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## Recipients Announced for AAFSW/Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism

The AAFSW is pleased to recognize the five deserving volunteers from various geographic bureaus who have been named as recipients of the 2003 AAFSW/Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism. These Foreign Service employees and family members have made a remarkable difference in their communities, both American and host country, while serving abroad. Awards will be presented on Foreign Affairs Day, May 9, 2003, at Main State to those who are able to make the ceremony. Pins and award certificates will be mailed/pouched to winners who are not able to attend.

Mrs. Susan Baker, wife of the former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, initiated this award in 1990 because she was impressed by the outstanding volunteer service performed by Foreign Service families abroad. The AAFSW selection panel, executive directors from the re-

gional bureaus, FLO and OBC all work on the program.

**Congratulations to the following award recipients: Christopher P. Bates (Dakar), Anne C. Bridgman (Prague) Karie Ennis (New Delhi), Kristine Luoma-Overstreet (Merida), Frank J. Weicks (Chiang Mai).**

### **Christopher Paul “Norman” Bates, Dakar—**

An Information Management Specialist, Norman Bates is described as “the biggest smile at post” and as someone who “sees a need and tries to meet it.” Whether caring for the menagerie of animals within the mission compound, providing soccer and playground equipment for

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## Welcome

### New and Returning AAFSW Members:

Leslie R. Jungemann  
Audrey F.S. Moyer  
Jan Z. Orlansky  
Nancy Preston

## Thank You!

### Generous Donations:

Ms. Teresa Banyas

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as a Tribute to  
Mrs. Cyrus Vance:  
Ms. Jean Newsom

## Donate Items for BOOKFAIR

Remember BOOKFAIR 2003 when you begin spring cleaning, help an elderly parent move or plan your own relocation. AAFSW is accepting books, art and collectibles, stamps and coins. All donations are tax deductible and if you're in the Washington area, we will pick up!

Art Corner is a popular part of BOOKFAIR but the selection varies, depending upon on the quality of the donations. It helps sales if you include detailed information on high-value items. Don't forget those inexpensive local handicrafts. They make wonderful gifts and sell quickly.

For additional information, contact the AAFSW Bookroom at 202-223-5796. Donations from overseas may be sent by pouch:  
Bookroom, Room #B816  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

# Help Us Plan for BOOKFAIR



**OCTOBER 17 - 26, 2003**

If you have a flair for promotion and sales or an eye for collectibles, we need your help! The next AAFSW BOOKFAIR is scheduled for October 17 - 26 and we already are making plans for organizing this major fundraiser. Please join us!

### WHAT: BOOKFAIR 2003 Planning Meeting

*(With an emphasis on publicity and Art Corner)*

**WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 2003  
10:00 a.m.**

### Where: AAFSW Office

5125 MacArthur Blvd., N.W., Suite 36  
Washington, D.C. 20016.

Tel: 202-362-6514

E-mail: [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org)

## Regarding Money and Helping . . .

Many of us have been part of AAFSW long enough to remember the "good old days," when we made abundant funds at BOOKFAIR through our volunteer efforts. Nothing felt better than to know that our hard work was helping support worthy causes such as scholarships for Foreign Service children and local Washington charities.

Over the years, we've found other ways to support our Foreign Service community. In addition to the scholarships, our funds now keep AAFSW's website running, which every day is shown to be a source of information and support to a widening body of people; we keep our information flowing through the regular publication of the *Global Link* newsletter; we help publish and promote books about Foreign Service life; we help newcomers find information and old-timers connect through our on-line Livelines conversation forum; our office manager, available by phone, fax and e-mail, has become a focal point for connection. Using the new tools that the cyber world has introduced, we find we can broaden our outreach. Now, much of our money goes to ensure that AAFSW can exist to continue this support.

Many of our jobs are still accomplished by volunteers, such as those who work in the Housing Office and Bookplace at Main State. In our paying positions, we are helping Foreign Service spouses find employment opportunities.

The question sometimes arises about our status as a non-profit organization. How can we use the money we raise on ourselves? According to an article taken from the Washington Council of Agencies in their September/October 2002 issue, titled "Alligators in the Sewer: Myths and Urban Legends About Non-Profits," they state several assumptions about non-profits that are simply not true. They include (among others):

"Nonprofits can't make a profit.' The IRS guidelines clearly state that any profits can't be simply distributed to board members (as corporate profits are to shareholders), but they don't say that nonprofits can't have profits. In fact, surpluses ('profits') are needed by nonprofits to even out their cash flows, to provide reserves for emergencies, and to allow them to pay for

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equipment, research, staff development, building renovations, and other necessary investments.”

“‘A nonprofit budget has to be balanced.’ In fact, in some years a nonprofit will want to budget for surpluses, such as to create a cash reserve, or to save up for new equipment. In other years the same nonprofit might budget a deficit, for example to do one-time programs with windfall money, or to invest in a new fundraising director, or a publicity strategy. Over time, the financial goal of a for-profit is to maximize profits; the financial goal of a nonprofit is to sustain sufficient working capital for program continuance and strategic choices.”

Bottom line: If we don't exist, we can't give ANYTHING away. AAFSW is working hard to further our goal of enhancing life in the Foreign Service. Our annual BOOKFAIR (our primary fundraiser) is an important part of this strategy, even if we aren't able to give away as much in dollars as we would like. We give in a lot of other ways, and we have immense gains toward our stated purpose.

*Terri Williams*  
AAFSW President

## It's a Fundraiser

**E**ach year, dozens of dedicated AAFSW volunteers donate their time and expertise to run AAFSW's Bookplace and BOOKFAIR, AAFSW's only significant annual fundraising endeavor. Money raised from Bookplace/BOOKFAIR bolsters the association's operating expenses and allows AAFSW to help support scholarships for Foreign Service youth, as well as funds the costs associated with everything from A-100 "post toasts" to refreshments for Bring Your Child to Work Day. **Please consider volunteering!**

Together with Bookplace (AAFSW's year-round "shop" located in State's Foggy Bottom Mall, below the cafeteria), BOOKFAIR 2002 raised more than \$40,000, despite the rising costs associated with mounting such ambitious endeavors. Anyone interested in reviewing the calendar-year accounts for Bookplace/BOOKFAIR, should contact the AAFSW office for a copy—phone: 202-362-6514 or e-mail: [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org).

## Transition Center Schedule of Courses

May-June

**Annuities & Social Security Benefits Seminar (RV 104)**  
June 18

**Communicating Across Cultures (MQ 802)**  
May 30

**Emergency Medical Care and Trauma Workshop (MQ 915)**  
May 28  
June 28 (Sat.)

**Explaining America (MQ 115)**  
May 10

**Financial Management & Estate Planning Service (RV 103)**  
June 19

**Going Overseas for Families (MQ 210)**  
May 17 (Sat.)

**Going Overseas for Singles & Couples without Children (MQ 200)**  
May 17 (Sat.)

**Going Overseas — Logistics for Adults (MQ 220)**  
May 17 (Sat.)

**Going Overseas — Logistics for Children (MQ 230)**  
May 17 (Sat.)

**Maintaining Long Distance Relationships (MQ 801)**  
June 14 (Sat.)

**Protocol and U.S. Representation Abroad (MQ 116)**  
June 21 (Sat.)

**Realities of Foreign Service Life (MQ 803)**  
June 7 (Sat.)

**Regulations, Allowances and Finances in the Foreign Service Context (MQ 104)**  
June 25-27

**Retirement Planning Seminar (RV 101)**  
June 17-20

**Security Overseas Seminars**  
Call for schedule

**Young Diplomats Day (MQ 250)**  
June 23

**The OBC Information Center will be open during regular work hours (8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and certain Wednesday evenings and Saturdays.** Families are welcome in the Center. Tel: 703- 302-7276.

**FSI Transition Center** courses are open to USG employees and eligible family members going to or returning from overseas postings. Classes are held at FSI, 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA. (NFATC) Non-State employees/family members submit an SF 182 (with fiscal data) through their training officer to the Registrar at FSI; State employees submit a DS-755 through their CDO, while family members register for all courses through FSI/TC. For all **non-tuition** workshops, regardless of agency, register through FSI/TC at 703-302-7268; [FSITCTraining@state.gov](mailto:FSITCTraining@state.gov).

## FSYF Calendar

Children living in the U.S. or who have recently returned from overseas should check out the Foreign Service Youth Foundation's programs: AWAL (ages 13-18) and Globe Trotters (ages 9-12).

FSYF supports and promotes these two clubs to assist young people through reentry and provides training and social programs for FS youth going overseas. The programs enable youth to share their experiences and concerns and to have fun with their peers without having to explain their "foreign" background.

**May 17** — International Potluck (DC Diplomatic Community)

**May 18** — Globtrotters Bowling Event; Bowl America, Falls Church

**June 7** — Baseball Game (Prince William County Potomac Cannons). All family members invited.

**June 11** — Shakespeare in the Park (Carter Barron Amphitheater)

For more information or to register for specific programs/events, contact Melanie Newhouse, FSYF Director, at 301-404-6655, email [fsyf@fsyf.org](mailto:fsyf@fsyf.org) or check [www.fsyf.org](http://www.fsyf.org).

*(Note: parents with children ages 8 and younger should contact AAFSW's playgroup at [playgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:playgroup@aafsw.org).)*

# Foreign Service Link

## Open Season for IBP Extended to October 1

The Immediate Benefit Plan (IBP), a private insurance program offered by the American Foreign Service Protective Association (AFSPA), is open to all U.S. citizen Department of State employees – Civil Service and Foreign Service. The open season for the IBP, which will begin on May 1, has now been extended to October 1, 2003, to ensure that all employees have the opportunity to participate.

For just \$2.00 per pay period, enrollees can ensure that their beneficiary(ies) will have \$15,000 (benefit reduces to \$7,500 at age 70) to pay for the immediate expenses that are always incurred when a loved one dies. Benefits are payable within two business days of AFSPA receiving official notification from the Employee Services Center of a death of an employee in the Plan.

Coverage for employees who enroll between May 1, 2003, and June 15, 2003, will become effective on July 1, 2003. Employees who enroll after June 15, 2003, will be covered beginning on the first day of the month following the date on which AFSPA receives its initial \$2.00 payment. For more information on the IBP, please visit AFSPA's website at [www.afspa.org](http://www.afspa.org).

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African Invitational Softball Tournament, Norman is an extremely giving individual. Soliciting sporting equipment from manufacturers, he managed to secure hundreds of dollars worth of balls, bats and gloves for neighborhood kids. He also used his carpentry skills to benefit the Embassy Community Welfare and Recreation Association and helped them raise money for their non-profit activities. Norman personifies "value added" to the work of the Dakar mission in West Africa.

### Frank J. Weicks, Chiang Mai—

Frank Weicks, during his five years with the DEA office in Chiang Mai, made a significant contribution to the underprivileged children of the region. After supporting a fledgling foster care program at a local government orphanage through a gala dinner and auction that raised an unprecedented \$10,000, Frank became Vice Chairman of The Foundation for the Education of Rural Children. He led the way in fund raising to build a preschool in a remote Karen hill tribe village, to supplement basic education with music and field trips and to provide volunteer medical professionals for routine health care. Rotary Chiang Mai West was the recipient of Frank's energy as he wrote grants to Rotary International to match retired teachers from the US with needy communities in Thailand and to aid them in a program for infants with poor vision. Frank will leave a legacy of good works and goodwill in northern Thailand.

### Anne C. Bridgman, Prague—

Anne Bridgman filled two critical needs by improving lives of the American community in Prague and by helping to feed a mostly-ignored segment of the Czech population. She helped organize the Green Tree Early Learning Center for preschoolers making it an affordable reality for Embassy families. She wrote the book *Prague for Kids*, which provides a wealth of information in English for Prague's non-Czech speaking population and generates profits for charities. She also writes "Things To Do with Kids," a column in a

monthly magazine. Beyond the mission, she resurrected an ineffective soup kitchen to feed needy Czechs through her efforts to secure a location, develop menus, draw up schedules for volunteers and design operating procedures. Anne's innate empathy and heartfelt sympathy were vividly demonstrated during her time in Prague.

### Karie Ennis, New Delhi—

For two years Karie Ennis, Office Management Specialist, spent several hours each weekend at the Missionaries of Charity Orphanage for Handicapped Children in New Delhi. She provided physical therapy for the children, taught Indian staff to feed the children properly and spent time talking, playing with, and holding the children. She organized the Marines Toys for Tots campaign to benefit the orphanage and obtained a grant from the J. Kirby Simon Trust to buy mattresses, therapy mats and other supplies. Karie also promoted, organized and facilitated the first "Health Fair" for Embassy New Delhi attended by over 500 mission staff. Karie Ennis' volunteer work in India and the personal concern she demonstrated for all those around her was truly extraordinary and embodies the highest values of the Foreign Service.

### Kristine Luoma-Overstreet, Merida—

In a city without an international school, Kristine Luoma-Overstreet worked with a local school to create a "Reading is Fun" program that increased the English-language literacy and combated the hostility toward reading in general. She organized story hours, introduced the concept of a lending library, obtained donations of books and began what is now an annual catalog book sale where members of the community purchased over \$2,000 worth of books. She was also the mainstay of the Merida English Library, an all-volunteer shoestring operation which serves as Merida's premier public library, organizing multiple fundraising events to benefit the MEL. Over 100 local residents, both American and Mexican, recently sent a letter of thanks to the Ambassador praising Kris's selflessness, unparalleled work and seemingly inexhaustible energy.



## What They're Saying about *Realities of Foreign Service Life*

**An AAFSW Book Edited by Patricia Linderman  
and Melissa Brayer Hess—**

*Reviewed by Marilyn Wyatt*

**T**his is the kind of book we all wish we could have read before joining the Foreign Service. With an abundance of charm and local color, it offers insights, encouragement, and practical tips to officers faced with their first Embassy posting, whether alone or encumbered with kids, pets, partners, and grandmother's china. On the other hand, some of us would never have joined if we had read this volume before signing up. Its beauty is that it presents embassy life in all of its aspects—the good, the bad, and the ugly.

*Realities of Foreign Service Life* is a collection of 35 essays written by and for embassy insiders. The first few essays are upbeat and sunny, offering a wry but reassuring view of the life we know so well. Is it just a coincidence that all of these authors seem to have passed large portions of their careers in the Caribbean? In and amongst some painfully obvious conclusions (“living in a foreign country can be much harder than living in the States”) there is wit (“diplomatic life has been a truly moving experience”), romance (“pampered, content, and in love with being in love, we succumbed to the luxury and romance that enveloped us”), mystery (“in Barbados I had a large troop of wild golden monkeys who came to my courtyard every evening”), and pathos (“I noticed the private bath we were promised: ... a bare, yellowed toilet bowl ... with no seat, proudly visible through the doorless bath entrance”).

There is also, in generous measure, topics that are the beloved staple of Foreign Service dinner party conversation, including My Worst Moving Experience (the time they packed the pan still containing the ham), My Wildest Ride (on a dirt road across the lowlands of Ethiopia), and My Most Challenging Meal (the cute lamb they introduced to guests before slaughtering and serving up roasted). Speaking of food, two memorable essays—“Pining for Pop-Tarts” and “Shopping as a Cross-Cultural Experience”—will surely be valuable resources for a future doctoral student in the anthropology of diplomacy.

Eventually, the book moves into a more practical mode, and in so doing gains in both interest and usefulness. Chapters on moving overseas with pets and children offer helpful advice for anyone facing this responsibility for the first time. Somewhat surprisingly, difficult relationship issues are addressed with refreshing honesty. Experiences with commuter marriages, foreign-born spouses, and even gay partners are recounted and assessed against State Department policy. Douglas Kerr has contributed a insightful look at the pros and cons of being a male trailing spouse, based on observations of the microcosm that is Embassy Warsaw. Work options for spouses; the challenges of divorce, depression, and the medical clearance process; and the new security climate are other topics that are treated with a frankness one does not always associate with Washington briefings and post reports.

Although most of the material in this book is anecdotal, *Realities of Foreign Service Life* is an excellent starting point for newcomers to embassy life—the already-joined as well as the thinking-about-it. In proof of this claim, a recent house guest who had passed the written exam but was awaiting the oral actually made off with my copy, so that his partner could read it and, hopefully, be convinced they still had a future together. One hopes for a follow-up volume that will continue the discussion of the changing demographics and expectations of today's Foreign Service. The perspectives of officers who have left the service mid-career, of middle-aged junior officers, and—dare I say it?—of baby-boom ambassador and DCM spouses and partners are only a few of the contributions that we can look forward to in a second edition.

*Editor's Note: Marilyn Wyatt is a former Foreign Service officer and current FS spouse, now serving with her DCM husband in Warsaw. To order a copy of The Realities of Foreign Service Life, go to AAFSW's website: [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).*



### **AAFSW— Where the Foreign Service Becomes a Community**

That's the theme for AAFSW's membership drive, which runs from April 15th to May 15th. During this special promotional period, new members and members who renew for two or more years will receive a terrific AAFSW tote bag!

A membership renewal form was included in the April issue of Global Link. The renewal and application forms also can be found on AAFSW's website, [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).

Please help support AAFSW by encouraging the rest of the Foreign Service to become members. Invite a friend to join today!



## Fourth of July Festivities Planned!

The third annual Fourth of July Barbecue for FS families is being organized by AAFSW and FSYF volunteers. Back in DC this summer? This is a great way make new FS connections or renew old ones!

Employees of foreign affairs agencies and their families are invited to join us at Nottoway Park in Vienna, Va., from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Fun for all ages is planned—volleyball, relay races, children's games, face painting, crafts, and more!

Volunteers are needed to help organize and run the event. Please contact AAFSW's Playgroup Coordinator Anne Sullivan at [playgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:playgroup@aafsw.org). For more information, check AAFSW's website, [www.aafsw.org](http://www.aafsw.org).

## Keeping an Eye on Your Eligibility Clock

**Editor's Note:** *Global Link wishes to thank Katie Hokenson, FLO's Employment Program Coordinator, who wrote the following article. This, and many other articles on family member employment, are available from FLO.*

Family members looking for government employment in the United States after Embassy/Consulate work experience abroad should be aware of their "eligibility clock" when applying for federal positions. We want to take this opportunity to clarify the differences between the *term of the appointment*, *period of executive order eligibility (EOE)* and *intermittent-no-work-scheduled (INWS)* status.

### The FMA Term of Appointment

This year marks the four-year anniversary of the Family Member Appointment (FMA). The family member appointment is a Foreign Service limited non-career appointment with a not-to-exceed date of five years from the original appointment date. Only American-citizen EFM's are eligible for family member appointments at overseas posts. The first day of work on an FMA appointment marks the beginning of one's *term of appointment*. When you leave your FMA position, you are placed into *intermittent-no-work-scheduled (INWS)* status. **Example:** You begin working on January 1, 2003. You may retain your FMA appointment for a period of up to five years from that date – until December 31, 2007 – or until you accept a subsequent position with the USG. During the *term of the appointment*, an eligible family member (EFM) can move from one post to another or back to the United States.

### Intermittent-No-Work-Scheduled (INWS) Status

While the family member is in INWS, benefits are "frozen" and can be reinstated once the employee is hired into another FMA position overseas or into a USG position in the U.S. The advantage of INWS status is that an EFM with executive order eligibility can compete for positions advertised as "limited to eligible Department of State employees," as well as those ad-

vertised for "status candidates," "non-competitive eligibles" and "all sources."

### Executive Order Eligibility

If the EFM remains in a qualifying position (FMA or former PIT positions) for the required 52 weeks or in a series of qualifying appointments totaling 52 weeks abroad, the EFM earns *executive order eligibility (EOE)*. When the EFM returns to the U.S., he/she will have a *three-year window* of opportunity in which to apply for those USG positions which are advertised as "status candidates," "noncompetitive eligibles," and "all sources."

### Examples:

EFM enters INWS status on January 15, 1999 and remains at post until September 1999. On September 9 he departs post on his spouse's orders and arrives in the United States. This EFM's executive order eligibility is valid until September 9, 2002 (exactly three years after the date he entered the U.S.).

Conversely, the EFM enters INWS status on January 15, 1999 but returns to the United States in advance of his spouse to set up the household and take care of family business. This EFM's executive order eligibility expires January 15, 2002 because he left post and returned to the United States to *resume residence*.

Even though you may not have reached the ending date of your FMA *term of appointment*, your executive order eligibility could have expired, based on the date you returned to the United States. Take the time to educate yourself on these matters and you will avoid disappointment. For further information on family member employment and executive order eligibility, check the FLO web sites.

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# Program Link

## Americana from Diplomatic Reception Rooms on Display

"Becoming a Nation" is a new exhibition showcasing Americana from the State Department's Diplomatic Reception Rooms. The exhibition, which will be traveling the country from April 2003, through October 2003, can be seen in the following locations:

Portland Art Museum  
Portland, Oregon  
April 11- June 8, 2003

Georgia Museum of Art  
Athens, Georgia  
July 3 - August 31, 2003

Fresno Metropolitan Museum  
Fresno, California  
September 26 - December 14, 2003

Society of the Four Arts  
Palm Beach, Florida  
January 2 - February 8, 2004

Cincinnati Art Museum  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 27 - April 25, 2004

Huntsville Museum of Art  
Huntsville, Alabama  
May 21 - July 18, 2004

Sioux City Art Center  
Sioux City, Iowa  
August 13 - October 10, 2004

Portland Museum of Art  
Portland, Maine  
October 28 - January 2, 2005.

## May 20th Program—TBA

Due to spring holidays, details of the May program had not been finalized at presstime. Regardless, the May program, promises to be just as interesting as all the others and will still be held in the incomparable eighth floor Diplomatic Reception Rooms at Main State. AAFSW's May program is the last of the season—one you won't want to miss. An exciting new program series will begin in September.

For information on AAFSW's May program, which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, please contact the AAFSW office at 202-362-6514 or at [office@aafsw.org](mailto:office@aafsw.org). **It's imperative that you make your reservation at least three (3) business days in advance. Please reply by May 15th.**

Due to increased security, all names must be submitted at least three (3) business days ahead.

Reservations: Contact Pearl Richardson at 202-265-3301 or the AAFSW Office at 202-362-6514.

### May 20th Program

(9:30 a.m. - 12 noon)

Please reply by May 15th

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

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send form with check made out to AAFSW (\$10 per person) to:  
AAFSW Reservations, 5125 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Suite 36,  
Washington, DC 20016.

**No refunds can be made or reservations accepted after May 15th**

## Playgroup/ Parents' Night Out

At home with small children? Come join AAFSW's Playgroup Friday mornings. Those with children ages 5-8 will enjoy AAFSW's Playgroup on Monday afternoons. FS children get to play while parents get to chat and share helpful insights. Groups meet either in member's home or local play-ground.

Looking for a break from children? Want to spend a pleasant evening with good food and wonderful conversation with other FS parents in the Washington area? Come join us for our monthly Parents' Night Out. Contact Anne Sullivan at [playgroup@aafsw.org](mailto:playgroup@aafsw.org).

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