

# GLOBAL LINK

Association of American Foreign Service Women

## What's in a Name?

Following the advice of a previous president, I wear my AAFSW badge when inside public buildings as a publicity gesture; when I see a likely person waiting in MED, sitting outside FLO, or eating lunch with a couple of children, I try a bit of recruitment. "Are you a member?" produces lots of "I used to be, but I lost track," "I'm Civil Service," and "No, I don't think so because I've got a lot on my plate right now, but thanks for asking." It's a little more dismaying when the person answers, "I don't know anything about the organization," or, worse, "I'm not, but my husband's a member," confusing us with the other organization beginning with A.

It was, therefore, to give ourselves an instant image, a direct, short and snappy reference that we decided to give the newsletter a title - "Global Link." (As you see, the old logo is still on the front page.) "I saw it in 'Global Link.'" "When does the next 'Global Link' come out?" "That's a good idea; why don't you write something up on it for 'Global Link'?"

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The name makes clear the purpose of the newsletter and will soon trip off the tongue. It will look better on those copies we place around in public locations.

(Let me instantly reassure longtime members that we are NOT about to revisit once again the old issue of changing the name AAFSW. Not at this time,

anyway! Though check out Francesca Kelly's point of view and suggestions, on page 3, which express very well the younger person's view of the matter.)

We had a lot of fun in our brainstorming sessions. Here are some of the more entertaining proposals: "Do Not Shred"; "Time Zones"; "F.Y.I."; "Compass Rose"; "Round Pegs"; "Spouse Militia"; "The Vault"; "Below the 8th Floor"; "Diplodependents"; "Peripatetic"; "Passages"; "Sponsors"; "Seven Seas"; "Mentor"; "FAM and Family"; "Families en Demarche"; "The 9th Floor"; "Take-off and Landing"; "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow"; etc. etc. The one I liked was "Cascade," but only those who've been in the most dangerous posts would get it. "Bonds", "Hub", "Prop", "Moves", "Web", "Passport", "Link", "Chain", while short, didn't seem to be sufficiently explanatory. We didn't ultimately pick the most striking or idiosyncratic name (Like the "Grosvenor Grapevine", "Niler", "Taptap" or "Bern Bag"), but it TELLS you something instantly.

"Global Link" was by far the favorite of our selection group.

—AAFSW President Chris Zarr

## BOOKFAIR

It's that time of year. See the letter on page five, and don't forget to fill out the volunteer form on page six!

### Calling Adult Students!

AAFSW is pleased to announce its Continuing Education scholarship, to be awarded in April, 1997, in the amount of \$2,000. To be eligible, you must be

the spouse (or former spouse) of an employee in the foreign affairs agencies and a member in good standing of AAFSW. Financial need, past educational record, and the nature of your continuing education project will all be considered. Application forms may be picked up at the AAFSW office in person, or requested in writing by fax, mail or e-mail (information on page two). All requirements must be completed and forms received by Feb. 10, 1997, for an application to be considered.



AFSA is presently campaigning for child care facilities at the new NFATC. Management's commitment was to consider establishing these facilities once the Columbia Plaza center was in operation.

If you would be interested in child care at FSI, please contact AFSA, indicating whether you are a staff member, short-term or long-term student (or potential student). Although other estimates have been made in the past, AFSA is trying to establish some measurement of present and future demand.

Send your comments to Sharon Papp at AFSA by cable, e-mail (AFSA Labor Management on DOSNET or AFSA@MS3644WPO.US-STATE.GOV on Internet) or fax (202-647-0265). You may also send your statements via AAFSW if you prefer.

A large volume of responses will obviously be most effective in persuading management that these services are greatly and immediately needed - send a note today!

# AAFSW

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# AAFSW EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

RETURN YOUR BOOKFAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET!

15 FSYF Welcome for Teens and Parents

17 Oral History Tea (4 p.m.)

24 Board meeting

30 OBC Re-entry programs begin (see page 4 for details)

## OCTOBER

1-5 OBC Re-entry continues

8 PROGRAM featuring Philomena Jurey, VOA White House Correspondant and author

18 BOOKFAIR Family Night

19-27 BOOKFAIR

22 Board meeting

26 OBC Transition to Washington for Foreign Born Spouses

28 OBC Employment Planning (through Nov. 1)

30 OBC (evening!) Raising Bilingual Children

## NOVEMBER

5-7 OBC Teaching English

12 PROGRAM

26 Board Meeting

## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

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## It's that Time!

Yes, it's time to renew your AAFSW membership. Thanks to all those who have returned their checks so quickly. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so promptly. The end of the membership year is August 31, not December 31.

Also, please remember to send us those change of addresses when you move. We are preparing a membership directory, so are anxious to have all the addresses as up to date as possible. Not an easy task in our mobile life!

—Olivia Brown, Membership Chair

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cleo Kyin Oo Appleton  
Kerry Brougham  
Caralyn Bushey  
Christina De Ramirez  
Patricia Ellison-Smith  
Nancy Reuschel

## Coming Soon to a Place Near You...

You may notice that a number of new and regular features are missing in this month's edition of "Global Link." Never fear, Community Corner, the series on Ethics for Family Members, Oral History excerpts, My Turn, Career File and other "favorites" will be back in turn as space allows.

We also have a number of interesting letters to print, especially about language training - keep sending them! (This month we were particularly limited in space because of the BOOKFAIR form).

Your suggestions, opinions, comments and articles are always welcome. While there is an official editorial board which meets infrequently, all responses received are taken into account in planning which items would be most interesting or useful for our members. Tell us what you think! With all of today's communication options - telephone, fax, e-mail, postal service, and so forth - it has never been easier to speak your piece.

—Jan Fischer Bachman, Editor

## LETTER LINK:

### Another Look at AAFSW's Name

Dear Christine:

I've been meaning to write to you for some time about AAFSW's name. I know you have a meeting tomorrow about a new name for the newsletter so this seemed like a good time to spout my opinion!

First of all, I actually do name changes for clients from time to time, so the topic more than interests me. I don't think I could do better, though, than the list generated by the brainstorming session at OBC a few weeks back. There are some great monikers on that list.

But I do feel, very strongly, that AAFSW, the organization itself, needs to change its name in order to survive. I don't think I'm being dramatic when I say that its very existence may depend on its name. Just look around you at the next AAFSW event and note the median age of its members.

Don't misunderstand me: it's the older generation who have the wisdom and experience that must be a part of any fine organization. They are the AAFSW, really. But you have to have the younger generation in there as well, for new ideas and for the future of the organization. In the Foreign Service community, the younger generation is either working, male, doesn't know about AAFSW, or doesn't believe in an organization whose members must be of a certain gender.

Yes, I know that AAFSW doesn't really prevent men from joining. It's just that, what man would want to join an organization which until recently has been exclusively for women, and which clearly states it is for women in its name?

The whole foundation for AAFSW is a thing of the past. I don't need to tell you that AAFSW was founded at a time when few FSOs were women and the wives of the male FSOs usually did not work outside the home. Changing the "wives" to "women" just confused the issue.



AAFSW needs to have a members' forum in order to ask itself the most basic of questions: 1) What is our purpose? 2) Who are our members? Are we exclusively for women or exclusively for spouses, or for everyone? 3) Does our name reflect our purpose and membership, or does it mislead? Once AAFSW has come to a consensus on its identity, the name issue will be simpler.

Now, I may well be off base in my understanding, but I assume that the answers to those questions are: 1) Our purpose is to provide support and information for members of the Foreign service community, particularly spouses and children, 2) Our members are primarily Foreign Service spouses, male and female, but FSOs and anyone with an interest in the diplomatic service is welcome to

join, 3) Yes, even though the AAFSW stands for a long tradition of service, our name is still, nevertheless, misleading.

If these are not the answers, I would truly like to know what the answers are, or what other members think the answers are. I'll admit that I am not the most active member of AAFSW and that my opinions presented here may offend those who have been giving their all, year after year. But please remember that none of this is meant personally or critically; it's just a member voicing her opinion with the intention to help the organization keep doing all the great things it has always done, but with more members!

It's a great idea to give the newsletter a catchy new name: it needs it. But I beg AAFSW not to ignore the bigger issue here.

—Francesca Kelly

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## THANKS!

AAFSW gratefully acknowledges the (unpaid) work of J. C. Santos Illustration & Design of London, England in designing the new Global Link logo and providing other publication advice.





On July 2, the Foreign Service Youth Foundation, supported by AAFSW, presented awards to Foreign Service teenagers demonstrating outstanding leadership in community service or service to their peers. Pictured here, left to right: Kay Branaman Eakin, Acting President FSYF; Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary for Management; award winners Alexandra Pastic, Gina Cabrera and Katherine Graves; Director General of the Foreign Service Anthony C.E. Quainton; and Mrs. Scott Lyon. The 1996 awards were partially funded by a donation from the Lyon family in memory of Scott Calvin Lyon, a Foreign Service Officer. More details and a complete list of winners next month! (Photo courtesy of FLO).

## Welcome Back! ❖ OBC Offers Special Courses

Do you know someone who will be coming back for a Washington tour this year? Have you recently returned yourself? There are some resources designed to help: AAFSW's new Neighborhood Network can help folks settle in their new surroundings and new courses at OBC will be there when returnees begin to feel the effects of the downward portion of the adjustment curve.

Pass the word to call OBC at 703-302-7268 for the in-depth story on the following courses. Be sure to check the locations - some are at Main State.

OBC happily invites spouses who are retiring to join classes for a year after they have retired!

### Re-entry specials at OBC this month:

"Why Does it Feel so BAD to Come Home?" - Mon., Sept. 30, noon - 1:30

"How Can I Interact with My Child's School?" - Tues., Oct. 1, noon - 1:30

"How to Stay Safe in Washington" - Wed. evening, Oct. 2, 6-8:30 p.m.

"America: A Different World" for parents of teens - Thurs., Oct. 3, noon - 1:30

"What is the Employment Scene in Washington?" - Fri., Oct. 4, noon - 1:30

Sat., Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Information and fun for the whole family! Sessions include:

"Getting Around in Washington" for adults

"The Teen Scene in Washington" for teenagers

"Hello, New House" for children ages 6 - 12

### Future re-entry events:

"Transition to Washington for Foreign-Born Spouses" - Sat., Oct. 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Raising Bilingual Children" - Wed. evening, Oct. 30, 6-8:30 p.m.

"Employment Planning" - Oct. 28-Nov. 1, including sessions on Targeting the Job Search and Post Options for Employment and Training

"Teaching English" - Nov. 5-7 at the NFATC - a great career here in Washington and overseas - find out about it!

## Gathering Planned for Local Parents and Teens

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation invites Foreign Service parents and teens to a welcome back gathering at Board Member Susan Reardon's home in Arlington on Sun., Sept. 15 from 4-6 p.m. This is an early opportunity to help teens get reconnected with their Foreign Service peers and the current Washington scene, while their parents learn about what may lie ahead in the re-entry adjustment process.

Rob Beck, a psychologist, will talk about "Strategies for a Successful Transition to the American High School." Dr. Beck was the Director of Guidance for

## Putting a Face on the Foreign Service

The American public often fails to appreciate the role of the Foreign Service. In order to disprove some common misperceptions, AFSA has launched a campaign to put your story in your hometown newspaper. They plan to reach out to the folks back home to tell them what you and your family really do!

What has happened to you recently? Have you had an experience - or a whole career - which your paper would like to print? Keep in mind that recent is best (for large papers it's absolutely necessary). In addition, AFSA needs to know your current connections to the town - whether you have family there, go back to visit or other pertinent details.

Please send the following information to AFSA via fax (202) 338-6820 or e-mail (afasa@afsa.org). They, with the Public Affairs office at the State Department, will contact the papers and call you for an interview. They cannot guarantee an interview or article, but will try.

### Information to include:

Name  
Telephone number  
Fax number  
Current address/post  
Hometown city and state  
Hometown paper  
Contacts at paper/phone  
Family/hometown connections  
Details of your story/an anecdote about your Foreign Service experience

*Ed. note: If you want to help make sure that there actually is a Foreign Affairs budget next year, get involved in this simple project!*

16 years at the American Embassy School in New Delhi before moving with his family to the Washington area. He is currently a counselor at a Fairfax County high school and the father of two members of AWAL, the Washington-based club for Foreign Service teens.

AWAL Program Directors Kathy Rumrill and Libby Parker will offer a separate activity for the young people. AWAL members will be there to talk about Away Day, the Getaway and other activities.

Please call Karen Pugh at (703) 255-2861 for reservations and directions.



# BOOKFAIR

Dear Colleague,

As most of you know, AAFSW does not hold bake sales, rummage sales, raffles, Mexican dinners, barbecues or any of the other typical fund-raisers which you may have encountered overseas. BOOKFAIR is the primary source of revenue for thousands of dollars worth of scholarships for Foreign Service youth, as well as generous contributions to other important charitable projects in the Washington, D.C. area.

This year's BOOKFAIR will open with an exclusive "Family Night" on Oct. 18, so that friends, relatives and employees at State, USIA, AID and other agencies (the Foreign Service "family") can have first choice of the available merchandise. BOOKFAIR will continue through the following week, ending on Sunday, Oct. 27.

BOOKFAIR is an unusual project in that the volunteers who get involved seem to enjoy themselves tremendously. There are always good snacks, a sense of camaraderie and some amusing moments, in spite of the hard work. We hope that each AAFSW member near the Washington area will be able to join us for at least four hours during the Fair. There are weekend shifts for those who work, and your children are welcome! Volunteers with experience in working as cashiers or using simple adding machines would be especially appreciated. (Please specify on the following page). Those volunteers who can donate more time will be eligible for special discount benefits and, if desired, letters from AAFSW certifying their service.

The support and assistance of spouses and teen-age children would also be very welcome; please share this letter with other members of the Foreign Service family who might not be aware that they may also volunteer.




Everyone engaged in working for BOOKFAIR, including regular volunteers, cashiers and committee chairpersons should send in this response form, making sure to specify a contact telephone number and all Social Security numbers. Because of increased security measures following the Oklahoma bombing, it is of utmost importance that we have this information. It will also be required for family members, guests or retired employees who are not volunteering, but who wish to attend Family Night.

For more information, please call Volunteer Chairman Anna-Marie Butler (301)942-8225 or the Bookroom (202) 223-5796. Thank you for your support in this extremely worthwhile project!

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# AAFSW Oral History Tea Features Famous Author

DACOR-Bacon House, once the site of Washington's most exclusive social affairs, will again feature some of Washington's most interesting and influential people at the AAFSW Oral History Tea, to be held Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. Special guest Brooke Shearer, Senior Adviser to the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and wife of Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, will be present as the event's Honorary Sponsor.

Well-known author Bette Bao Lord will be the featured speaker at the Tea. Mrs. Lord was born in Shanghai in 1938 and came to the United States at the age of eight. Her baby sister, Sansan, remained behind. When the Bao family was finally reunited sixteen years later, the story of Sansan's life became the subject of Mrs. Lord's first book, *Eighth Moon*.

In 1973, Mrs. Lord returned to her native land. The reunion with her relatives there inspired her to write *Spring Moon*, which was nominated as a first novel for the American Book Award. Her children's book, *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*, is the fictionalized story of her first year in Brooklyn as a new immigrant.

She and her husband, Winston Lord, were posted to Beijing from 1985 to 1989, during his tenure as U.S. Ambassador to China. Throughout the weeks of pro-democracy demonstrations in the spring of 1989, Mrs. Lord served as a

consultant to CBS News. *Legacies: A Chinese Mosaic*, chosen by *Time* magazine as one of the ten best nonfiction books of 1990, is an account of those years in China.

*The Middle Heart*, Mrs. Lord's long-awaited second novel, was published early this year and is already in a second printing.

Mrs. Lord is a governor on the Presidential Broadcasting Board of Governors, a trustee of Freedom Forum, the Aspen Institute and the National Portrait Gallery, serves on the Kennedy Center's Community Board and is the chairwoman of Freedom House.

A graduate of Tufts University and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Mrs. Lord holds seven honorary doctorates. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband - now the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs - and is the mother of Lisa and Winston.

Four new oral history transcripts will be presented at the tea, and Borders Bookstore will sponsor a book signing by Mrs. Lord. There will be a Borders representative on site to sell copies of Mrs. Lord's most recent book, if you do not already own it.



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Send back the coupon below immediately if you do not want to miss this exciting event. Places will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

DACOR-Bacon House is located at 1801 F Street NW, close to the Farragut West metro station.

(Note: biographical information on Bette Bao Lord is taken in part from "A Note about the Author" in *The Middle Heart*).

## Oral History Tea Reservation - Return Immediately!

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1996, 4 p.m., DACOR-Bacon House

Name (as you wish it on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Name(s) of Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Reservations will be accepted in the order CHECKS are received. Please send form, with check made out to AAFSW (\$20 per person), to AAFSW Oral History Tea Reservations, 5125 MacArthur Blvd NW, Suite 36, Washington, DC 20016.

I cannot attend the Tea, but have enclosed a donation for the Oral History Program in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in interviewing/being interviewed/transcribing/other (circle)

Unable to attend? Call your Neighborhood Network representative and volunteer to watch a child living in your area. Need a babysitter? Check with your representative to see if someone nearby has offered to help out.



## Opportunity Link

### New International Test Date

The Educational Testing Service has added an early test date for the International SAT I and SAT II this year, which may make applying for early admission and financial aid at many colleges easier for students living overseas. U.S. media have been reporting over the past year a trend towards increased early admission applications to selective colleges (which colleges admit) that may be reducing chances to get a place in the next freshman class for students who apply in the regular admissions cycle (which colleges deny).

Students must register by **Sept. 13** to take the test on Oct. 12. If the college guidance staff at your post school, CLO or Administrative Office have not received the international bulletin of the 1996-97 Program by early September, contact:

Edward J. Kelly, Director  
ETS Test Administration Services  
Office of Overseas Communication  
Tel. (609) 951-6927  
Fax (609) 951-6910 or 520-1092  
E-mail [EKELLY@ets.org](mailto:EKELLY@ets.org)

Registration by fax is possible this year, using a form in the information bulletin. Also, students with internet access can use a credit card to register for the SAT on-line, review test questions, and ask questions about the test

sites. Contact the SAT program at: <http://www.collegeboard.org>. It will take at least 45 minutes to register on-line.

### Women's Leadership Conference Planned

The 1996 Women's Leadership Conference sponsored by the National Center for Professional Development will take place on Sept. 20 in Rosslyn. There will be both general sessions and a choice of concurrent workshops, with topics from "Six Hats of Decision Making" to "Negotiation Strategies at Work" and "The Search for a Simpler Life."

"The networking you'll do is a secondary benefit to the tools you will walk away with from the session leaders," claims a publicity statement about the event. For more information, call (540) 568-3249 or fax (540) 568-3587. Registration forms and fees must be received before the day of the conference.

### Association Seeks Staff

The Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training, a private, non-profit organization located at the NFATC, is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. This should be an excellent opportunity for someone who needs flexible working hours and wants to keep in touch with Foreign Service activities.

The position includes general office responsibilities, financial transactions and reporting, and program support. Computer literacy is essential. Knowledge of Word Perfect 5.1 and Quicken or a similar financial management program is required.

For more information, call Jane Smith at (703) 302-6990.

### OBC Needs Your Overseas Experience

The Overseas Briefing Center relies on the involvement of recent returnees to Washington to add to panels throughout the year. Many of their most treasured contributors have gone back overseas this year - can you help fill the gaps? They especially need foreign-born spouses, people who have raised their children to be bilingual, spouses with creative work experiences, couples who have survived a separated tour, and people with medevac experiences to share, as well as others. Children, especially teens, are also needed for various sessions.

Panelists are WELL paid in satisfaction and receive a MODERATE stipend for their time. Many sessions are on Saturdays or Wednesday evening. Please call Terri Williams at 703-302-7270 to see where your experiences fit.

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