-up:* 10:30 Delilah Foster, Edith Confehr  
11:00 Nancy Dayhoff, Barbara Gressman  
*Clean up:* Arlene Goldman, Coralie Adler  
*Tablecloths:* Andy Levchenko, Phyllis Richter  
*Beverage Table:* Norm Lauben, Beryle Lednicer

## President’s Message

I think Spring is finally here, and I am enjoying the flowers, but not the pollen. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the May luncheon. We have a June luncheon, and that is when we elect the officers for next year. The current slate lacks a candidate for Assistant Treasurer, so if you would like to put your name in for that position, please let Arlene Goldman know.

If you would like to nominate someone else, please get their permission to put his/her name in for nomination.

The slate: President: Helen Pechacek  
Vice-President: Nancy Dayhoff  
Corresponding Secretary: Terry Tretter  
Recording Secretary: Beryle Lednicer  
Treasurer: Ernie Carlson  
Assistant Treasurer:  
Nominating Committee for 2010-2011 term:  
Jean Thompson, Chair, Martha Lisle,  
Jean Schaible

Thank you to all the current officers and committee chairs for their hard work this past year. I've enjoyed working with you.

*Martha Lisle*  
Alliance President

## The Schedule for Alliance Day

**11:30 a.m.** A relaxed time for socializing.  
**12 noon.** Potluck lunch. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to serve six or eight.  
**1-2 p.m.** Business Meeting and Program

If you have signed up for a hospitality task and you find you will not be able to fulfil the assignment, please do your best to find a substitute. If you cannot find a substitute, call Terry Tretter, 301-622-3976.

## **First Friday Book Club 📖 11 a.m. Rooms 1 & 2**

Everyone is welcome!

Our book for June 5 is *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood*, by Oliver Sacks.

Dr. Sacks on *Uncle Tungsten*: “I had intended, towards the end of 1997, to write a book on aging, but then found myself flying in the opposite direction, thinking of youth, and my own partly war-dominated, partly chemistry-dominated youth, in particular, and the enormous scientific family I had grown up in. No book has caused me more pain, or given me more fun, than writing *Uncle T.*—or, finally, such a sense of coming-to-terms with life, and reconciliation and catharsis.”

Nancy Dayhoff will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

On July 3 we will discuss *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

As a young man, Jacob Jankowski was tossed by fate onto a rickety train that was home to the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. It was the early part of the great Depression, and for Jacob, now ninety, the circus world he remembers was both his salvation and a living hell. A veterinary student just shy of a degree, he was put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie.

It was there that he met Marlena, the beautiful equestrian star married to August, the charismatic but twisted animal trainer. And he met Rosie, an untrainable elephant who was the great gray hope for this third-rate traveling show. The bond that grew among this unlikely trio was one of love and trust, and, ultimately, it was their only hope for survival.

Nancy Janssen will provide refreshments. Bring your sandwich and socialize.

*Jackie Burge and Diane Wallenmeyer*

## **Alliance Bridge Every Tuesday – 10 a.m. in the Library. \$2 donation**

All Bridge players are welcome! No partner needed. Bring a sandwich and play through lunch.

## **Fourth Thursday Classic Film Series – 10:30 a.m. in the Library**

Our film on May 28 is *The Age of Innocence* (1993). Directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder, it's a film adaptation of the Edith Wharton novel. Winner of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize, *The Age of Innocence* is Wharton's portrait of desire and betrayal in Old New York. As Newland Archer prepares to marry the docile May Welland, his world is forever changed by the return of the mysterious Countess Ellen Olenska.

*Sarah Reese*

## **Social Responsibility**

I have visited two charitable organizations this past month. One is Crossway Community to which we donated \$500. This is a residential facility for single mothers and their children. The children attend the Montessori school on the premises while the mothers either attend school or work. There are parent resources, career counseling and a sense of community. Nearly 60% of those who have graduated from the program have earned or are earning college degrees and 90% of the children remain in school or have graduated.

There are ways that Alliance members can help if they choose to do so. They can donate money to purchase uniforms for the children and they can donate or lend things that they collect. The school has a small museum that brings the outside world to the children. Things like rock collections, gem collections, post cards or other articles that would interest children are needed. Persons can talk to the women about their careers so that they have an idea of what they might like to pursue.

The second, A Wider Circle, is an organization which primarily donates furniture and other household goods to persons who were homeless but now have an apartment. When considering moving, it is a good place to donate your unwanted goods. Linens, baby equipment and clothing are always needed.

*Jean Thompson*

## **Next Alliance Board Meeting: May 21, 10 a.m., Rooms 1&2**

### **June Alliance Newsletter Deadline: May 28**

Leave items for the newsletter in the church Alliance mailbox  
or e-mail to [robinlarkin@comcast.net](mailto:robinlarkin@comcast.net)  
or call 240-669-6300. Thanks!