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Tenants to the rescue

■ Resident groups at First Universalist Church stage a show to replace a furnace.

WOONSOCKET — Food, entertainment and an auction are on the program for “Under One Roof,” a fund-raiser slated for Dec. 6 at the First Universalist Church, 78 Earle St.

The event is a collaborative project of the arts and community organizations housed in the church building — all under one roof. Proceeds will go toward replacing the building’s 80-year-old furnace.

Members of Theatre Works have lined up an evening of entertainment, beginning with a gala cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres, cash bar and soft drinks will be available in the Grey Room along with a silent auction.

A performance of “The Gin Game” will begin at 8 p.m., featuring Mark and Connie Anderson as Weller Martin and Fonsia Dorsey, two seniors living at the Bentley Retirement Home. Strangers at first, they learn about each other while playing gin rummy and sharing stories that are often humorous, sometimes bittersweet.

During intermission, coffee and desserts will be served in the Grey Room. The evening will wind down in the chapel as Theatre Works performs a short holiday cabaret. Featured singers are Greg Bonin, Kathy Donahue along with Josh Smith, Andrea Grondines, Lisa Forsgard and Chris Kibbe.

The cost for this special event is \$50 for the entire evening, \$25 for the cocktail party and auction, or \$25 for the show-only portion of the evening. Seating for the show is

limited to 150 persons. For reservations, call the church at (401) 762-3314, option 1.

Along with Theatre Works and the church, tenants are the American/French Genealogical Society, Center for Arts and Spirituality, Adopt-A-Family and the First Universalist Seniors. Many other groups in northern Rhode Island use this space throughout the year as well.

Representatives of these organizations serve on the “Under One Roof” committee. Connie Anderson heads the committee, and members are Sandy Beaudry, Frances Schooley, Pat Bouldry, Beverly Dubois, Sandy Soares, Aimie Benko and Roger Beaudry.

Donations are also being accepted for the project from persons unable to attend the fund-raiser. Make checks payable to the First Universalist Church and mail to P.O. Box 830, Woonsocket, RI, 02895.



Submitted photo
‘UNDER ONE ROOF’ entertainers will include, from left, front, Connie Anderson and Kathy Donahue; back, Mark Anderson and Greg Bonin.