

ROMA BIANCO

On April 10 we lost one of our dear friends of many years - Roma Bianco of Merrick, Long Island. Roma was a familiar and welcome sight - along with her sister Neva - at Georgist dinners and conferences, receiving and registering guests. She volunteered in many ways for the Henry George School and the Henry George Institute. A teacher of the correspondence courses, she kept up this activity right up to her death, with Neva now carrying on. (Neva is also on the HGI Board.) The sisters were active in the School's alumni organization S.A.G.E. (Society for the Advancement of the George Economy) and edited its paper Sage's Pages.

Both were also members of New York's Community Church, exerting Georgist influence there (along with their good friend Mabel L. Rees). When they moved from Brooklyn to Long Island, they attended the South Nassau Unitarian Church. On April 21, a memorial service was given for Roma at this church, and a eulogy was read by Rev. Nannene Wright Gowdy, which concluded: "In parting we commit ourselves to remember the life of Roma Bianco. We are glad that she lived, that we saw her face, knew her friendship and walked the way of life with her. We deeply cherish the memory of her words and deeds and character. In love we remember her companionship, her kindly ways. And thinking of her in this manner, let us go in quietness of spirit and live in charity, one with the other"... We say "Amen" to that.