



CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

The First Universalist Society of Central Square

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the First Universalist Society of Central Square is to be a welcoming, diverse congregation, which values spiritual growth and service to the local and world community.

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STUDENT MINISTER SNIPPET

What a beautiful day! Outside my window the leaves are still every shade of red and gold and brown, and the sky is the kind of blue that is a specialty of the region in the fall. Yesterday was different, cold and windy, and tomorrow will probably be different as well. This is Central New York where we say, "If you don't like the weather, wait a minute." Our lives are like that too, as changeable as fall weather. When life is going well, we sometimes forget that we have no guarantees that things will always go smoothly. But the same is also true when things go badly. It is good to know that the bad times end, as well. Dawn will break at the end of the darkest, stormiest night. I am always glad to see, in our church community, a group of people who care about each other and who are willing to provide shelter from the storms that we all will face, sooner or later.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we all think about hospitality. All of us, I hope, will sit at tables laden with food, surrounded by friends and family. This is also a good time to think about hospitality for those not at our tables, people who may need shelter from the storms of life. This Thanksgiving, let us all be grateful for a world which has showered us with abundance and let us also think about ways in which we may be able to make this a more hospitable world for those who need succor and comfort in life's changeable days.

Andrea Abbott

THE REV. WEISSBARD TO DISCUSS SEX EDUCATION

The Rev. David Weissbard has chosen "Beyond Innocence" for his sermon topic for the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 4. He writes, "When I was serving my first congregation, I was very involved in sex education – in the church and in the public schools. One of our opponents in the school program was the very conservative junior high school principal who insisted that 'my young ladies are protected by their innocence'. (He even went to the police to try to shut down our church school sex education program.) There is a sense in which many of us think about the up-side of innocence, forgetting that it has a down side. We'll look at all that next Sunday as we consider what lies 'Beyond Innocence'."

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE, OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thanks to Andrea Abbott, Arne Hook, Ellen LaPine, Janet Jenkins and Janie Garlow for helping with the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Sunday, October 21.

We will continue our collection of coins for Pure Water for the World and items for the Downstairs Scotty.

We plan to help Kurt and Ronna Schindler with their annual Christmas dinner project.

The date and time of the meeting in November is to be announced.

Nancy Hallock, chairperson

(Editor's note: Nancy deserves to be thanked, too, for leading the Adopt-a-Highway pickup effort.)

GREEN MINUTE: BIRD FRIENDLY COFFEE

Many of the colorful songbirds that are just now leaving us for the winter, including warblers, tanagers, orioles and grosbeaks, will spend the next five months in and around shade-coffee plantations in Mexico and Central and South America. But only if the birds can find them. Shade-coffee plantations that grow coffee under a natural forest canopy are increasingly being deforested, leaving North American migrants with fewer places to spend the winter.

Turn your package of coffee around and see if it tells you one or more of the following:

Sun-grown. Most coffee grown at an industrial scale is grown under full sun. Acres of coffee bushes planted in hedge-like rows are sustained by fertilizers, pesticides and irrigation. If a coffee brand bears no labels at all, it is likely produced with these methods.

Shade-grown. Often appearing on specialty coffees, but this designation is not regulated. This type of coffee can be grown among sparse trees on farms that lack diverse forest structure.

Fair Trade. Inspired by humanitarian concerns, Fair Trade labeling helps to ensure that the workers on coffee farms get paid fairly for the work they do. The higher prices that Fair Trade products earn help provide an alternative to the price leverage that large coffee buyers can wield. A Fair Trade label does not automatically indicate that any environmentally friendly practices were followed.

Rainforest Alliance. The most popular environmentally friendly certification for coffee as well as for tea, cocoa and fruits. It requires alternatives to chemical and pesticide use, erosion control, restricted water use, and ecosystem management efforts. Because Rainforest Alliance develops standards for a wide range of farms, its shade-cover requirements are not as demanding as Bird Friendly coffee.

Organic. Certified organic coffee is grown without most synthetic pesticides and fertilizers and is fairly sustainable. Because of coffee's growth requirements, it's likely that organic coffee has been grown under some kind of shade but that shade may be from other crops or non-native, heavily pruned trees that provide substantially less habitat for birds.

Bird Friendly. Certified by scientists from the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, this coffee is organic and meets strict requirements for both the amount of shade and the type of forest in which the coffee is grown. Bird Friendly coffee farms are places where forest canopy and working farm merge into a single habitat.

Ellen LaPine

Social Justice Subcommittee, Outreach Committee

LATEST BOOK CLUB SELECTION NOW AVAILABLE

You may purchase the Book Club's latest selection, "Hard Times" by Charles Dickens, for \$3.75 at the church.

The club will discuss the book when it meets at noon on Sunday, December 2.

Nancy Hallock

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

**UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote acceptance of one another
and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.**

WINDOW RESTORATION TO BEGIN SOON

Steve Garlow, a member of the Administration Committee, informed the Executive Board at its regular monthly meeting on Sunday morning, October 28, that Edward Dehors expects to begin work early in November to restore the large stained-glass window on the west side of the church sanctuary.

Members of the Executive Board agreed at their September 23 meeting to have Mr. Dehors carry out the restoration at a cost of \$5,800.

Mr. Dehors restored the large stained-glass window on the east side of the sanctuary several years ago. The Executive Board also voted to renew its insurance policy with Church Mutual.

Vice President Winfield Ihlw said that the fire drill conducted just before the worship service on Sunday, September 23, had gone well. The Executive Board plans to conduct another fire drill in the spring as part of its implementation of its recently adopted church safety policy.

Members of the Executive Board voted to express their gratitude to Adopt-a-Highway volunteers Nancy Hallock, Andrea Abbott, Arnold Hook, Ellen LaPine, Janet Jenkins and Mary Jane Garlow and to church clean-up day volunteers Andrea Abbott, Chester Perkins and Arnold Hook.

Andrea Abbott, student minister, reported that both her classes at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and her supervised ministry at Immanuel Baptist Church in Rochester were going well.

In discussing the possible expansion of pastoral care, Executive Board members agreed to make a sign-up sheet available for anyone who might volunteer to participate in such a program.

Kurt Schindler told the Executive Board that he and his wife, Ronna, had attended the New York State Convention of Universalists meeting in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, October 13, as delegates. The Rev. Margaret Hart, also a delegate, was unable to attend.

The Executive Board voted to grant permission to Kurt and Ronna Schindler to use the church kitchen and dining room for their annual Christmas Day dinner. Members of the Outreach Committee plan to assist the Schindlers.

President Robert Haskell reported that he had granted Project Bloom permission to hold its annual holiday party in the church from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. The Outreach Committee participates in a Project Bloom activity each year.

He also said that he had granted permission to Meg Barney to use the church kitchen and dining room for a family holiday party for 16 family members, including her parents, Sheila and Robert Emborski, on Saturday, December 8.

The Board was reminded that Ann Peterson and the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard will lead a workshop, "What If ... Explorations," in the church from 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 3.

MUSIC NOTES

I am looking forward to having many voices for our choir this year! If you currently sing, sang when you were in school, sing in the car or shower, or just sing in your head, I would LOVE to have you add your voice to the choir. The choir will be having monthly rehearsals on the second Saturday of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. We will be preparing anthems as well as new hymns for upcoming services. Our next rehearsal will be on November 10. See you there!

I am trying to provide a variety of music and instruments for our music program each week, as well as a variety of performers. So anyone who plays an instrument is always welcome to share his or her talents during the church service. Please let me know if you have anything you would like to play and I will make sure to work you into the music schedule! You can contact me via e-mail during the week at leighmus@twcny.rr.com.

Leigh Parry-Benedict
Music coordinator

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD

Thanks to everyone who has put loose change in the collection plate each Sunday week after week. Keep up the good work. We are well on our way to purchasing a third water filter for Haiti through Pure Water for the World. It goes to show that a little bit can go a long way in helping make the world a better place.

Briefly, Pure Water for the World is a non-profit organization that works in remote and underserved regions of developing countries that lack sustainable clean, safe drinking water. The organization works with local governments and community partners to analyze the appropriate technology for the community and to implement cost-effective solutions.

Pure Water emphasizes education as a critical component of any program trying to provide clean, safe drinking water. Pure Water also provides hygiene and sanitation education, parasitic treatment and follow-up monitoring. In order to create jobs in-country Pure Water builds concrete filters at each project site where they are used. In Haiti, where we have chosen to donate the filters, the filter factory employs 30 Haitians, many of whom did not have a decent job before. Pure Water also has developed a plastic filter that can be transported more easily to the rural population and can be made in-country on a portable molding machine. Besides slow sand filters for individuals and community-based sand filters, Pure Water has also done solar pasteurization, and is setting up a rainwater harvesting program.

In early 2008, two years before a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti, Pure Water began a campaign to save Haiti from a disaster that strikes that country every single day. Pure Water notes that only 58 percent of Haitians have access to clean water and only 19 percent have access to good sanitation. More than 50 percent of the hospital beds in Haiti are occupied by patients suffering from the effects of waterborne bacteria or parasites. Waterborne disease is the second most common cause of death in Haitian children under 5 years of age. Pure Water claims that since 2008 it has provided its package of services to more than 1,200 schools and more than 350,000 Haitian beneficiaries.

Thank you for your help with this project. Our small church community is truly making a big difference.
"The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one." Mahatma Gandhi
The Outreach Committee

THE DOWNSTAIRS SCOTTY REMAINS OPEN

There have been rumors of the Downstairs Scotty closing at St. Michael's Church Parish Center, 592 South Main Street, Central Square. That is it; they are just rumors. Some very unfriendly things were put on Facebook and they are simply not true.

I visited the Scotty last week and it was as busy as usual. Someone was delivering some beautiful fresh vegetables and there were families to sign up for food. The Scotty will continue to sell clothing and other small donations for a nominal price to help support the food donation program. The staff has done some reorganizing and the Scotty does have a fresher look.

The Scotty will now be open on Tuesdays instead of Mondays. This will give the staff an extra day to sort out the donations that come in over the weekend. If, however, there is anyone at the church, he or she is generally happy to accept any donations.

Ann Peterson

RETURN THOSE BOTTLES

You may continue to help the environment and make money for the Outreach Committee by leaving your returnable bottles in a barrel that stands next to the entrance to the church kitchen.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

TWO NOTES FROM A FORMER MINISTER

Early in October Bob Haskell received two e-mail messages from Robert MacPherson, who lives with his wife Ann in Arden, North Carolina, and who is a regular reader of this newsletter.

On October 6, he wrote:

“Dear Bob Haskell,

“Just for the record, I served as minister in Central Square 1963-1966. I resigned to complete a Ph.D. at Syracuse University.

“Our family felt accepted as part of the church family. Our boys, Owen and Ralph, loved the Sunday School. I had made myself an administrator of the Choir in which I loved to sing. We never missed a Sunday until time to move on after completing the degree.

“I joined the VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg, FL, as an audiologist-speech pathologist.

“Three years later I was given an opportunity by Washington to go to Asheville to develop a new speech and hearing program at the new VA Medical Center. We found the UU Fellowship in West Asheville and joined ASAP. The church dedicated a new building in 1972 and my Ann was co chair of the building dedication.

We have continued to be active in a church that enjoyed remarkable growth, to 699+ certified members.

“Let me close with a ‘little secret’. I have used your contribution totals to the UUA to spur the Asheville ‘per capita’. You deserve great credit!

“Cheers!

“Bob”

On October 7, he wrote after Bob Haskell asked if he could print the first e-mail in this newsletter:

“Bob,

“Thanks for your interest. I am just so proud of what Central Square is doing. The news coverage when you tackled the evangelicals on Gay Rights received coverage beyond CS. A school teacher who recited her marriage vows to me in Auburn, Maine, has kept in touch all these years, now lives in Cincinnati. Her family in Auburn, Maine, sent her a clipping with a picture of 1st Universalist and a banner proclaiming Love! It is a smaller world than we can perceive. Who says bad news is the only transferable commodity!

“Best to all!

“Bob”

The address for Robert and Ann is 2533 Hendersonville Road, Apartment 309, Arden, NC 28704-9580

VIDEO DISCUSSION GROUP

The Video Discussion Group will view “The One Percent Court” when it meets in the Goettel Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 2.

In this episode from the PBS program “Moyers & Company,” “The Nation” editor Katrina vanden Heuvel and Jamie Raskin, constitutional law professor and Maryland state senator, join Bill Moyers to discuss how the uncontested power of the Supreme Court is changing our elections, our country, and our lives. The two recently joined forces for a special issue of “The Nation” entitled “The One Percent Court.”

Moyers also talks with Craig Unger, author of “Boss Rove: Inside Karl Rove’s Secret Kingdom of Power,” about Rove’s behind-the-scenes maneuvering to once again affect the outcome of a presidential election.

The video group plans to have supper at the Akropolis Restaurant on Route 11 just north of Central Square at 5:30 p.m. on the same day. Please let Janie Garlow know via e-mail at mjgarlow@aol.com or via telephone at 315-436-2238 by Thursday, November 1, if you plan to attend the supper so that she may make a reservation.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The children had a great time at the Apple Festival. The weather may have been cold and wet, but smiling children creating their own rattles and making “music” were enough to warm us all.

November offers a time to reflect on what we are thankful for. We will be creating our own thankful banners, celebrating Diwali as we light our paths to learning, and designing our individual chalices as we also begin our intergenerational weaving of blessing and joys. This weaving will hang in the religious education wing, and everyone will be invited to continue its creation.

Ronna Schindler, Religious Education Committee chairperson and older children’s teacher

WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3

Ann Peterson and the Rev. Libbie D. Stoddard will lead a workshop, “What If ... Explorations,” on Saturday, November 3. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and end at about 2 p.m. Each participant is asked to bring his or her own lunch, and a favorite pen or pencil. The workshop is limited to 12 participants.

DRUM CIRCLE IS OPEN TO ALL

Our next Drum Circle will be held from 6 to 8-ish p.m. on Friday, November 9.

We have a solid core of drummers who never miss our Drum Circle. Some are experienced in some African rhythms. Others introduce Middle Eastern rhythms. This Circle is free and open to anyone in the community.

Ann Peterson

COFFEE AND CHAT TO MEET A WEEK EARLIER

Women and men of the church will gather for Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread on Route 31 in Clay at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14. This date is a week earlier than normal because of Thanksgiving.

All are welcome to join in casual conversation and to enjoy coffee or tea and other goodies.

For more information about the group, you may contact Nancy Haskell or Chet Perkins. Everyone is invited to attend.

FAIR SHARE APPEAL

The Fair Share is the amount of the contribution our congregation is asked to give each fiscal year to

the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) and its St. Lawrence District (SLD).

These contributions finance programs, services and resources that directly benefit and strengthen our congregation and the Unitarian Universalist movement as a whole.

Fair Share is based upon the number of members a congregation certified for the UUA General Assembly the previous February. This year’s combined Fair Share contribution is expected to be about \$75 per member.

Our congregation has a line item in our budget, which covers \$2,000 of our contribution. Each year we try to pay our Fair Share in full. We make the first part of our contribution during December.

We are asking members if they are able to do so to write a check for \$75 payable to the church and to designate “Fair Share” in the memo. This would help us reach our goal. For more information, you may contact Marcia Burrell-Ihlow or Cara Lajewski.

CHURCH WEB SITE/FACEBOOK PAGE

Please remember the church Web site at <http://www.centalsquareuu.com/> and the church Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/UU-Central-Square/199139743511564>. You can also reach the Facebook page by clicking on the Facebook link at the Web site.

To see the posts on the Facebook page, you have to click on “Most Recent Posts By Others” and “See All.” To view the church’s electronic calendar, just click on “Calendar” at the church Web site or click on “About” and then on “Products” on the Facebook page.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

PRESIDENTIAL REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

I believe that the recent findings made in cosmology, geology, biology and other related sciences must play a greater role in religion today. These findings paint quite different pictures of the world than the ones sketched centuries and centuries ago but still embraced by many people today. What are some of these relatively recent findings? In cosmology and geology, it has been determined that the Universe is about 13.7 billion years old, that Earth is about 4.5 billion years old, that there are billions of stars in our Milky Way galaxy and billions of galaxies in the Universe, that Earth is not flat, and that Earth revolves around the sun, not vice-versa. In biology and geology, it has been determined that today's creatures, including humans, have descended with modification from earlier creatures and that all of today's creatures, including humans, are related in various ways. The evidence for these latter determinations has continued to grow with the passing years.

Now I understand that some or all of these determinations are not pleasing – in fact, are terribly upsetting – to many people. Such people view traditional teachings and beliefs as the bedrock upon which they find meaning in life, upon which they both endure its hardships and experience its joys. It is certainly not my desire to disrupt such lives. But for other people, I must say that I find that the pictures painted by today's sciences to be far more astonishing, amazing and thrilling than those painted centuries ago. The findings of these sciences are the result of empiricism, observation, experimentation and reasoning by dedicated human beings over the past few hundred years. Can such modern pictures of our Earth and our Universe change? Yes, they may change as scientists discover more and more about each. For instance, some scientists think that our Universe may be only one of many.

It is my feeling that it is far better and more honest to face up to the world as it really is -- the good, the bad, the ugly -- than to shun such reality. For instance, is there not more integrity in telling people that their suffering is a part of life and not something inflicted upon them by a higher power for some "sin" they might have been accused of committing? Is the latter not the literal story of Adam and Eve, a literal story still accepted by many? But why continue to study aspects of a world view that is no longer found to be true? Is religion not doing a disservice to humanity by doing so?

Will the sciences be the only basis for finding truth in this new world view? Of course not. Art, music, prose, poetry, drama and history still have much to tell us. Will ethics and morals be lost in this new world view? No! But they will be better based upon what has been found to be true about today's world. Will there be a place for compassion? Yes! Will life have meaning? Yes, but it will be up to each person to provide such meaning.

Will individuals and their sense of community be lost? No. As the Rev. David Bumbaugh said in a sermon, "The Vines Across the Road," in our church on November 1, 2009, "... we share an underlying theological conviction that what is of central importance is how we live together as children of the same great love, how we journey together in the great adventure which is life, how we acquit our responsibility to each other and how we express our trust in each other. As a religious people, we are focused on this world and our responsibility to create here a community in which the human spirit can be nurtured and sustained."

Concerning our liberal church, I thought, "Maybe we should try to turn our public image on its head. Instead of being known as 'the church with the questions', we should stress that we are 'the church with the answers'. Or perhaps more accurately: 'We are the church with provisional answers to most of your questions'."

I have no doubt that many Unitarian Universalist and other liberal congregations across the country have adopted what I am proposing here. It would not surprise me that their members would view my thoughts both as naive and behind the times. Of course, they are right. But many other religious bodies have not adopted what I am proposing. I believe that the adoption of such proposal is the way to go.

Why do I write this? Because as I near the end of my life one of my big concerns is that many if not most people are being continually fed half-truths and distractions – not only in religion but also in some other sectors of society, especially politics – that keep them from emerging from intellectual darkness and reaching their and society's full potential and chances of survival.

I must point out that these are my own personal views; I am not sure they reflect the views of anyone in our congregation.

Bob

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against the idolatries of the mind and spirit.

The living tradition which Unitarian Universalists share draws from many sources, including spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

CHANTING AND MEDITATION

Anyone who is interested in chanting and meditation is invited to contact Tim Hart via e-mail at timhart@a-znet.com or via telephone at 315-439-2541.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

2 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group to view “The One Percent Court” when it meets in the Goettel Room.
3 – 10 a.m. to about 2 p.m., Religious education adult workshop, “What If ... Explorations.”
4 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. David Weissbard. Sermon topic: “Beyond Innocence.” Random Acts of Kindness Sunday. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which you are asked by the Outreach Committee’s Social Justice Subcommittee to bring magazines to the church dining room so that you may exchange them for others. Nancy Hallock, committee chairperson, will continue the recycling process by passing on any magazines that are left to the Public Safety Building Jail in Syracuse every two or three months.
9 – 6 until 8’ish p.m., Drum Circle.
10 – 9:30 to 11 a.m., Monthly choir practice in the sanctuary.
11 – 9 a.m., Spiritual Committee. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott. 10:50 a.m., Religious education. This is the once-a-month Sunday on which everyone is asked by the Outreach Committee’s Social Justice Subcommittee to donate food items for our Downstairs Scotty, which later will be taken by Ann Peterson to the Downstairs Scotty thrift shop and food pantry at St. Michael’s Church Parish Center, 592 South Main Street, Central Square.
14 – 9:30 a.m., Coffee and Chat at Panera Bread, Route 31, Clay.
16 – 5:30 p.m., Supper at the Akropolis restaurant. 7 p.m., Video Discussion Group meets in the Goettel Room.
18 – 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 9:45 a.m., Religious Education Committee . 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by the Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams. 10:50 a.m., Religious education.
22 – Thanksgiving Day.
25 – 9 a.m., Executive Board. 9:30 a.m., Choir practice. 10:30 a.m., Worship service led by Andrea Abbott. 10:50 a.m., Religious education.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Random Acts of Kindness is our congregation’s program to financially assist those in need, whether church members/friends or people in the wider community. Finances are provided by the congregation through a special once-a-month offering, normally on the first Sunday of each month. Random Acts of Kindness envelopes are found on the back of the pews. The next Random Acts of Kindness will be observed on Sunday, November 4. The fund is administered by Andrea Abbott and Executive Board members.

“LEANING AGAINST THE WIND”

Our church has copies of the Rev. Max Coots’s book, “Leaning Against the Wind,” for sale. All you have to do is give Marcia Burrell-Ihlow or Bob Haskell a check or cash totaling \$13.

Please have articles for the next newsletter to Bob Haskell by no later than NOON on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28. Bob would be grateful if everyone would not wait until the last minute to submit articles. His e-mail address is rhaskell@twcny.rr.com. His postal address is 29 Grove Street, Baldwinsville, NY 13027-2332. His telephone number is 315-635-5294.