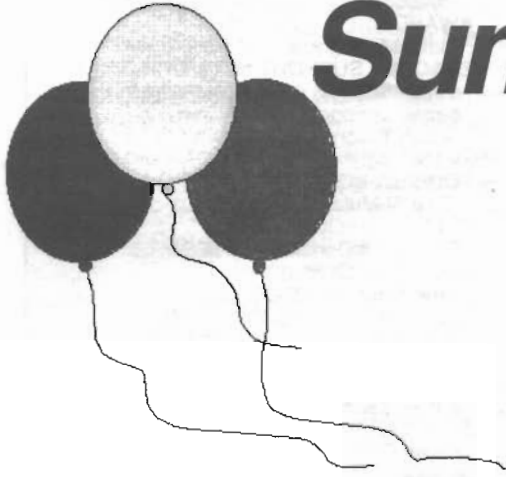


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Summer Celebration

You may not realize the extent of AAFSW's contributions to the Foreign Service community and charitable projects in Washington, DC. Enjoy this issue featuring your shared accomplishments as AAFSW members. Then fill out the form on page 7 and join for another year—or five!

AAFSW Honors Youth Volunteers

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AFSA, AAFSW Give Scholarships

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Projects Receive AAFSW Donations

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Members Help Recent Evacuees

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Donors Play a Crucial Role

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Award Inspires Research

A Letter from a 1996 Scholarship Winner

Dear AAFSW,

I have some brand new and exciting news to share.

But first let me go back. In the summer of 1996, and as a direct result of my AAFSW scholarship award, I finished a research project studying the mandatory DUI education programs in Georgia. This was a unique study in that it was a qualitative approach to understanding the participants in these programs, as opposed to conducting a quantitative study, which is the standard method used nationwide.

My study found that participants do not view these programs as educational opportunities but rather as punitive actions by the State, thereby undermining the potential for long term behavioral and attitudinal change. This helps ex-

plain the recidivism rate among DUI offenders and the inconsistent positive effects of other studies. My project also showed that this methodology is appropriate for studying these programs and yields rich and interesting data. I presented these findings recently at the 1998 Conference on Qualitative Research in Education.

Early last summer I passed both my written and oral comprehensive exams on the first attempt and since that time I have been designing my dissertation proposal for approval by the University. I am proposing to study the deterrent effect of the new, more stringent, DUI law in Georgia, which was enacted July 1, 1997. My proposal includes four

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If you are moving this summer, be sure to send your address change to AAFSW, by mail or e-mail. Thank you!



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BOOKFAIR98

October 16-25

The AAFSW Board is pleased to announce that Alice Pickering will be the coordinator for the 1998 AAFSW BOOKFAIR. She has returned recently from 16 years abroad and is eminently qualified for the position as both a librarian and past BOOKFAIR volunteer.

The 1998 BOOKFAIR will be held from October 16-25 in the exhibit hall at Main State. BOOKFAIR is the primary source of revenue for AAFSW scholarships for Foreign Service youth and for charitable contributions in Washington, DC.

Opening Day of the BOOKFAIR will be Friday, October 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. for employees and families of State, USIA, AID and other agencies. BOOKFAIR will be open to the public on two weekends: October 17-18 and October 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will also be open to State Department and other government employees with State Department access badges on Monday through Friday, October 19-23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOOKFAIR needs your help! We will need volunteers during BOOKFAIR to set up, serve as cashiers, restock books, clean up, etc. A mailing will go out at the end of the summer to all AAFSW members in the metropolitan area with a sign-up form for your preferences and available times. Please save the dates and volunteer if you can; it's a great time to see and catch up with Foreign Service friends. If you would like to volunteer early or have any other BOOKFAIR questions, call the AAFSW office or Robin Jones, Bookroom Manager, for more information.

Now and throughout the summer, clean out your closets and think of us if you're packing out. We need books, stamps, art objects, coins and especially children's books for the October sale. Donations are tax deductible. Call the AAFSW Bookroom at 202-223-5796 for pick up of large donations.

Etiquette Answers

Gifts and Visa Guidance

Someone has finally dared to reply to the question, "How do I fend off people who act friendly and give gifts because they want a visa?" Thank you, Sossi! We are also looking for helpful hints on MOVING—see page 2 for contact information.

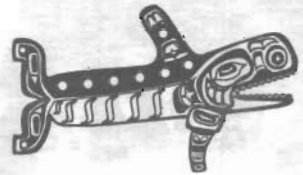
To answer this question is not simple. Are you in a country where people customarily exchange gifts? For some cultures, giving gifts is a must, especially to foreigners. For example, the consular officer is one of the most respected diplomats in third world countries. To honor these officers, people will shower them and their spouses with gifts.

One simple solution is to take the gift and turn it in to the embassy according to government regulations.

A second solution is to explain to a third person in the community that we are not allowed to receive gifts over a certain amount, so that they will understand the situation.

Often people will ask the spouse to persuade the officer to issue a visa. Here the answer is to say with a smile something like: "I wish I had the stamp myself, but it is my (spouse) who is the officer and knows the regulations." If the Embassy allows it, the spouse might offer to try to make an appointment. But one should be careful because in some countries even this service can lead to suspicions of favoritism or raise false hopes that granting the appointment means the applicant will automatically get the visa.

Sossi Mahoney
U.S. Embassy Cairo



The Art of Giving

As you settle into a new home state-side or depart for a new post overseas, many of the possessions you no longer need can be donated to the BOOKFAIR Art Corner. The crafts of foreign countries, souvenirs, decorative items, pictures, and items that you no longer use as your family's lifestyle changes can stock the Art Corner, which traditionally generates a large profit for the Fair. We need items now, as we get stock ready to sell.

Pick up can be arranged by calling members of the Art Committee. Please call today!

Betty Villemarette (304-876-2831)
Helene Bullen (202-966-7114)
Louise Juergens (703-941-2417)

Foreign-Born Spouses Meet

The Foreign-Born Spouse Group is a lively group of spouses who get together on the first Wednesday of every month (except in July). A different member volunteers to host the group every month. Iri June Cleo Appleton of Burma bravely volunteered to have thirty people over for lunch just days shy of her pack-out. Watch out, Calgary, Canada, you are getting a wonderful addition!

The monthly meetings are a wonderful way to meet new people in a friendly and intimate setting. So if you are feeling a little lonely and cut off, do not hesitate to join the fun! Children are welcome. The next get together is on Wednesday, August 5, 1998. Contact Susi Al-Mutawa for details at 703-534-2976.

We are aware of the fact that there are numerous foreign-born male spouses in the foreign service community. You are more than welcome to join us at any time. We would also appreciate hearing from you on how we can better open up the group to meet your interests and needs. If you have any thoughts, please give us a call!



Community Relations
Chair Janet Scott (second
from left) presents a check from
AAFSW to personnel at Martha's Table.

Donations Support Needy Families

Dear AAFSW,

Thank you for the generous contribution of \$2,750 to Martha's Table for our Children's Programs. This support will ensure that we are able to provide food, learning, and recreation to the children and families of Martha's Table 365 days a year.

The children eagerly arrive at Martha's Table at the end of the school day to receive a healthy and nutritious snack, dinner, and to participate in supervised learning activities and one-on-one tutoring. At Martha's Table, the anchor of every educational program is the provision of daily meals and snacks because hungry children cannot learn or participate in recreation if they are not nourished. As we get ready for a busy summer at Martha's Table, your support will mean low-income children have a place to eat, learn and flourish even when the schools are closed during the hot summer months.

We truly appreciate your kindness and dedication to assisting those in need in our community.

Veronica Parke, President

Project Report

This year AAFSW also supported the following projects, some of which will be featured in future issues:

Homecare Partners (\$1500)

Provides care for elderly needy people in their homes

House of Ruth (\$1500)

Serves women and children affected by domestic violence

(See "Projects," page 7)

AFSA, AAFSW Announce 1998 Scholarship Winners

The American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Scholarship Fund and AAFSW co-sponsor the AFSA/AAFSW Academic and Art Merit Awards. The program recognizes the academic and artistic achievements of Foreign Service high school seniors at home and abroad.

Students compete on the basis of their grade point averages, Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores, essays, letters of recommendation, and extra-curricular activities. Students may submit an art entry in one of the following categories: visual arts, musical arts, drama, dance, or creative writing. Winners receive \$1,000 awards. Honorable Mention winners, the Best Essay and the Community Service winners receive \$200 awards. Volunteers from the Foreign Service community judge the competition. This year's winners and their parents are:

Academic Merit

Rebecca Benefiel
Sarah Bracken
Mary Anne Christensen
Allegra Cira
Nathaniel Goggin
Ariana Guss
Rana Hamdy
May Hara
David Hutchinson
Katharine Jones
Kristin Lion
Elizabeth Nach
Daniel Norland
Meghan O'Donnell
Stephanie Praster
Shandon Quinn
Meghan Rhoad
Alexandra Ritchie
Edmund Schwartz
Lucy Seche

Elizabeth and Micheal (CS) Benefiel
Judy and Joseph (STATE) Bracken
Margie and Casey (STATE) Christensen
Christine and Carol (USAID) Cira
Ruth and James (USAID) Goggin
Lucille and Brian (USIA) Guss
Mona and Farouk (FAS) Hamdy
Aguri Matsuda-Hara and Hugh (USIA) Hara
Elena and Anthony (USIA) Hutchinson
Deborah and Philip (USAID) Jones
Linda (USAID) and Donor (USAID) Lion
Thuy and James (STATE) Nach
Mary Hartnett and Richard (STATE) Norland
Sharon and John (USAID) O'Donnell
Rebecca and Thomas (STATE) Praster
LeSon and Kenneth (STATE) Quinn
Lorraine and David (USAID) Rhoad
Naomi and John (STATE) Ritchie
Phyllis and Karl (USAID) Schwartz
Susan and Stephen (USIA) Seche

Academic Merit Honorable Mention

Nicole Cohen
Amanda Lewis
Amira Pierce
Denise Sharma
Katherine Stocking
Elina Urli
Amanda Vockerodt
Eric Wiener

Monique and Lewis (STATE) Cohen
Marjorie (USAID) and John (USAID) Lewis
Daad and William (STATE) Pierce
Anita and Dennis (USAID) Sharma
Anne and Thomas (STATE) Stocking
Pirkko (STATE) and Lawrence Urli
Alison Raphael and Victor (STATE) Vockerodt
Sharon and Howard (STATE) Wiener

Art Merit

Katharine Jones

Deborah and Philip (USAID) Jones

Art Merit Honorable Mention

Ayesha Khan

Karen Longeteig (STATE) and Hasan Khan

Best Essay

Lucy Seche

Susan and Stephen (USIA) Seche

Community Service

May Hara

Aguri Matsuda-Hara and Hugh (USIA) Hara



Youth Award winners (left to right) Travis Dudley, Erik Kolb, Alyson Rose-Wood, Alex Hastings. Not pictured: Daniel Penny.

AAFSW Helps Honor Volunteers

This year, for the first time, the Foreign Service Youth Award winners were included at the recent State Department annual award ceremony. Under Secretary for Management Bonnie Cohen presented the awards certificates as citations were read by Director General Edward W. Gnehm, Jr.

The Foreign Service Youth Awards are given annually by the Foreign Service Youth Foundation with the assistance of AAFSW to youths chosen for their outstanding volunteer service to their communities and peers. All three top winners received a \$200 bond prize provided by the FSYP and AAFSW.

Two of the 1998 top award winners were able to participate in the award ceremony: Travis Dudley, who traveled to Washington from his home in Riyadh, and Alyson Rose-Wood, who lives in Arlington, VA.

Foreign Service children, because they accompany parents on frequent moves to locations all over the world, must work a little bit harder to find their own places in each new assignment. Often they live in places where opportunities to volunteer in service to others are not organized or as developed as in the U.S. Despite the challenge of their mobility, many Foreign Service young people continue to make noteworthy contributions to their communities abroad and to peers and others in the U.S. The annual Foreign Service Youth Awards go to the most outstanding of these young people, in gratitude and with recognition for their work.

Sydnee Tyson

Education and Youth Officer

The accomplishments of the winners will be featured in future issues.

Youth Service Award Winners

Travis Dudley, 13, son of State Information Management Officer Randall Dudley and Katheryn Dudley, now serving at the American Embassy in Riyadh

Daniel Penny, 16, son of Col. Daniel J. Penny, Jr. and Charlotte C. Penny, serving at the American Embassy in Oslo.

Alyson Rose-Wood, 16, daughter of State officer Peter S. Wood and Carol Rose, currently serving at the Department in Washington, DC.

President's Awards for Special Achievement

Alex Hastings, 17, son of State employee Norman and Lily Hastings

Erik Kolb, 16, son of State's Kenneth and Linda Kolb

Award of High Commendation

Max Von Duerckheim, 17
Saman Wijesooriya, 17

Honorable Mention

Jacqueline Dieffenbacher, 12
Miguel Hermann, 14
Nathaniel Roberts, 12
Erika Ruebensaal, 17

Evacuees Thank AAFSW Volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Family Liaison Office and of evacuees from our overseas posts, to thank all members of the Evacuation Support Network (ESN) for their support. Unfortunately, evacuation is a fact of life in the Foreign Service today. During the last month the three posts of Jakarta, Asmara, and Guinea Bissau were evacuated. Volunteers from ESN met many evacuees at the airport and we in FLO have heard many positive responses from evacuees on how great it was to have a friendly face there at the end of a long flight.

As most of you know, the ESN is composed of volunteers from AAFSW who often on very short notice agree to meet evacuees' flights and provide further support and assistance to evacuees as needed. Sometimes these volunteers

We in FLO have heard many positive responses from evacuees

are asked why they meet planes when in fact sometimes family members are also there meeting evacuees. The answer is that ESN volunteers are meeting evacuees in a more official capacity, on behalf of the Department of State, to answer questions and to lend support.

Once in a while a member of ESN goes out to meet a plane and no evacuee disembarks. This, of course, is unfortunate, but sometimes unavoidable. In the chaos of an evacuation, unexpected things happen, plans change, and often communication is difficult. We at FLO are very grateful for the understanding and continued willingness of ESN volunteers; the role you play is very important.

So to all ESN volunteers, on behalf of FLO and all evacuees, we would like to express our deeply felt appreciation for all your efforts.

Virginia Boncy
FLO Support Service Officer

Scholar Wins Research Grant

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years of study (3 years of research pre-enactment date and 1 year post-enactment) examining DUI behaviors, attitudes about this law and attitudes about DUI in general.

Last October, knowing that my University assistantship was running out this coming June, I submitted an expanded version of my proposal to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for possible funding. I am pleased to tell you that the Governor's Office recently approved my request for \$264,000 to study this law for the next three years! I was officially hired by the University as the Project Director

The scholarship was a tremendous boost to my confidence at a time when I was wondering if I could actually do this crazy thing


on April 1. My dissertation is scheduled to be finished this December. I couldn't be more excited.

Thanks to the AAFSW scholarship I was awarded in 1996, I was able to complete my first research project which led directly to my current study, the beginning of my research career and ultimately to the completion of my education. The scholarship was a tremendous boost to my confidence at a time when I was wondering if I could actually do this crazy thing. The scholarship award told me that you believed in my abilities and believed that my project was worthwhile.


Once again, thank you for your support and your continued interest in my work. The AAFSW Continuing Education Scholarship is very important and I wish you continued success in providing support for the educational endeavors of AAFSW members.

Carol Phillips

SINCERE THANKS



Our sincere thanks to all who so generously contributed to AAFSW's 1997 Scholarship and Headquarters Fund. Donations to the Scholarship Fund help provide both merit and financial need scholarships to Foreign Affairs agency children (see page 4 for this year's merit winners). Donations to the Headquarters Fund help to defray the costs of the day-to-day running of our busy office on MacArthur Boulevard.



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AAFSW Helps Projects

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Provides prenatal care and pediatric services for low-income families

N Street Village (\$3000)

Includes feeding programs, services for homeless women and those battling mental illness and addiction, job training, child care and after-school programs

Sasha Bruce Youth Work (\$1500)

Runs a range of programs for at-risk children and their families, including an emergency shelter for runaways, counseling, crisis intervention, and educational programs

Send a Kid to Camp (\$2000)

Pays for underprivileged children to attend summer camps

SOME (So Others Might Eat) - Thea Bowman House (\$3000)

Supplies affordable housing and many other services to homeless families

Women's Auxiliary Board of the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls Club (\$10,000)

Provides college scholarships for "smart, needy children." (This organization was founded by AAFSW members many years ago.)

With so many different pressures on your time, AAFSW provides a very efficient way to contribute to worthwhile projects in the area. BOOKFAIR is the main fundraiser for the organization. If you skipped over the article on page 3, go back and find out what you can do to help, knowing all of the good causes that you will be supporting!

Martha's Table is in need of immediate donations of cereal, peanut butter, and jelly for their summer programs. If you would like to organize a drive in your neighborhood or volunteer in some other capacity call the Volunteer Coordinator, Julia Orzal, at 202-328-6608.

AAFSW MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

From September 1, 1998-August 31, 1999

The date next to your name on the address label tells you when your membership expires. If it is 8/31/98, your membership is renewable NOW. Please return the form below with your check made out to AAFSW to:

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Program Committee
Fundraising Projects
FORUM (current issues)
Senior Living
Language Groups / French, Italian
Job Search Support

CLOs, please run this in your Embassy newsletter

FSYF Welcomes Pre-Teens

Around the World in a Lifetime (AWAL) has helped many Foreign Service teens adjust to life in the U.S. and survive moves around the world. The Foreign Service Youth Foundation has now begun a new group for the younger set, ages 10 to 12 years old. The first "Jr. AWAL" outing, a trip to the Diplomatic Pouch Center, was scheduled for July 1.

Older youth (ages 13-18, "Original AWAL") will have a tubing adventure on July 18. All ages (10-18) are invited to Kings Dominion on August 19.

Jr. AWAL plans for the future include at least four activities a year, plus two Away Day programs at Hemlock Overlook, and a newsletter of their own (separate from Wings of AWAL). Parental involvement is important, but we will also have a professional program manager working with the children, addressing their concerns about our mobile lifestyle.

The FSYF Welcome Back in September (or October, date and venue not set) will include for the first time, 10-12 year-olds and their parents, as well as the usual 13-18 year-olds and parents.

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Cyber Services Target FS Families

People keep saying that information technology will provide wonderful benefits for Foreign Service families. You may have already discovered the joys of e-mail in corresponding with distant friends and relatives. Now there are two new ways that your computer can help you.

The new web site for Foreign Service families, Foreign Service Lifelines, is chock full of useful information—and the archive of past articles is growing all the time. Got to <http://www.kreative.net/fslifelines> to see what you're missing. Your suggestions are welcome.

A second, brand-new service is an electronic "mailing list," called Foreign Service Lifelines—"live" because you are in direct communication with the other members of the list. E-mails that you send go to the whole list, and thus you may find someone has just the in-

formation you need. You may subscribe (for free) by sending an empty message to: livelines-subscribe@makelist.com. Please note that this service is just beginning, so you may not see many messages at first. The content will depend on the participation of the members.

Cookbooks Sought

In the good old days when I was an FSO—say 1960s-1970s—my wife and most of her friends depended heavily on a series of three slim paperback cookbooks with a title something like: *Make Now, Bake Later*. The contents were a series of often spectacular but always "different" casserole dishes.

We are now, in retirement, entertaining groups of 20-30 fairly often and need NEW IDEAS for buffet casseroles—and have learned that recycling old tried and true recipes works better than most "new" concoctions.

I wonder if you might put a notice in requesting anyone who has disposable copies of one or more of these books (now, I feel sure, out-of-print) to contact me. I am agreeable to a modest price, of course.

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P.S. I am the cook these days, by the way.

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