



Saudi Arabian Embassy official Saleh Al-Rajhy warmly welcomes AAFSW members.

## Arabian "Knights" Rescue AAFSW General Meeting

The November General Meeting, featuring two speakers who had traveled from Texas, was in dire straits the week before the scheduled date: the government furlough had closed the State Department building to "non-essential" events.

The Saudi Arabian Embassy not only agreed to host the meeting, but also offered to provide refreshments before the event and a lunch afterwards. They showed a video on Saudi Arabia,

and provided two officials to answer questions after the speakers.

AAFSW has, of course, sent an official letter of thanks, but members who would like to add a personal note may write to:



Mr. Saleh Al-Rajhy  
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## Slipping a Disk Leads to Painless Information

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The three INFOEXPRESS products are: InfoForms, which contains most Department of State and other U.S. government forms; InfoRegs, which  
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## No News is Good News in Evacuee Support

By Ann La Porta

The Evacuee Support Network may be the only volunteer group with AAFSW where no news is good news. There has not been a major evacuation where large numbers of families have come through the Washington area since Karachi was evacuated in March, 1995. Network members met planes and provided ongoing support to evacuees during that time.

The Evacuee Support Network began in 1985 when a group of AAFSW members felt that families who were forced to come back to the Washington area because of a political or medical emergency needed the extra support AAFSW volunteers could give them - the helping hand a neighbor would give to a friend.

Since 1992 Evacuee Support Network members have assisted evacuees from Algiers, Khartoum, Kigali, Bujumbura, Sanaa, Port-au-Prince, Karachi and Zagreb. For political evacuations, there is a close liaison between the Network and the Family Liaison Office at the State Department.

In 1992 AAFSW, the Evacuee Support network and Anne Weiss, Director of the Employee Consultation Services, convinced the Director of Medical Services that volunteers could offer needed support to families who had been evacuated for medical reasons. This support continues.

Last year a volunteer was called to assist a couple, a foreign-born spouse and her husband, who was coming home because of the husband's serious illness. The volunteer helped the couple get connected to the D.C. area, held hands with the wife during her husband's treatment, and rejoiced with them when his illness went into remission. When he again became ill, she enlisted the aid of another AAFSW

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open to the public at \$25 per year.

## CALENDAR JANUARY

- 9 OBC Advanced Security  
Overseas Seminar
- 10-12 OBC Regulations, Allowances  
and Finances
- 12 FLO/ECS Evacuee Workshop
- \*16 **AAFSW General Meeting**
- 22-23 OBC Security Overseas  
Seminar
- 23 **AAFSW Board Meeting**
- 25 OBC Documenting Our Mobile  
Experiences
- 26 OBC Marketing Our Spouse  
Talents
- 27 OBC Post Options for Employ-  
ment and Training (Saturday!)
- 31 OBC Personal Finances and  
Investments for Beginners  
(Wed. evening)

## FEBRUARY

- 7-9 OBC Regulations, Allowances  
and Finances
- 12 **AAFSW General Meeting**
- 12-13 OBC Security Overseas  
Seminar
- 13-14 OBC Life After the Foreign  
Service
- 23 OBC Tax Seminar
- 24 OBC Adapting to Life Overseas  
(Saturday!)
- 26 **AAFSW Board Meeting**
- 27 OBC Advanced Security Over-  
seas Seminar
- 28 OBC The Logistics of Going  
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The phrase "two-faced" is most often used in combination with derogatory words like "hypocrite", "liar", "snake" or "I@#\$%!". However, the most famous two-faced character, the Roman god Janus (for whom the month of January is named), could serve as a patron of the Foreign Service.

As the god of beginnings, Janus was invoked by the Romans on the first day of January, as well as when wars commenced, during which the temple doors stood open (sounds like pack-out to me!). He was also the god of endings. Much of the challenge of Foreign Service life comes in the beginnings and endings, the parts friends don't consider when they blithely say, "What an interesting life you have!"

In some circles, the word "interesting" has almost become an insult: "What an interesting haircut!"; "What an interesting tie! I just love flamingos!"

(The most "interesting" clothing I ever encountered was made by a woman who collected her dog's hair and wove it into yarn, which she used to knit a sweater. You have to wonder what she would do with dryer lint!)

"Interest", however, comes from the Latin "inter", between, and "esse", be. To be interesting originally meant to be between. Between beginnings and endings, between countries, between jobs: it certainly IS an interesting life!

This issue is full of January themes. Evacuations are perhaps the most abrupt and traumatic of endings. In the Oral History column, Patricia Veliotis describes the "old" and "new" Foreign Service, as well as the changing role of the Foreign Service spouse.

The more we learn about successful beginnings, endings and in-betweens, the more we, like mythological Janus, will hold the keys to earth and heaven.

—Jan Fischer Bachman



## Resolve to Respond!

Much of our Foreign Service existence is spent in a diplomatic world which is more formal than that of our U.S. culture. We become accustomed to using our "company manners" when we are overseas. Sometimes we forget that these special manners have a practical basis for their existence. When we receive an invitation, or express an interest in attending something, we are requested to "RSVP" to let our intention to attend be known. In fact, the need for responding to an invitation is a very practical one - the host needs to know

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who and how many people are attending in order to make logistical arrangements. Making sure that enough materials will be available, appropriate seating arrangements are made, space is conducive for the purpose, the amount of food is adequate, are all thoughts that a host or hostess must work out.

In OBC's Protocol and U.S. Representation Abroad course, instructors state that the proper translation of the French RSVP (*Repondez s'il vous plait*) should be: "Answer or you die!" One of the most helpful things you can do for a sponsoring organization, host or hostess is to let them know if you are coming and, if not, to let them know that, too.

Try a New Year's Resolution to respond to AAFSW teas, OBC classes, your friends and acquaintances - and let them know your intentions. (The next OBC Protocol course is Saturday, March 16 - sign up NOW!)

Terri Williams  
Overseas Briefing Center

## Foreign Born Spouses Plan New Year's Activities

The Foreign Born Spouses group plans to begin the year with an evening in Georgetown at the lighthearted Gilbert and Sullivan opera, *Pirates of Penzance* on Jan. 27. There are a limited

number of tickets available for this fun-filled evening of song, so call one of the group's organizers, listed on page 2, right away if you are interested.

In February, the Foreign Born Spouses plan to make a special trip to the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, to get acquainted with the Overseas Briefing Center. Find out about all of the resources available to you!

If you are nervous about telephoning in English, ask family members or friends to call for you - they can even request that someone who speaks your language return your call! Likewise, if you know of people who would enjoy the programs offered by the group, but who are too shy to get involved, offer to attend with them, or ask one of the organizers to contact them.

Rosario Kramer, one of the group's organizers wished to share the following thought as a New Year's inspiration for foreign born spouses:

"How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself - so always think positively. Go at life with abandon; give it all you've got. And life will give all it has to you." —Norman Vincent Peale

### Welcome New Members:

Delia Asmus Sheila Gallegos  
Susan Hardy Margaret Horan  
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Lucy Williams

### Welcome Back:

Mary P. Brill Susan Orr Daniels

Olivia Brown  
Membership

## Housing Help Needed in '96

Make a New Year's resolution to help others who are just arriving to the Washington area: offer to serve with AAFSW's Housing Desk. This group helps Foreign Service families find appropriate accommodation, whether short- or long-term. Many volunteers have enjoyed the assignment so much that they have served for years! For more information, contact Doris Reddington, the Housing Desk Chair.



## My Turn

### BQPM13A? What in the World Does That Mean?

It was in our mailbox the other day: a small, square package decorated with a sunburst, saying, "If you want to be more capable, powerful, connected, knowledgeable, productive, prosperous and happier..." What an offer! Was it vitamins? Adult education? A fortune-telling group? No, just another ad for a commercial on-line service.

It was the in-laws who finally made me give in. They all had e-mail, and why didn't we?? Thus, we can now "surf the Net" with the best of them (or would be able to if I could figure out how to access anything other than old Star Trek pictures).

The gimmicks are laughable, but the communicative power of the computer is very real for those of us who live in strange places (I think that Northern Virginia qualifies!). During the recent government furlough, I wondered what was happening at posts around the world. It would have been fascinating to summarize different experiences in this newsletter. In Washington, we had the idea that only D.C. employees were declared "non-essential", with just the occasional *Post* story indicating that all was not well out there in visa land. There was no (rapid) way for me to contact our overseas members, and the "news" would not be quite as gripping next June!

Given my new connected status, I would like to make an e-mail directory of AAFSW members. If you have access to e-mail, please drop me a line at BQPM13A@Prodigy.Com (Right now! Drop everything! If you put it off you will never get around to it!) so that I can add your name to the list. There is even a possibility that the *News* could go on-line, but we first need to know how many members would benefit.

What does e-mail mean? The Foreign Service world has just become a little smaller.

--Jan Fischer Bachman

### Did You Know...?

The easiest and most popular way to pronounce the acronym for the National Foreign Affairs Training Center is to use the initials: "En Ef Ay Tee Cee".

## Community Corner

*Volunteer work in our community is an excellent way to beat the winter "blahs" and keep that special holiday spirit alive. The information below is provided as a service to members seeking volunteer opportunities in the Washington area. If you are interested in more details, or want to "sign up" please contact the service organization directly.*

Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Healthcare is the most recent addition to the list of programs receiving financial support from AAFSW. Located in Northwest Washington, this non-profit, community based center offers pre-natal, post-natal and pediatric care to low-income families. Right now there is an urgent need for Spanish/English translators and a continuing need for tutors, front desk help, health educators, and babysitters to watch children whose mothers are undergoing medical exams. Members who prefer to see direct results of their volunteer efforts can find many such opportunities at the Center. Although volunteers bilingual in Spanish and English are especially needed, anyone interested in helping will find rewarding work to be done. Contact Mark at 202-483-8196.

Barbara Leven  
Community Relations Member

## Evacuees Assisted

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member who was knowledgeable about Hospice Care and helped to ensure a peaceful ending. The volunteer is still there for the wife, now a close friend, as she makes necessary decisions about the rest of her life. This is what the Evacuee Support Network is all about.

Decidedly low-tech in this computer age, the network relies on geographically arranged Telephone Trees to elicit help when needed. Files are also maintained of the volunteers, what languages they speak, the ages of children, areas of expertise, so that families can be matched with appropriate sponsors.

The Family Liaison Office and the Employee Consultation Services offer workshops to better equip volunteers to deal with crisis situations. The next workshop will be Friday, January 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the State Department. The workshop will feature a new video, *Evacuation: Crisis in the Community*. It includes first-hand accounts of evacuees from Rwanda, Karachi and Monrovia and has been distributed to all overseas posts and schools. Volunteers will also be taught about procedures during evacuations, Anne Weiss will be there to discuss medical evacuations and volunteers will share their experiences.

To become an Evacuee Support Network member and attend the workshop call: Ann La Porta, the Network Chair 202-966-5129.

## CD-ROMs Make Life Easier for Families Abroad

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contains all unclassified volumes of the Foreign Affairs Manual and related Handbooks; and InfoGuides, which has the Department Telephone Directory, 155 post reports with photographs, NFATC schedules, and much more. InfoForms is updated twice a year, while the other two CD-ROMs are updated quarterly.

At post, any office which sends a memorandum can get a copy of the CD-ROMs. Contact your CLO Coordinator, Administration or Communications departments for more information. If you do not consider yourself computer literate, don't be intimidated: using a CD-

Rom is as easy as playing a cassette tape - just slip in a disk!

Questions, suggestions or additional information may be sent through official channels to the Office of Information Services (A/IM/IS/OIS), INFOEXPRESS Coordinator, Room 1512, Main State; or Fax 202-647-9419; or DOS-NET, INFOEXPRESS.

*Congratulations to the following personnel for making our lives easier: Linda Watts and Lorraine George, InfoRegs; Mary Paschall and Phil Schol, InfoGuides; Jannie Curry, InfoForms; Paula Lofano, Synergy Magazine; and Frank Sass, Dan Riley and Johnny Lewis, Information.*

## FLO Introduces the Helpful Cast of Characters in an Evacuation

Dear Overseas AAFSW Members,  
I have been thinking a lot about you lately. I sincerely hope that your post does not experience an evacuation, but the reality is that every Foreign Service person living abroad has to accept the possibility that an evacuation could occur. Experience working with people in 22 evacuations over the last two and a half years tells me that the more information you have and the better you understand the system, the better you will handle an evacuation, if one does occur. So let me introduce some of the cast of characters in Washington who are part of the evacuation process.

As the FLO Support Services Officer and a member of most Task Force Groups formed for evacuations, I am one of the characters in an evacuation. My pre-crisis role includes briefing those who handle evacuations in the regional bureaus (PMOs) on FLO's role before, during and after a post's evacuation. I also brief CLOs on crisis management and evacuation at CLO conferences. As you prepared to go overseas, you may have attended my segment of the Security Overseas Seminar (SOS)

or Advanced SOS at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center for employees and family members.

My role during an evacuation includes working with AAFSW's Evacuee Support Network to meet and assist families as they arrive in the Washington area. I maintain weekly telephone contact with families at their safehaven locations and send a monthly newsletter to all evacuees. I also organize monthly briefings at which Department personnel share official information with those evacuees who are in the Washington area. The joyful part of my work is when I notify people that they can return to post at the end of an evacuation.

The Evacuee Support Network provides a vital service during evacuations. The volunteers are trained annually by the Family Liaison Office and the Employee Consultation Service in ways to assist people during times of great stress. The work that ESN members do meeting new arrivals, being sponsors, and giving on-going support is a wonderful example of the care Foreign Ser-

vice people have for each other.

Another important player in an evacuation is your post's Post Management Officer, who is located in the Executive Office of the Regional Bureau. During non-crisis times he or she responds to your post's administrative requests and represents your concerns in Washington. PMOs receive special training in how to help your post during an evacuation from the Department's Crisis Management Staff. The PMO maintains contact with the post during an evacuation, generally through daily phone calls, in order to respond to administrative questions that occur at the post and to keep the flow of information current. I contact the PMO on a daily basis in order to facilitate the sharing of information we have received, present family concerns (amended orders, for example) and to keep current with the status of the evacuation (which is reviewed on a 30-day basis).

I hope that you will find it reassuring to know that there are so many people who will work to help you through an evacuation. I also hope that you never have an evacuation!

Sincerely,  
Linda Oleson  
Family Liaison Officer

## Network Expands

Many thanks to the five new Neighborhood Network representatives! They are: Eva Groening, Judy Smith, Ofelia Santos, Nancy Cylke and Patricia Telkins, in DC, Potomac, Bethesda and Arlington.

Please see page 2 for the complete Neighborhood Network listing. If you do not see your ZIP code, there are two options: either choose the person representing the area nearest to you or volunteer to be the representative! Because there are quite a few members on each list, please take the initiative in giving your representative a call. Each one has received a packet of information and will be happy to try to answer questions or tell you who is your nearest Foreign Service neighbor. Some neighborhoods are planning informal get-togethers for those who miss embassy social events. Get involved - take advantage of your Network!

## Post Describes Dog Disaster in African Evacuation

Foreign Service evacuations hit the front page of the *Washington Post* recently, when one family went public with their struggle to regain their pet. The family of AID employee Gregory Hemphill and Gita Dühr was evacuated from Rwanda in April, 1994 from a home located between armed Hutu and Tutsi camps. They left their two dogs with a neighbor, along with food and money to help pay for the expenses. In July of 1994, they heard with great joy that Ambassador David Rawson had found one of their dogs living with squatters in their former home. Gregory flew to Rwanda with a rabies vaccine which was required 30 days before shipment. However, in Dec. 1994, their dog was placed in the care of Lt. Col. Thomas Odom, who refused to return her unless the family paid exorbitant sums of money (first \$600 per month, later a total of \$1760). The Hemphills still did not have their pet as of Dec. 1995.

The *Washington Post* reporter wrote about the situation as though it were a comedy of errors, although she did briefly mention that the children "suffered nightmares and received counseling". For many Foreign Service families, the thought of having to leave a pet behind in an evacuation strikes a painful note. One AAFSW member described a situation in which a friend's dog was left behind and eaten. The question has been raised, "Why can't families bring their pets to the airport, from whence they could travel on a 'space available' basis?"

The bottom line: is it reasonable for Foreign Service children to have pets, like their U.S. counterparts? If so, is there a better way to care for them in case of emergencies? If you care to comment on this topic, please send your thoughts to the newsletter or the AAFSW office.



## AAFSW Oral History Collection

*Patricia Nolan was born in New York City and completed her studies at the University of California, Berkeley. She married Nicholas Veliotis in 1953, and subsequently spent 33 years in Naples, Rome, New Delhi, Vientiane (Laos), Tel Aviv, Amman, Cairo, Princeton, N.J. and, of course, Washington, working with pay as a music teacher and without pay as a volunteer and Ambassador's wife. These roles, along with the length of time she spent in the Foreign Service, give a depth and veracity to her descriptions of how the Foreign Service is changing, taken from her recently completed interview transcript.*

"These particular things [charity craft and jewelry markets in India] always brought us into close contact with the Indians, and I think that is the thing that is, that was, so wonderful about the old Foreign Service, if I can put it that way. I think it is somewhat different in today's Foreign Service, where so many of the women are working and do not participate in these activities that get them out into the community where they do meet people of the other culture.

"In a sense, with so many of the women working, and now working within the embassy, we have come closer to what the old Russian idea was. With the Russians everybody was just working there; they never really got into the community. I think that we were always such a contrast in the old days because the Americans were very active in the community, along with the English, the French and the other Europeans. So I think that, while certain things have been gained on the individual level, there have been some losses, too, in the Foreign Service...

"The role of the spouse is continually evolving, continually changing. I think there will always be a limitation to what a spouse in the Foreign Service can do when they are overseas compared to the freedom of choice in this country... There may come a time down the road in the future where every country will have men and women working and equal, almost equal like we have here and many countries in Western Europe, but that time has not come yet.

"I think that as long as you have a good portion of the world that still live in what we say are traditional households, where the man goes out and the

woman stays home, there will always be a role for the Foreign Service spouse who wishes to tap into that as a resource for a richer understanding of what the culture is all about...

"I think it's harder and harder to get people to give of their time both here and abroad... Here in the States they say that most of the people that are working on a volunteer basis are of an older category.

"I think it would be very hard for me if I were young today and had a job, and my husband had a job, and we had children, and we were commuting here and there and all the things you have to take care of. I think it would be very difficult to give of your time. You'd have to be very committed to whatever project it was...

"I think the same holds true for overseas, too, although in so many places it isn't as hectic because people are still able to get help. So when I've heard about people feeling alienated and lonely at posts, that always saddened me, because I felt that if you do get involved and if there are community things that you can put your efforts into, it's a way of feeling in touch and feeling connected. I think that the important thing of community work is feeling a connection. If you don't have that connection, if you don't have that input yourself, you are going to feel lonely, and you are going to be depressed...

"Hopefully, it has come back to a more middle-of-the-road, that people don't feel that just because they're working they can't volunteer and just because they're volunteering that they would have to give up that if they wanted to work."

## Read This Article or You Will Not Be Invited to Foreign Service Day!

*Foreign Service Day is a kind of "Homecoming" for Foreign Service retirees, sponsored by AFSA, DACOR, AAFSW and the Director General. The program includes a keynote speaker, geographic seminars and various awards ceremonies, including the presentation of AAFSW volunteer and merit scholarship awards. AAFSW recently received the following press release:*

The format for Foreign Service Day 1996 will be changed. Instead of mailing out over 12,000 invitations, the hosts are asking that persons interested in attending this special celebration express that interest by mailing the information requested below to the Career Transition Center. Other changes include luncheon in the Benjamin Franklin Reception Room only and no evening reception.

We wish to assure invitees that the intent of keeping retirees informed of foreign affairs policies will not be diminished. A host of qualified speakers will make presentations as in the past.

If you would like to receive a formal invitation with instructions, please send the following information to the Career Transition Center, Room 350, Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201: your name, telephone number, address, the fact that you wish to attend Foreign Service Day, along with how many luncheon tickets you wish to purchase.

## Credit Union Responds

AAFSW President Chris Zarr recently received a letter from Michele Truitt, the Chairman of the State Department Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, which stated, in part:

"As much as the Board welcomes new members, our regulator, the National Credit Union Administration, limits those we may serve. Simply put, NCUA does not permit us to serve foreign nationals at foreign locations. NCUA states "FCUs (federal credit unions) generally do not have the authority to serve foreign nationals located in foreign countries. Nor do we (NCUA) believe this Board has the authority to charter a Federal Credit Union...for the purpose of serving foreign nationals residing beyond the territorial limits of the United States."



## International Terrorism: The Iran Experience and the Continuing Threat

### Security: A Continuing Issue for Foreign Service Families

Terrorism throughout the world has grown to alarming proportions. Ambassador Bruce Laingen will discuss this phenomenon beginning with his own experience as a U.S. hostage in Iran from 1979-91. Ambassador Anthony Quinton will then take up the important matter of how to provide for the security of Foreign Service officers and families.

Seized as hostages from the American Embassy in Teheran, Amb. Laingen and his colleagues became known worldwide by those who intently followed "the hostage crisis". The record of this experience was well-documented in his book *Yellow Ribbon: the Secret Journal of Bruce Laingen*.

A Minnesota native, Amb. Laingen graduated from St. Olaf College, completed an MA at the University of Minnesota and did additional studies at the National War College. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and in the Foreign Service from 1949-87, including tours in Germany, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. After serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, he was Ambassador to Malta from 1977-79. Later that year he returned to Iran for a second tour, as charge d'affaires of the Embassy, before

being taken hostage in the subsequent crisis.

Following his release, he served as Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. until his retirement from the Service in 1987. He then served as Executive Director of the National Commission on Public Service (the Volcker Commission) from 1987-90. Currently, he is the President of the American Academy of Diplomacy, a non-profit membership society of dedicated to fostering the highest standards in diplomacy.

Amb. Laingen serves on many boards, including a Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, the Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, No Greater Love, and the National Defense University Foundation. He is a member of the National Commission on State and Local Public Service.

Among others, Amb. Laingen holds the Award for Valor from the Department of State, the Distinguished Public Service medal from the Department of Defense, the Presidential Meritorious Award, and the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement.



Amb. Anthony C.D. Quinton, Director General of the Foreign Service, Designate, assumed his position as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security in 1992. A native of Seattle, Amb. Quinton received his B.A. from Princeton and a Bachelor of Letters degree from Oxford, where he spent an additional year as a research fellow at St. Antony's College.

Amb. Quinton joined the Foreign Service in 1959 and was subsequently sent to Sydney, Karachi, New Delhi, Rawalpindi; Washington, Paris and Kathmandu.

From 1976-78, Amb. Quinton served as U.S. ambassador to the Central African Empire, followed by his assignment as Director of the Department's office for Combatting Terrorism from 1978-81. He then served as U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua from 1982-84, followed by an appointment to Kuwait, where he served from 1984-87.

Amb. Quinton returned to the Department to become Inspector General from 1987-89, followed by his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to Peru, 1989-92.

As Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, Amb. Quinton has

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## Parlez-vous français?

Le groupe de conversation française a fait ses débuts il y a près de trente ans! Nous, les membres, nous réunissons deux fois par mois, les unes chez les autres, recevant le groupe chacune à notre tour.

Généralement, nous lisons un article extrait d'un hebdomadaire français, article d'actualité mondiale ou traitant d'art, de littérature ou d'histoire. Deux ou trois fois par an, nous nous rendons en ville pour assister à une exposition à la "National Gallery" ou bien pour voir un documentaire à la "Maison de France". Presque chaque année, nous avons eu le plaisir d'accueillir parmi nous un ou deux membres de l'Ambassade de France.

Le mois dernier, nous sommes allées à la "Library of Congress" pour admirer les "Trésors de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France", avec commentaire en Français, gentiment offert par une stagiaire française à la "Library of Congress". Notre visite s'est terminée par une revue des procédés de conservation et de restauration de livres et de documents anciens dans les laboratoires de la "Library".

--Eve Buckley  
French Group

For more information on the activities of the French group, contact the Chair, listed on page two.

## Bulletin Board

### OBC Opens Extra Hours

The OBC Information Center will be open extended hours on the following dates to allow family members and employees extra time to do post research: Wed. evenings, Jan. 31, Feb. 28; and Saturdays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24. Call 703-302-7276 for further dates and information.

### Stop by for OBC Saturdays!

Make plans now to attend these upcoming special Saturday events: Post Options for Employment and Training, Jan. 27; Adapting to Life Overseas, Feb. 24; Protocol and U.S. Representation Abroad, March 16.

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### Oral History Collection Attention: State/AID/ACDA/ USIA

Volunteer transcribers are needed!!—work at your own pace!! Oral Histories generally range from 10 to 40 pages in length. The AAFSW office has a Macintosh computer with Windows software. Call, fax or write!

--Pamela Stratton  
Oral History Collection Manager

### Speakers Discuss Issues of Terrorism and Security

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become increasingly concerned with developing effective measures to deal with the problems of security for Foreign Service families.

Amb. Quainton's awards include the William R. Rivkin award in 1972 and the Christian A. Herter Award in 1984, both presented by the American Foreign Service Association for "outstanding intellectual originality, courage, forthrightness and constructive dissent." He also received the Presidential Meritorious Service Award in 1984 and 1989.

In preparing for this meeting, it is suggested that you organize your questions for these distinguished diplomats with care and conciseness.

--Barbara Gordon  
Program Chair

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