

## SERVICE ANIMALS EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Wednesday evening, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8:30 p.m., the Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth (840 Sandwich Rd.) is sponsoring an educational forum for all who are interested in service animals, the laws regarding them, and recent changes in the laws. Everyone is welcome.

## OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

### Meet for Breakfast/Coffee: June 6<sup>th</sup>

We have reserved tables at the Falmouth Grille (formerly Hearth and Kettle) for Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. Please join us if you can.

### Next NF Board Meeting: June 16<sup>th</sup>

NF Board of Directors will meet at 2:00, Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in the Falmouth Hospital Board Room. Welcome to new board members Anne Dewees, Janet Simons Folger, Dick Kendall, Marie Liska, Bobbie Miner, Cathy Norton, and Mary Webb!

### Meet for Lunch: June 22<sup>nd</sup>

We are reserving tables at the Coonamessett Inn for 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the office to reserve a seat or, if you find you can attend at the last minute, just come. We'll simply add another chair.

### NF Book Club

NF Book Club meets once a month. If you'd like to join us, please call the office for date and location.

## NF ANNUAL FUND

The 2011 annual appeal letters were mailed last week to a long list, including members. Please know that we value your membership above all, but contributions are welcome!



**Anne Nelson, NF Member**

Born a few years before the stock market crash of 1929 and raised in Philadelphia, Anne Nelson recalls with admiration her own mother's interest in issues of social justice and racial equality. Those same interests and a determination to work toward world peace have guided Anne Nelson's life from the time she was student at Girls' High and Temple University to the present day. Her introduction to Woods Hole when still a teenager added a unique filter to her world outlook, providing opportunities to interact with a diverse community of scientists and others from around the globe.

Anne recalls, at the age of 13, standing with other youth activists on the White House lawn. Eleanor Roosevelt had prevailed upon her husband to address the assembled crowd, who had come to Washington seeking job opportunities for youth. FDR's response of, "Why do you stand there in the rain?" became a Woody Guthrie song.

At the age of 16, Anne was hired to work one summer for the F.R. Lillie family, in their Woods Hole Gardiner Road home. She supervised the grandchildren when they went swimming. She also served as a driver, taking the housekeeper to Falmouth to shop and collecting Mrs. Lillie at St. Joseph's on Millfield Street after daily mass.

Anne married Leonard Nelson, a graduate student at MBL, in 1943. While he served in Europe during WWII, she was employed by the National Maritime Union as a dispatcher for the Port of Philadelphia. Her job was to supply crews for tankers and freighters, which joined convoys on “cold runs”—bound for Murmansk—or “warm runs”—bound for South America. She was not popular, she says, because the dispatcher was always blamed for any deficiencies or problems associated with a given ship. Her husband, who occasionally asked merchant seamen arriving in Europe from the Port of Philadelphia for news of her, invariably got bad reports about “Shanghai Annie.”

After the birth of daughter Pamela in Buffalo in 1948, Anne traveled by airplane with her father and the six-week-old infant to Lincoln, Nebraska, to join her husband, an instructor at the University of Nebraska. In 1956, they moved to Chicago, where her husband had an appointment at the University. It was in Chicago that she first joined Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), interested primarily in its local commitment to better race relations.

She maintained her connection with WILPF during their years in Atlanta (1960-67). At her very first meeting, two new members were introduced, Anne Nelson and Coretta Scott King. The two new members occasionally chatted on the phone during that turbulent era and also saw each other in later years at conferences. “If Coretta was the speaker, she would leave her coat and bag with me,” Anne recalls. In 1968, they joined 5,000 other women for the Jeannette Rankin Brigade Peace March on Washington. At one point during the day, Mrs. King asked Anne to stand by with her while she called from a pay phone to check in on her husband, who was at home babysitting their four children as well as those of Ralph Abernathy.

During a year spent in Washington, D.C., Anne regularly observed meetings of a Senate Subcommittee (Employment, Manpower, and Poverty) of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources. Dressed “properly” and carrying a briefcase, she was never challenged on arrival.

Winters were spent in Toledo, Ohio, from 1969 until 2001, although there were sabbaticals abroad in Cambridge, Dijon, Geneva, and Naples. Anne turned her principal attention to WILPF nationally

and internationally in 1971 when she was elected to the organization’s national board. From 1983-89, she was the U.S. member of the WILPF International Executive Committee. Over the years she attended international meetings of WILPF in England, Paris, Tokyo, Havana, Moscow, and Sydney, as well as Zeist, The Netherlands; Gothenburg, Sweden; and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. There is at least one adventure story associated with each destination. In 1983, she traveled to Moscow from Naples to attend an international Women’s Exchange. Flying first from Naples to Milan, she was not permitted aboard the Alitalia plane to Moscow because she could not produce her visa, which the American group was holding for her in Moscow. After a 3-day delay, she was given another visa and flew on Austrian airlines to the crowded Moscow airport. Her group produced the visa they had been holding for her, and then there was the problem of explaining why one person had two visas. Arriving at last at the conference, she was embarrassed when cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova interrupted the proceedings to say, “Anne, where have you been?”

After her husband’s death in 1999, Anne moved to Falmouth in 2001. In addition to serving as president of the Woods Hole Woman’s Club and regularly attending senior exercise classes, she has occasionally attended meetings of the Cape Cod WILPF branch. She joined two reading groups, particularly enjoying a multiracial “rainbow” group that met for a time in Falmouth. She is proud to be a member of Neighborhood Falmouth, an organization she sees as “important” and that she believes is making a significant contribution to the betterment of seniors in our community.

### **NF/SENIOR DISCOUNTS**

Falmouth Taxi Company: 25% discount to Falmouth Seniors. Be sure to ask for the discount if you use their service.

Eastman/Ace Hardware: 10% discount to members of NF on most full priced items and available every day.

Windfall Market: 5% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Family Foods: 10% Senior discount every Wednesday (no deli items or alcohol).

Mahoney’s Garden Center: 10% Senior discount every Wednesday.

Dunkin’ Donuts: 10% any time—you have to ask.