

GLOBAL LINK

Association of American Foreign Service Women



BOOKFAIR '98 Coordinator Alice Pickering, left, and Under Secretary for Management Bonnie Cohen, right, open this year's successful event.

BOOKFAIR '98 a "Great Success"

BOOKFAIR '98 was a GREAT SUCCESS. From Family Day on October 16 until Final Day/Half-price Sale on October 25, approximately \$78,000 was collected for the AAFSW Scholarship Fund and community projects.

Under Secretary for Management Bonnie Cohen graciously consented to open BOOKFAIR '98 by cutting the ribbon on Family Day. In her remarks, she complimented AAFSW on our work and for holding the BOOKFAIR every year. She emphasized that she was especially pleased that AAFSW supported community projects in the District of Columbia, her "home town."

The weekend weather for BOOKFAIR '98 was wonderful, a real change from last year, and we were able to use book tables outside in a "street fair" atmosphere that pleased the public. The public patrons told us that they enjoyed using the

(See "BOOKFAIR," page 4)

Evacuations Affect Many Posts

Evacuations have hit a number of posts recently. Our sympathies to all those living with the inconveniences and uncertainties of being temporarily homeless. One message is clear: Don't assume that you do not need to have an evacuation plan just because you are at a "stable" post. If you have never thought about what you would do in case of an evacuation, visit your CLO Coordinator or Admin Officer immediately to request the very helpful brochure, *Evacuation Plan: Don't Leave Home Without It!*

As of the first week of November, evacuated posts included the following:

All four posts in Pakistan
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Monrovia, Liberia
Tirana, Albania
Kinshasa, Congo
Asmara, Eritrea

Evacuation had just been authorized for Tegucigalpa, Honduras, which was suffering from food, water, and fuel shortages in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch.

If you are temporarily in the Washington, D.C. area, please call your Neighborhood Network person with any questions about local resources. Come along to the Play Group if you have small children, and take advantage of OBC courses while you have the chance.

Anyone who would like to assist evacuees should get in touch with the AAFSW Evacuee Support Network (see page 2 for contact information).

If you would like to contribute to disaster relief for hurricane victims, one simple method is to send a check made out to the American Red Cross to the following address:

American Red Cross
 International Response Fund
 P.O. Box 37243
 Washington, D.C. 20013.

In the memo line you can specify "Honduras," "Nicaragua," or "Caribbean Crisis Relief Fund," and the donation will be directed accordingly.

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AAFSW membership is open to all U.S. Foreign Service employees and family members. Annual dues are \$25. Subscriptions to GLOBAL LINK are available to the public at \$25 per year.

Membership Renewal Procedures Develop

Many thanks to all of you who have been closely reading your *Global Link* for information about AAFSW membership renewals. The renewals and donations are now starting to flow in rather than trickle! I have also been receiving a number of thoughtful notes and messages.

I want to let you know what the rationale is behind having information about the renewals only in the *Global Link* rather than through individual reminder letters sent through the mail, as may have been done in the past. At this point, AAFSW has a membership roster of 1039 members. When we send out a first class letter or newsletter, we pay 32 cents for the postage (and some of you require international postage of \$1). This puts the cost of a mailing at over \$335. We have been looking into alternative postage options, but so far we have not been very successful. It seems that our widely dispersed population causes some problems in meeting the minimum requirements for bulk

mailing (not enough members in the same zip codes, etc.)

In an effort to keep costs down, the decision was made last year to include renewal information only in the *Global Link* rather than duplicate mailings. The

renewal form was in the summer issue, and subsequent issues included references to the expiration dates that appeared in each issue above the mailing label. Information about the mailing address for AAFSW and membership costs appeared in the inside of the *Global Link* on the second page.

All things considered, this has worked fairly well from my standpoint. I have learned several things from you on how to make this even more effective next year. For example, I hope to get the process started in the spring before the summer moving crunch is upon us. I will put the various membership costs in the text, and will direct you to the address inside.

I welcome all ideas and thoughts about how to make this process efficient and convenient! Please contact me through the AAFSW office to let me know how I can best help you.

Terri Williams
Membership Chair

What You Can Do to Help

1. Watch your *Global Link* closely!
2. Send in your change of address AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
3. Consider paying dues for the full time that you will be at one address (e.g., if you will be in Lisbon for three years, send in a payment of \$75 to cover you for the entire time).
4. Consider a money-saving 5-year membership of \$100.
5. Continue your needed and welcomed monetary donation support to the organization—it makes a big difference in our operating expenses.

FLO Appoints New Deputy Director

Judy Ikels was recently selected as the new Deputy Director of the Family Liaison Office. Judy's experience includes postings with her USIA spouse and two children to Greece, Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, and El Salvador, while holding paid and volunteer positions, primarily in teaching. She was the president of a large parent teacher organization in Brazil, where she was also the Community Liaison Office Coordinator. In Greece, she piloted the first overseas edition of the Employment Planning Workshop and produced post briefing and security training materials under contract. Judy contributed to an English language book on living in Greece that is presently for sale in Athens with profits going to local charities.

Judy first joined the staff of the FLO office as Employment Program coordinator in September of 1995 with a

focus on family employment advocacy, negotiating bilateral work agreements, and advising individual clients. She previously worked at the Foreign Service Institute's Overseas Briefing Center for four years designing and facilitating training for employees and family members primarily in the Security Overseas Seminar. She wrote training materials for use at international conferences and embassy communities on family security, orientation and relocation, cross-cultural adjustment, and parenting in the Foreign Service.

Judy is a native Texan with a BA in liberal arts and a teaching certificate from the University of Texas. She replaces Gail Watson Knowles, former Deputy Director and a six-year veteran of the FLO office, who left in October to accompany her spouse in Brussels.

Family Liaison Office

Member Link

Luz Marina Kennedy is the new chair of the Foreign-born Spouses group. Originally from Colombia, Luz Marina still works from home for the family import-export business.

The Foreign-born Spouses group has numerous activities planned; give Luz Marina a call to find out what is going on. She is also accessible by fax and e-mail (see page 2 for details).

Congratulations and best wishes to **Susi Al-Mutawa**, the previous chair, who is expecting her first baby!

AAFSW member **Christel McDonald** was recently selected as the President of the DC Area Phi Beta Kappa Association. Any local member of Phi Beta Kappa is welcome to join this group for a modest \$10 per year. The next meeting will be a holiday meeting scheduled for December 5. For more information, contact Christel at 703-525-9755.



The beautiful weather permitted a "street fair" atmosphere, which delighted weekend visitors.

BOOKFAIR '98

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"C" Street Diplomatic Entrance for the first time, giving them a chance to view the State Department building from the south courtyard with its impressive fountain.

Many thanks are due to ALL THE VOLUNTEERS who worked on BOOKFAIR '98 in many capacities and who turned out in good numbers for the busy

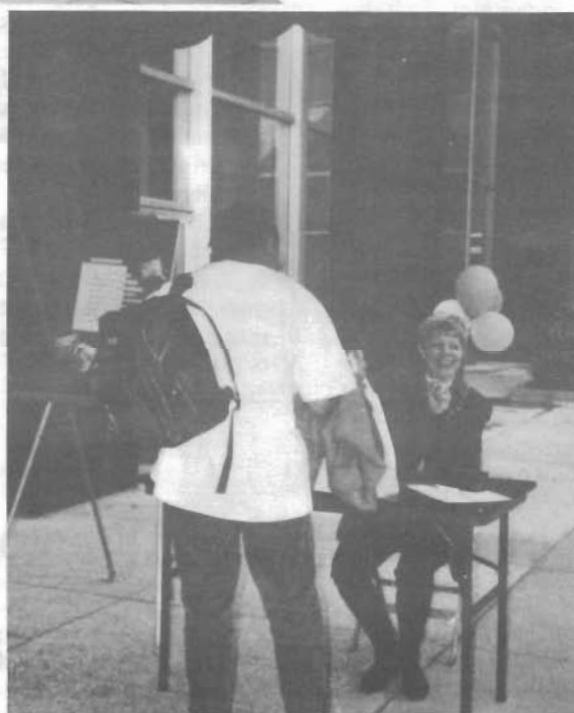
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weekends. It's always hard work but lots of fun for everyone involved, particularly if you see many Foreign Service friends (even if names are forgotten).

A special thanks must go to the volunteers who work all year long sorting, pricing, and packing all of the books, stamps, art objects, and rare books that we sell at the BOOKFAIR. Most of them work at the BOOKFAIR for long stints as well. Robin Jones, Bookroom



Bookroom Manager Robin Jones put in many, many hours.



Along with many other volunteers, Nancy Page (right) energetically assisted with a successful sale.

Manager, must also be thanked for her tireless efforts on behalf of the BOOKFAIR every year.

The special corners—Art, Stamps, Collectors—did very well thanks to the magnificent efforts of the Chairs of each area. These Corners add a special Foreign Service cachet to our BOOKFAIR every year and are also very profitable. The Art Corner made a dedicated effort this year to encourage the AAFSW membership to contribute items for sale, and the result was a resounding \$20,000 from that Corner to

our total results. Stamps and Collectors also worked all year long to obtain special items for sale and contributed greatly to our total sales.

Finally, kudos go to the Publicity Chairs, Lesley Dorman and Suzanne Madden, who made a valiant effort in the last few weeks before the BOOKFAIR to make sure that the public was aware of AAFSW BOOKFAIR '98. The attendance and enthusiasm from the public certainly proved that they succeeded.

Alice Pickering
BOOKFAIR Coordinator



Art Corner volunteers (left to right) Helene Bullen, Evelyn Manning, Louise Juergens, Beryl Blacka, and Betty Villemarette contributed to the Corner's resounding success.



Bill Littlewood once again chaired the popular Stamp Corner.



(Left) AAFSW President Gerre Lee Craig (standing) and Sallie Lewis (sitting) tend the special items in the Collector's Corner.

"If I am overseas, why should I care about BOOKFAIR?"

The money from BOOKFAIR is distributed to community projects and scholarships, including those mentioned in this issue, right and on on page 8.

AAFSW supports the Foreign Service Youth Foundation, the Diplotots Child Care Center, and many other projects that provide direct benefits to Foreign Service families.

In addition, a financial wizard realized years ago that holding BOOKFAIR

funds for a year would allow AAFSW to benefit from the interest earned. This year's charitable contributions are being paid with last year's BOOKFAIR funds. Funds from this year's BOOKFAIR will be distributed next year.

Interest income helps support AAFSW's activities so that membership fees can remain at the same level they have been for many years.

Hooray for BOOKFAIR!

AFSA Provides Scholarship Information

The following on-line resources might be useful for those of you who have kids in college and are looking for scholarship information:

- <http://www.fastweb.com>
- <http://www.finaid.org>
- <http://www.ed.gov>
- <http://www.collegeboard.org>
- <http://www.mapping-your-future.org>

The first of these, www.fastweb.com, is a free scholarship search database service that asks qualifying questions, then searches to see which scholarships the student is eligible for.

The American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Scholarship applications are listed with this service. Foreign Service high school seniors are eligible for the Academic and Art Merit Awards and Foreign Service college undergraduates are eligible for AFSA's Financial Aid awards.

To trigger an AFSA scholarship application "hit" on www.fastweb.com, just be sure to highlight that the parent is a "Foreign Service Employee" under the "Parent Activities" section.

If folks have other questions, please contact me at 202-944-5504 or 1-800-704-2372 ext. 504 or scholar@afsa.org.

Lori Dec

AFSA Scholarship Administrator

NOTE: Although Lori did not mention it in this message (taken from the interactive *Livelines* e-mail bulletin board), these scholarships are also supported by AAFSW.

To "subscribe" to *Livelines* and get information such as this delivered to your e-mailbox (it's free!), just send a blank e-mail message to: livelines-subscribe@makelist.com.

1998 AAFSW/Secretary of State Outstanding Volunteerism Awards

JACQUELINE SCHURMAN China

For her outstanding efforts—in various locations—on behalf of children with special needs from both Chinese and expatriate families, Jacqueline Schurman has been awarded the 1998 AAFSW/Secretary of State Outstanding Volunteerism award.

ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

Rehabilitation center

Twice Jackie traveled to Kindergarten #10, a public daycare/rehabilitation center, to volunteer for a week at a time. At a distance of 1500 miles (a 30-hour train ride), travel added a significant time commitment. Jackie conducted classes for medical staff in methods of evaluation and treatment for cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities, and she evaluated children for splints or other orthopedic devices. She introduced the concept of home visits and instructed parents in correct positioning and exercises.

She also obtained donations of used orthopedic supplies, splints, shoes, and crutches from the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Special Education Services and collected heavy clothing, blankets and towels from various groups in Beijing for the center.

SHANGHAI

Shen Qin—one child's story

Shen Qin is a bright, 10-year-old Chinese boy with cerebral palsy who lives in Shanghai. Because he never had any physical therapy, Shen Qin was unable to walk and used a wheelchair—something that kept him from attending school. (Being able to walk is mandatory for attending public schools in China).

In spite of this fact, Shen Qin worked hard to educate himself. Although his parents did not speak English, Shen Qin began learning the language at age four, using books and tapes to become proficient. He used a home computer for Chinese studies (reading and writing characters, mathematics, history, etc.), English language lessons, science, geography and other subjects on CD-ROM.



Now in the U.S., Jackie Schurman helped with BOOKFAIR this year.

Jackie met Shen Qin briefly when he made a medical visit to Beijing. She wrote up an exercise program for him to do at home. The following year the American Club in Beijing donated a pair of metal crutches for him. Jackie flew to Shanghai and spent two days teaching him and his mother the principles of walking with crutches and the necessary exercise programs to improve his walking. Later that year, Shen Qin and his mother visited Beijing for three weeks, attending daily physical therapy sessions with Jackie, some of which lasted four or five hours.

Shen Qin has made tremendous progress in walking and continues his daily home therapy program with his mother in Shanghai. He attracts attention wherever he walks, as the Chinese people are not accustomed to seeing disabled children walking with crutches.

BEIJING

China Rehabilitation and Research Center

The CRRC is the only government-owned and operated center dedicated to rehabilitation in the country. The cere-

bral palsy ward primarily uses acupuncture and massage in an attempt to cure cerebral palsy.

After visiting the center with Shen Qin, Jackie was asked to teach there. She conducted a two-day course for doctors and physical therapists on the neuro-developmental treatment of cerebral palsy. Besides instructing the doctors and therapists in treatment techniques and demonstrating them, Jackie included the parents by providing them with specific instructions for the treatment of their children, a concept the doctors had never considered.

Support group for families

Jackie assisted in the creation of a support group in Beijing for Chinese and international families with special needs children. Interested friends and professionals also attend to assist with support and problem solving and to discuss medical, educational and other issues..

Foreign Healthcare Network

The Beijing Foreign Healthcare Network is an international organization of over 100 professionals living and working in medically related fields in Beijing, meeting to share medical information, discuss areas of concern and network among the members. As a member of the advisory committee, Jackie helped plan meetings, maintain the member list on a database, and circulate information, among other tasks.

Xingxingyu School

After numerous visits to the Beijing Xingxingyu School for children with autism, Jackie applied for a donation from the American Club of Beijing. The school used the resulting \$1,000 contribution to build an outdoor playground area.

Fortune Training School

Jackie introduced this small, private school for children with mental retardation to Western Academy of Beijing, a nearby international school. The teachers of learning disabled children at the WAB now have taken on the school as a volunteer project.

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PROGRAM

Sally Quinn: What Makes a Party Successful and FUN?



Sally Quinn has agreed to share some of her party secrets with us just in time for the festive holiday and Christmas party season.

When she was a reporter for *The Washington Post* "Style" section in the 1970s and '80s, she was renowned for her irreverent and often controversial profiles of celebrities and politicians. The pieces made her famous, feared, and admired. Said one top newspaperman formerly of *The Washington Post*, "[Ms. Quinn] really did set a tone and a standard for in-depth reporting on profiles. It was kind of contemporary anthropology with a great deal of insight and verve...and brilliant reporting."

It is this same energy and insight that Ms. Quinn brings to her novels, *Regrets Only*, her first novel and a bestseller in 1986, and the sequel to that work, *Happy Endings*, published by Simon & Schuster in 1991. In these novels she writes about the territory she knows extraordinarily well—the reporters, politicians, and social climbers who thrive in the nation's capital.

In her latest book, *The Party*, published by Simon & Schuster in 1997, Ms. Quinn fuses her wit and grace in an insider's look at Washington entertaining and a personal view of the value of friendship. *The New York Times* says Quinn's book is "filled with practical advice and funny

anecdotes gleaned from her years as a hostess, guest and reporter."

In 1969, Ben Bradlee, executive editor of *The Washington Post*, had just created the "Style" section and was looking for a party reporter. When Ms. Quinn's name came up he called, interviewed, and hired her despite her lack of any previous experience as a writer or reporter. He liked her savvy, sophistication, and outspokenness. Before long she was one of the paper's most celebrated writers.

At age 32, she left her job at the *Post* to become the co-anchor for *CBS Morning News*. It was a frustrating and short-lived experience. Ultimately she wrote a book about her television experience, *We're Going to Make You a Star*.

After Ms. Quinn left CBS she returned to Washington and married Ben Bradlee, who retired as executive of *The Washington Post* in 1991 and is currently vice president at large. They have a son, Quinn, who was born with a heart defect, which Sally Quinn says has had a tremendous effect on her life.

"It was the most important thing that ever happened to me...In the end maybe it will make me a better writer be-

cause I've become more empathetic and more sympathetic than I ever was before."

Sally will autograph her book *The Party* for you at the end of her talk. You can get the hardback or the recently produced paperback at any of the major bookstores, including Barnes and Noble and Olsson's in Georgetown. They make very fun Christmas presents!

Before the December 15 program, we will once again have a special tour of the eighth floor for members and their guests at 9:45 a.m. Please be prompt. Coffee will be served through 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Gordon, Program Chair

Volunteer Helps Children, Others

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Other Activities

Jackie contributed to numerous other activities during her time in Beijing, including Bella's Beijing Bicycles, an international cycling group and the African Solidarity Group, whose purpose was supporting and encouraging solidarity among the many African countries having diplomatic missions in Beijing.

Reservations Contact: Pearl Richardson, 202-265-3301, or AAFSW office (page 2)

December Program Coupon - Immediate Reply Requested

Tuesday, December 15, 1998, 9:45 a.m., 8th Floor, State Department

Name (as you wish it on name tag): _____

Date of Birth or Social Security Number: _____

Telephone: _____ New Member? yes _____ no _____

Name(s) of Guest(s) with DOB or SSN: _____

* Number attending eighth floor tour at 9:45 a.m. _____

NOTE: BRING A VALID PHOTO I.D. FOR ENTRY TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Reservations accepted in the order CHECKS are received. Please send form, with check made out to AAFSW (\$6 per member, \$6 per guest), to AAFSW Reservations, 5125 MacArthur Blvd NW, Suite 36, Washington, DC 20016.

REMINDER: Special permission granted members and guests to enter the Department of State building is limited to hours of meeting only.

No refunds can be made nor reservations accepted after December 8.

Youth Plan Holiday Festivities

Foreign Service teens and college students who will be in the Washington area over the holidays are invited to a semi-formal Christmas party to be held at Meridian House on December 27. The party is sponsored by AWAL (Around the World in a Lifetime) and THIS, a group providing support for foreign diplomats assigned to Washington.

For more information, contact the Foreign Service Youth Foundation Administrator, Susan Scott, at 703-759-7952 or e-mail: scottsk@erols.com.

New Pre-Teen Group Begins

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation recently initiated a program for youth ages 10, 11, and 12. This program is similar to the Around the World in a Lifetime (AWAL) teen program.

The first edition of the quarterly newsletter, *Here, There and Everywhere*, has already been produced. Pre-teens around the world are welcome to submit stories, brain teasers, movie reviews, jokes, etc. for the next issue!

The group's first Washington D.C.-area activity was a trip to the Diplomat-



ic Pouch Center near Dulles Airport with lunch afterwards. Other events are being planned, and suggestions are welcome.

If you would like to receive more information about the group or sign up, contact Marge Catt, the pre-teen coordinator, at 703-904-7778 or Susan Scott, the FSYF Administrator, at the telephone number or e-mail to the left, or by mail at P.O. Box 39185, Washington, D.C. 20016.

AFSA Wins VA Ballot Initiative

After three years of diligent effort by the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) and Delegate Jay Katzen (a retired Foreign Service Officer), 73% of Virginia voters said yes to amending the Virginia Constitution to allow Virginians temporarily residing overseas the right to vote absentee in state and local elections.

This change, which still needs to pass the State Legislature one more time, will benefit the many Foreign Service families who are Virginia residents. AFSA welcomes assistance with the final efforts in achieving this goal.

Scholarship Deadline Nears

The deadline for the 1999 AAFSW Continuing Education scholarship is January 30. The \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in March, 1999, based on financial need, past educational record, and the nature of the continuing education project. 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. Application forms are available from the AAFSW office (see page 2).

Mark Your Calendar!

The next meeting for the AAFSW Millenium Initiative will be held on Sunday, January 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the AAFSW office. Please plan to attend, or send your ideas about the structure, leadership, committees, and purposes of AAFSW to Terri Williams at the AAFSW office.

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