

January 21, 2005

**Dear Mrs. Powell:**

During the past four years, the AAFSW has come to admire and respect you and to appreciate your volunteer involvement in many organizations, including the Red Cross and the Board of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. As you have said and as the AAFSW also believes, even if times have changed and we must adapt, the need for volunteer work still exists. Given your many commitments and the great demands on your time, we especially appreciate your willingness to support the AAFSW as well.

The cultural uniqueness of American volunteerism is one we all recognize. It makes a tremendous difference when the spouse of the Secretary of State becomes involved as you first did when you very kindly agreed to be our Honorary President. We regretted that the fund-raising gala event for the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Overseas never took place because 9/11 intervened. Nevertheless, we were very pleased that you were willing to serve as the Honorary Patron for the event. The American Foreign Service Association and the AAFSW were both delighted when you agreed to participate in selecting the recipient of the Avis Bohlen Award that also recognizes effective volunteerism overseas. We agree that volunteerism is one of our best American exports.

When you spoke in the Benjamin Franklin Room at our final meeting in 2001, it was quite a large group—one of the largest for the AAFSW in recent times. We were all eager to hear your observations on being a military spouse and on remaining true to yourself while adapting to life in the military. As you pointed out, the military and the Foreign Service have many concerns in common. We benefited from your perspective and willingness to be forthcoming. The AAFSW was especially pleased when you agreed to reflect on these similarities and to provide the “Foreword” for *The Expert Expatriate*.

Finally, there was your steadfast support of the AAFSW’s annual BOOKFAIR—both your donations of books and your presence at three BOOKFAIR openings—which is somewhat of a record. Your attendance was guaranteed to attract people and to turn the opening into a more festive occasion. The volunteers always appreciated your willingness to pause for photographs and to chat with them.

With all these wonderful memories, the AAFSW is very sorry to see you leave. We deeply appreciate your involvement with the organization and wish you only the very best.

Cordially,

Terri Williams  
AAFSW President

Mette Becroft  
AAFSW President Emerita

**CALL FOR WRITERS**

Articles and essays by Foreign Service officers and family members are needed for a sequel to AAFSW's book *Realities of Foreign Service Life*. Share your perspective on Foreign Service life, help newcomers, and see your work published in a respected book! Topics will be assigned, or the editors welcome your suggestions. Proceeds benefit AAFSW, and writers receive a free copy of the book. Contact Marlene Nice at [marlene@aafsw.org](mailto:marlene@aafsw.org) or Patricia Linderman at [patricia@aafsw.org](mailto:patricia@aafsw.org).

*If you have not read **Realities of Foreign Service Life**, learn more about it and order online at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).*

For more interesting volunteer opportunities, please turn to pages 2 and 3.

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## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

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## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Charlotte Cameron  
Pamela Pelletreau

## RETIRING IS JUST FOR LAFS

Retiring from the Foreign Service is NOT just like changing posts! To help spouses of retiring Foreign Service employees better understand the changes they face, AAFSW is facilitating once again Life after the Foreign Service (LAFS) on Thursday, March 10 in room C2107 from 9:30am to 12:00pm at FSI. It will be followed by a brown bag lunch with representatives from Transportation who will help navigate the logistics of leaving the Foreign Service from an overseas posting.

To attend LAFS, present your diplomatic passport to FSI security to gain access to the building. For more information please contact 703-302-7407 or [FSICTC@state.gov](mailto:FSICTC@state.gov).

## LE VA ET VIENT IN THE FRENCH GROUP

Christel McDonald, French Group Chair

**O**n January 21, 2005, the AAFSW French Group resumed its meetings after the holiday season. We missed one of our youngest members, Dana Smith, who moved with her husband to her first overseas post in Burkina Faso. However, we all enjoyed reading her first two reports! Very soon another one of our members, Alexandra Parrs, is off to her first overseas post in Rangoon, Burma. Alexandra is French, and we all look forward to getting her reports en français.

In the meantime, we were able to welcome Susan Reid, who was evacuated in November 2004 from Abidjan. The Ivory Coast CLO publicized our invitation to meet our group to all evacuees waiting in the D.C. area. Several of our retired members were posted in Abidjan during their Foreign Service years, and everyone was interested to hear about Susan's work, the people, and the country she was obliged to leave behind, not to mention all her possessions.

What was once a static group of retired Foreign Service spouses, the French Group has become an active group of women who not only love the French language and want



From L to R (back): Eve Buckley, Lee McBride, Susan Reid (evacuee from Ivory Coast), Karen Lamb; (front) Marguerite Anderson, Savannah Walker, Janine Boswell, Ruth Day, Marianne Cook, Susanne Newberry, Jane Taube, Marilyn Wong Gleysteen, and Christel McDonald.

to improve their skills, but who can also learn from a new generation of women who are going out to posts that have certainly changed since "our time" in the Foreign Service. We are excited to connect with those who come to the D.C. area temporarily—due to evacuations, change of posts, or training—to offer support and camaraderie and also to learn about life abroad today.

*Come and meet your French-speaking friends in the Groupe de Conversation Française. Contact Christel McDonald at 703-525-9755 or [frenchgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:frenchgroup@aafsw.org).*

## 2005 AAFSW BOARD ELECTION NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

**T**he AAFSW Nominating Committee continues to seek nominations for all Board positions: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Book Operations Treasurer. Volunteers are also needed to fill the several Committee Chairs, including Membership and CLO Association. Nominate yourself or someone you know who has the energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to help lead AAFSW.

For complete nominating instructions and requirements and position descriptions, go to [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org) or see the February 2005 issue of the Global Link. For more information on

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## PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD AT POST TOAST

**A**re you in the D.C. area and able to meet and greet the next generation of the Foreign Service? Nothing is more fun than sharing your experiences with A-100 students and their families. Since 2002, FLO, FSYF, and AAFSW have joined FSI's Career Transition Center in a Post Toast to honor these new Foreign Service Officers, meet family members, and provide information on family-oriented resources.

AAFSW needs volunteers to help with this worthwhile event. Duties include supplying wine, soft drinks, and nibbles (cheeses, chips, cookies—nothing elaborate), mingling with guests, and helping watch children so parents can focus on the orientation. AAFSW supplies the dollars for food; you supply the wheels and the pleasure of your company!

Post Toasts typically occur the day after Flag Day, when new officers are assigned their first post. Upcoming Post Toasts will be April

14, June 9, August 4, and October 13 at FSI. The Toast itself usually runs from about 3:30pm or 4:00pm until 5:00pm. Preparation and clean-up time are minimal. Those who help with childcare may be asked to come to FSI earlier, and as soon as the parents can take over, they do.

Posts Toasts have proven to be very enriching for Foreign Service newcomers as they benefit tremendously from the perspectives of “seasoned” spouses. AAFSW volunteers also find the event fulfilling in that they enjoy meeting these new families, sharing in their excitement, and calming their fears. Post Toasts offer AAFSW members a perfect opportunity to put their best foot forward and show newcomers just how friendly and caring our Foreign Service community can be.

*Interested? Call the AAFSW office to add your name to the FSI security clearance list.*

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## SHARE THE FS EXPERIENCE

**A**AFSW is looking for members to participate in a panel discussion on Foreign Service life as part of the biannual Elderhostel program on Washington, D.C. Every year, Elderhostel participants are engrossed by the discussion of how the Foreign Service affects all members of the family. Issues like spousal employment, culture shock, challenges of being a Third Culture Kid, and many more keep the conversation lively and the Q&A session engaging. AAFSW members continually make this event a highlight of the Elderhostel program series.

Twice a year, AFSA hosts Elderhostel programs in an effort to reach out to the community and educate and inform the public about the Foreign Service. In addition to the panel discussion on Foreign Service life,

each weeklong program has a geographic theme and gives participants the opportunity to visit the State Department, FSI, and an embassy relating to the theme.

Any AAFSW member is welcome to volunteer as a speaker, but AAFSW is especially interested in enlisting the support of Foreign Service spouses and teenagers who have recently returned to the metro D.C. area from abroad. If you would like to participate and are available Thursday, March 17 or April 7 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, please contact Anne Kauzlarich at 202-682-0500 ext. 10 or [Exec.Asst@DacorBacon.org](mailto:Exec.Asst@DacorBacon.org).

*If you know someone who would make a great panelist but is not an AAFSW member, this is a great time to get them to join! Just call the main office or join online at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).*

### SUPPORT OUR YOUNGEST DIPLOMATS

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to assisting our Foreign Service children through information and programming. FSYF supports Diplokids (with AAFSW), a fun, activity group for kids ages 5-10; Globetrotters for middle school students; and a high school group called AWAL, Around the World in a Lifetime.

These programs would not be possible without the FSYF Board of Directors. It is that time of year again when many on the Board are preparing to go overseas. The FSYF Nomination Committee begins the crucial task of recruiting dedicated volunteers to serve. Please, if you are returning to the Washington, D.C. area and would like to contribute to the Foreign Service community, then consider becoming a part of this wonderful organization! We welcome participants from all agencies.

*For more information, contact Becky Grappo at [grappoRN@state.gov](mailto:grappoRN@state.gov) or 202-647-2314 or Melanie Newhouse at [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org).*

## LOVE IT? HATE IT? VOICE YOUR OPINION

In an effort to get the official “word” on furnishings provided by the State Department at posts worldwide, AAFSW recently contacted the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary in The Office of Logistics Management in the A Bureau (A/LM). The questions and comments AAFSW raised were developed from a spirited discussion concerning post-provided furnishings on our Livelines email discussion group. Read AAFSW’s letter and State’s response in their entirety on [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org). They are also featured in the March issue of AFSA’s Foreign Service Journal.

If you have suggestions or comments on furnishings at post, let your voice be heard! Donna J. Herriott, Team Leader, A/LM/AQM/ IT Commerce, at [herriottdj@state.gov](mailto:herriottdj@state.gov), welcomes your questions and good ideas.

## THE CYBERSPOUSE MAKES HER HOUSE A HOME

Kelly Midura

**T**he Cyberspouse has lived in a number of State Department furnished houses and apartments over the years. From Africa to Europe, they have had one thing in common: ugly, outdated, impractical furniture! Of course, this is just the Cyberspouse's opinion; there are others out there who are perfectly content with their government-provided furnishings and homes. If this is you, count yourself lucky because you will save yourself plenty in time, money, and sweat. For the rest of us, no matter how often one might close one's eyes, tap one's dainty heels together, and wish for it all to disappear, the furniture is here to stay, along with flat white walls and polyester drapes. So how is a person like the Cyberspouse to survive in such an aesthetically inhospitable environment? Here are a few suggestions.

- 1.** Get slipcovers. The one positive thing that the Cyberspouse can say about those brocade sofas and chairs is that they come in just a couple shapes and sizes. Buying or having slipcovers made is a small investment for two to four years of use, and chances are very good that you will be able to use them again in your next post. Slipcovers are also an excellent way to protect those white sofas that are always mysteriously allocated to families with small children.
- 2.** Cover everything else with textiles. If you live in one of the many countries where handmade textiles are cheap and colorful, buy a bunch. The Cyberspouse's ponderous, scratched-up, Queen Anne dining table was covered with Bolivian carrying cloths for years. With the addition of a couple of Mexican shawls draped over the sofas and plenty of Guatemalan weavings on top of end tables and coffee tables, she could hardly see the furniture at all!
- 3.** Invest in a good entertainment center, since the State Department has never

considered these to be necessary furniture. Nothing is tackier than a big TV sitting atop a Drexel dresser in your living room. Buy an entertainment center at Ikea, already packed flat for your departure, or have one made at post if you live in one of the carpentry countries.

- 4.** Buy some bookshelves. The Cyberspouse has observed that FSOs read a lot. And they tend to marry people who read a lot, and have children who read a lot. So why are Foreign Service families supplied only two bookshelves per house? And why are the kids allocated top-heavy bookshelves ideal for climbing on and toppling? This is, no doubt, a deep and complex question. Until it is answered, invest in a couple of extra bookcases to carry around the world with you.
- 5.** Consider a computer desk and ergonomic chair. To the Cyberspouse's knowledge, twenty years after the introduction of personal computers into American homes, the State Department has not ordered a single computer desk or comfortable chair to go with it. Foreign Service families everywhere sit in Queen Anne dining chairs answering their email on computers perched atop “escritorios” and wondering why their backs hurt.
- 6.** Be warned: State Department lamps are perfectly designed for falling over on curious children and pets. Drexel, perhaps in consultation with State Department security, has designed lamps that double as weapons. No need to keep a baseball bat under the bed; twenty pounds and three feet of faux brass will knock the stuffing out of any intruder! If you would rather just use your lamps for reading, bring along a few of your own. Most will work on either 110 or 220 volts with a plug adapter and local light bulb.

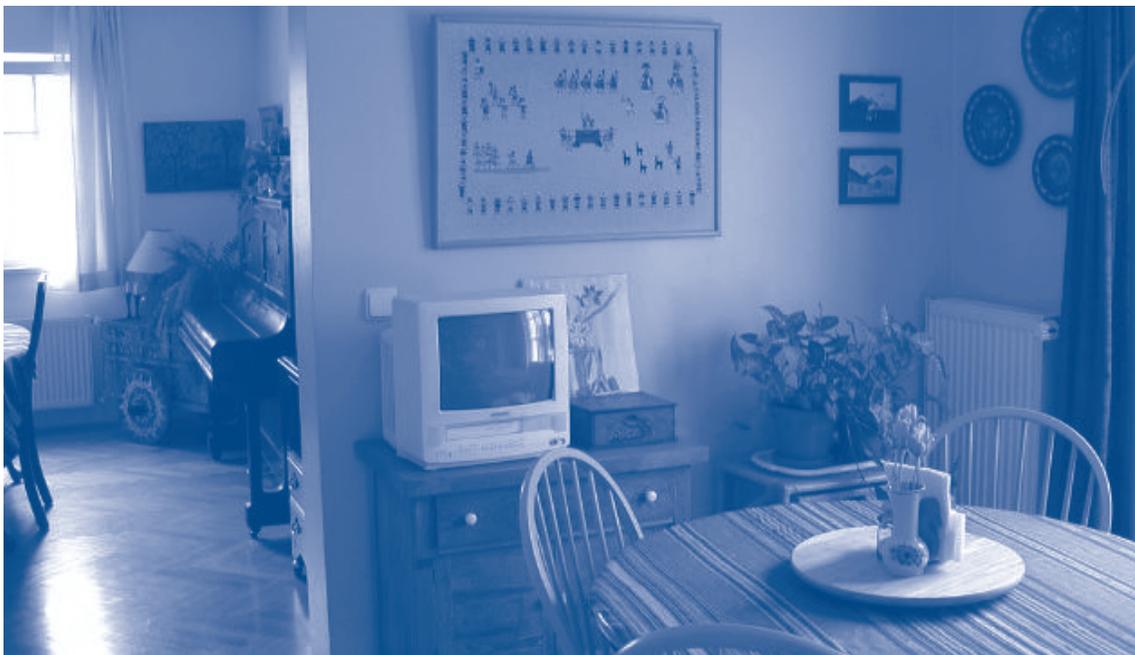
**7.** Can't take those dingy white walls any longer? Just paint them. Yes, the Cyberspouse gives you permission. Or try painting just one wall and see how much warmer and inviting the space becomes. Jazz up your kids' room by painting murals, adding borders, or stenciling. Just be prepared to remove or prime over your changes. While the Cyberspouse has found that most GSOs do not require this as the house must be repainted between occupants anyway, you are still technically (and morally) obliged to return the place to its original condition.

**8.** Take the cheap polyester curtains down and bury them in the backyard. No, wait, the Cyberspouse did not really mean that. Just stash them away. You probably cannot replace all of the curtains, but it might be worthwhile to replace a few or just take some down to let in the sun. You can also use your textile collection; with the addition of Ikea curtain clips, the Cyberspouse was able to use Zambian batik wrap skirts as curtains in her dining room. No sewing required!

**9.** Collect "ethnoplunder." Any experienced diplomatic spouse knows that there is nothing like the biggest African basket you can buy sitting on a table to distract attention from the table itself. Interesting artwork and hangings on the walls of your dining room draw attention away from the clunky dining set. Filling a dowdy china cabinet with colorful ceramics will make the cabinet itself seem to disappear. And so on.

With all the moving around that Foreign Service families do, it is easy to think of each house or apartment as merely a way station. The Cyberspouse firmly believes, however, that a few hours spent creatively customizing and decorating your quarters will pay off in terms of your family's psychological and physical well-being. It may be government quarters, but it is also your home!

*Kelly Midura, a.k.a Cyberspouse, is AAFSW's webmaster. During her family's 17 years in the Foreign Service, she has risen to the challenge of decorating six government-provided homes. Read more from the Cyberspouse at [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).*



It is sometimes hard to get motivated to make a house your home when you know you will be leaving in a couple of years. But with a slap of gold paint on the walls, some batik textile curtains, a fun tablecloth, and strategically placed artwork, the Cyberspouse and her family thoroughly enjoyed their government-provided home in Prague.

## FOREIGN SERVICE YOUTH AWARDS 2004-2005

On behalf of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF), now until **Friday, April 16, 2005**, the Family Liaison Office (FLO) is accepting nominations for the Harry M. Jannette Foreign Service Youth Award for International Community Service and the Una Chapman Cox Foreign Service Youth Award for Domestic Community Service for the year 2004-2005.

In addition to receiving sizeable savings bonds, all award winners will be invited to the Youth Awards Ceremony at the Department of State to receive certificates of recognition. The winners will be announced in late spring 2005. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible, and can be nominated by anyone, including themselves.

*For complete details on nominating procedures and award criteria, please visit [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org) or [www.fsyf.org](http://www.fsyf.org). Nomination forms are available at [www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo](http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo). For more information, contact Becky Grappo at 202-647-1076 or [GrappoRN@state.gov](mailto:GrappoRN@state.gov).*

# Program Bulletin

## HISTORIC DACOR BACON HOUSE INVITES YOU

DACOR is the only organization in Washington, D.C. that brings together active duty and retired Foreign Service Officers and Civil Servants from the different foreign affairs agencies. Spouses are encouraged to take an active part in the club. DACOR offers a beautiful in-town location to meet former colleagues and make new friends. Members are encouraged to participate in luncheons, lectures, and cultural activities. DACORIANS receive a directory with the names and address of 3,000 members.

Guest rooms on the 4th floor are available to members and their guests at rates well below those of nearby hotels. At 1801 F Street, N.W., it is a stone's throw from the Mall and its beautiful museums.

For more information, contact Anne Kauzlarich at [www.dacorbacon.org](http://www.dacorbacon.org).

## THE COUNTRY OF GEORGIA: An Ancient Culture, *The Revolution of Roses*, A New Democracy

Barbara Gordon, AAFSW Programs Chair

**O**ur March 15th program will give us an opportunity to learn more about an ancient and mysterious part of the world through the eyes of **Nana Maraneli**, who came to the United States in 1994 and is presently the instructor of Georgian language and culture at FSI.

Georgia is a part of the Ibero-Caucasian culture, which has close connections to Greece. Many of the mythological tales that came down to us through Greek literature, such as "Jason and the Golden Fleece," were closely related to and influenced by tales from Georgia.

Nana's interest, education, and professional career have been in the arts and linguistics. She is fluent not only in Georgian, but also in Russian and English. Much of her academic career was spent at Tbilisi State University, but she earned her Ph.D. from the Morris Torrey Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow.

From 1980 to 1990, Nana was Chief of Staff of the Tbilisi State Academy of Arts, and then became head of their Department of Foreign Relations. In 1989, she became the first Executive Director of the Soros Foundation of

Georgia. Through her various teaching roles, she rose to become the head of the Fine Art Department of the Georgian Cultural Foundation from 1987-1990. From that position, she reported directly to the President of the Soviet Union Culture Foundation who happened to be Raisa Gorbachova! Nana organized the first art auction in the Soviet Union, instituted the Georgian Contemporary Art auction in Paris, and arranged exhibits in Georgia, Russia, France, Austria, the Netherlands, and Great Britain.

In 1994, Nana turned her abilities to the world of business, in which she was a tremendous success and continued to include the arts in her activities. During her presentation, Nana will touch on portions of her life and show special slides that only a privileged few have seen.

Be sure to come join us **March 15, 2005** in the Diplomatic Reception Rooms to hear Nana's insights on the history and present situation of this fascinating and still-developing independent country—Georgia!

### MARCH 15 PROGRAM

#### The Country of Georgia

**PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005**

Coffee & tea at 10:00am, program begins 10:30am on the 8th floor Diplomatic Reception Rooms, Main State (Please use the C Street entrance of the State Department.)

Please send form and check made out to AAFSW for **\$15** per person to:

**AAFSW Reservations, 5125 MacArthur Blvd.  
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## CHINA: OPPORTUNITY OR THREAT?

Barbara Gordon, AAFSW Programs Chair

Though much of our attention has been focused recently on the Middle East, it seems appropriate to take a morning to focus on China as a growing economic and political power in world affairs. Join us on **Tuesday, April 19 at 10:00am** in the 8th floor Diplomatic Reception Rooms of Main State.

At first, the economic growth in China was limited to the big cities along the coast, but it has now spread to the interior villages and towns. Several AAFSW members, who served in China and have subsequently returned there as tourists, report that they cannot believe the changes: cars vying with bicycles, elegant hotels with spas and swimming pools, stores open to everyone (not just foreigners), workers and entrepreneurs rubbing elbows, and modernized museums that are well-lit and organized!

Despite these changes, the political leadership, though more moderate, is still strong. Because of its rapidly growing economic power, China is being courted by the EU, the U.S., Russia, and the UN. China's leaders, in

turn, are reaching out to the world community with the desire to sell, buy, and invest.

To discuss this complex country and its special importance to the United States, we are fortunate to have an outstanding and well-known speaker, Dr. Banning Garrett, who is the Director of Asia Programs at the Atlantic Council of the United States. He is also an adjunct professor in Political Science at the George Washington University, and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (USCSCAP).

Dr. Garrett was a consultant to the Department of Defense and other U.S. government organizations for more than twenty years, and was a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He has traveled many times to Asia, including three dozen trips to China since 1981 for discussions with Chinese civilian and military officials and think-tank experts, as well as numerous visits to Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea. He has



Not to be missed! Dr. Banning Garrett will share his insights and knowledge of modern-day China.

published many articles on a wide range of issues, including Chinese foreign policy and views of the strategic environment, Sino-American relations, arms control, and globalization.

Dr. Garrett holds a more optimistic view than the majority of other writers and analysts of China's role in world affairs. Having heard him at the recent Annual World Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C., I can assure you this will be an exciting and challenging lecture. Reserve your place early!

### APRIL 19 PROGRAM

#### China: Opportunity or Threat

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005**

Coffee & tea at 10:00am, program begins 10:30am on the 8th floor Diplomatic Reception Rooms, Main State (Please use the C Street entrance of the State Department.)

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