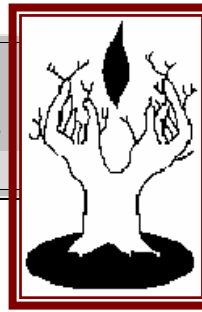


UUMAC Encore

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Today

7:00

Breakfast

8:30

*Closing Ceremony
& Goodbyes*

10:30 *Check out*

*(Dorms)
Hand in
UUMAC
evaluations*

12:00 noon *Be*

on the road

The source for the image in Drex Andrex' watercolor of the red barn with the fiddler and the dancer is Tom Waits' "Murder in the Red Barn" from "The Bone Machine" album.

Cheers, Drex

This year is the seventh year that my family and I have attended UUMAC. As expected, it has been a fabulous week with activities bursting at the

Dear Friends,

It was an honor and privilege to serve as your President for the last two years. I very much enjoyed attending the "UUMAC Learn-By-Doing School of Leadership", learning the nuances of Board work while having the pleasure of visiting regularly with fellow UUMACers. Thank you for your patience and support. See you at UUMAC '08!

Bill Stratton
UUMAC '07 President

Ya'll come back, you hear?

Thank-you all for being so wonderful! This is one of my favorite places in the whole world—my Brigadoon, my Camelot, really, a model for the way we could do it, if only we could figure out how to maintain our UUMAC-ness out there.

It's been a good time creating this newsletter and watching you read your words and those of your friends and family.

Editor Tara

Answers for the Scavenger Hunt Quiz

Went to the first Woodstock—Selma, Bill Slezak and Pete Leary
Mowed a labyrinth in their backyard—Lisa Ward
Made a fused glass necklace—Susie and others
Has three or more children—Andrea and others
Rafted down the Colorado River—Susie and others
Sang with the lead singer of Sweet Honey in the Rock—Zoe
Sang "On top of Spaghetti" on the Bozo show—Terri
Went to a nude beach—Tara, Jo, Carol, Shari (et al.?)
Photographed Nelson Mandela and Bill Clinton—Lily
From Maryland—Lots of people

Korean certified 3rd degree black belt—Ann Andrex
Flew a private plane—Karen Scrivo
Has gone skydiving—Kathy Clay, Robin, Inge
From New York—Lots of people
Immigrated from Germany as a child—Inge, Doris Pickett
Went to the Mayan ruins—Vicki
Was a spy in West Berlin, Germany—Drex
Visited another UUMACer in South Africa—Ricki and Bill
Went to General Assembly—Lots of people
Wrote a bill that became a law—Colleen (C. you have a fan who notes that it was you who wrote the bill to extend hospital stays for new mothers), Gene
Is currently a practicing Catholic—Mike Collier
Went on a cruise with Rosie O'Donnell—Priscilla, Alix
Was a competitive body builder—Nina
Saved two lives using the Heimlich maneuver—Katherine, Donna
Was stuck in Romania for a week with no money--Jim
From New Jersey—Lots of people
Went to high school with George W. Bush—Jim Paoletti
Had the Chiffons and Rascals play at their high school prom—Kay
Rode on a nuclear submarine—Lee
Worked in an oil refinery and a steel mill—Lynn
From Pennsylvania—Lots of people
Traveled through Europe alone for 3 months--?
First time at UUMAC--????????????????????????????????
Lived in a town called ZorZor—Kevin Miller

Auction Update

Many thanks again to all the wonderful elves and their help for the auction, to the donators who helped us have things to bid on, and to those who are willing to spend little and big dollars for the scholarship fund.

seams. The only thing missing was our son, Montana. He was chosen as a delegate from the Washington, D.C. area to take part in a program called Children's International Summer Villages (CISV). Montana is spending 4 weeks in Mexico City with children from eleven other countries. Each delegation consists of 2 boys and 2 girls (aged 11) and their leader. Together, these children are learning about each other's countries and sharing in peace making activities. Although I miss Montana incredibly, I am extremely proud of him for taking on such a venture and I look forward to sharing pictures and stories of his journey. Just As I cherish my UUMAC friendships and memories, these will be memories that Montana will cherish for a lifetime.

Carla Monardes

This year we made about \$17 more than last year, with a total of \$3933.

Thanks! Diane Kraus

p.s. A special thanks to our master of ceremonies (brow-beater extraordinaire) Ed Crowley.

The mystery of Tweens

“Kidnapping, brainwashing, crime scene investigations, apprehending someone bent on destruction” You call those family values? Well, sort of. You see, the Tweens were on a quest all week to find out ‘Who Dun it.’ Apparently an agent of the ultra-secret organization “Frivolous Usage Zealot Zappers” or F.U.Z.Z. was compromised by the terrible forces of W.A.S.T.E. or: Wealthy Active Squanderers of The Environment.

Clues leading to the apprehension of a kidnapped and brainwashed member of the UUMAC community include:

- The one in charge knows me well, but my cover is so deep even he can't tell!
- Come Along Raucous Little Actors, sleuthing means considering all factors!
- First things first as I say, acronyms might give me away!
- One of you is closer to me than you know, we both live on lady bug row.

Do you know who it is? But how to get find out what a brainwashed person knows? More clues:

- What they've done to me is just plain wrong, the only cure is to sing that horrid song
- Actions will be needed as well, if you want to break the spell.
- A score and five must all sing along, any other number would just be wrong.
- You'll have to pick a public hangout, to show your handle and your spout.

Sound difficult? How about unraveling the plot to end UUMAC forever?

- Cursed Tweens you're on to me, you'll never guess who I may be.
- And what of my plot to destroy UUMAC, after Friday you will never come back.
- Have you figured out showcase is the key and the plot involves just one family?
- The weakness of UMMAC, I know, is to silence these two - a fatal blow.
- It will be like music to my ears, to destroy UUMAC after all these years.
- No more of that cursed blob game, no music or showcase I think it's lame!

If you were at showcase on Friday you probably know who the family the Tween's had to protect was.

The first letter to the Tweens, given to them on Monday by F.U.Z.Z. is on the last page.

Whew! That was close. Thanks to all the Tweens for saving UUMAC. W.A.S.T.E. I.N.K.¹

Hello Frivolous Usage Zealot Zappers,

As you know, there will be a discussion of ‘UU Family Values’ this year at UUMAC which we have decided must be stopped at all costs. We have already kidnapped someone going to UUMAC, brainwashed them to be an undercover agent for WASTE (Wealthy Active Squanderers of The Environment), and returned them to their so called ‘normal life.’ But as you know, WASTE has sworn to encourage over-consumption, greed and gluttony everywhere to ensure that no one is happy with what they have or who they are – so we must stop UUMAC forever!!!!

Our plot is so devious that we know you will never guess who we have under our complete control. But, at the appropriate time and place we will trigger them to unleash something that will wipe out UUMAC and their cursed UU Family Values once and for all!

Your only hope, and it's a slim one, is to go to undercover agent, we will be watching your every move. And then you, and everyone at UUMAC

¹International Network of Knuckleheads

the Tween Group and play our “catch them if we will know because, through our brainwashed

will be sorry you didn't play our game.

Let the game begin.

UUMAC '08 meets July 20 - 26, 2008

Mark your calendars! Rev. Mary Katherine Morn and her husband Dr. John Rakestraw will present *"To Be is To Become: Process Philosophy for Spiritual Practice and Faithful Action"*.

Our Minister of the Week will be Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst. See the "27th Annual UUMAC Summer Institute" one page flyer for details.

