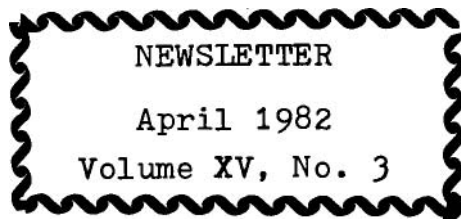




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A MESSAGE FROM FRANCES



To women historians of the West, to colleagues, to associates, to friends, we extend our call to conference: In San Marino on May 21-23, The Huntington will open its conference center for the first gathering to have been arranged in this facility. For WAWH, this will mark the 14th occasion upon which we will thus have assembled our membership. Let us come together to listen to one another, to present in this beautiful place the results of our endeavors, to consider the possibilities for our organization.

Though we have traveled far, a demanding road stretches ahead. The presence of every one of us matters. We are doing our work in a day of difficulty. We are living our lives in a moment of danger. Let us view this conference as a time to grow, to assume together new responsibilities, to explore our profession, its reaches, its relation to our world, to render ourselves adequate to challenges. Let us perceive ourselves not only as interpreters of humanity's adventures and as spokespeople for old "invisible majorities"; let us define our roles as natural harbingers of a consensus of culture. Women historians inherit in this time this mission. Let us use the occasion of our fourteenth gathering for thoughtful realization of the services we can perform, the needs we can meet.

We have begun to implement our hopes. For the first time we will recognize the achievements of members by presenting the Sierra Award for excellence of scholarly contribution at our Presidents' Dinner. We are leaders in efforts to preserve the prestige of our National Archives and our National Endowment for the Humanities. To this end we have invited Mollie C. Davis of the National Endowment as distinguished speaker for our conference. We have supported a national project to integrate the new histories of the greater half of the people into standard course offerings at all levels. We have devised encouragements for our graduate students and for the superb young professionals among our members. With the thought that our work deserves preservation and circulation, we are exploring a modest publication of our conference offerings. In the belief that historians illuminate achievements as they influence events, we have supported two new Institutes for Historical Study. Let us reflect on what we have done and will do. Let us find inspiration in one another, in the beautiful place where we will meet, in the limitless influences we can be privileged to exert. With warm good wishes to all and with important expectations,

Cordially yours,

Frances



Roberta Wollens has accepted a tenure-track position at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio.

Margaret Rossiter has been appointed as a member of the National Science Foundation Directors Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Technology for two years. The Committee meets in Washington four times a year.

Three Sacramento historians are combining their talents to produce an illustrated history Sacramento: Heart of the Golden State. WAWH member Terry Willis and CSUS Professor Emeritus Joseph A. McGowan are doing the writing, while Lucinda Woodward, President of the Sacramento County Historical Society, does the research for the several hundred pictures. The history will include the contributions of women and various ethnic groups in the shaping of the community, as well as a section with histories of individual firms and institutions. Co-author Willis did her master's thesis at CSUS on "Sacramento Women in 1872."

Joan Todd was appointed Senior Research Fellow of the William Foxwell Albright Archeological Institute of Jerusalem. Her topic is archeological amber in Israel. She will go to Jerusalem in June for six months.'

Helene S. Weinstock received her California license as a marriage, family, and child counselor in 1981 and has opened a private practice in Huntington Beach, CA.

Judith Austin was elected to the Board of Directors of the Forest History Society.

Amelia Fry is writing a biography of Alice Paul and would appreciate any leads on anyone who personally knew Alice Paul before 1964. Send to her at 311-10th St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 10003 Phone (202) 547-1058 collect if it is especially pertinent.

Victoria Musmann has been selected to present the results of her research on women's organizations and the rise of the California public library, 1859-1910, at the American Library Association Poster Sessions to be held in conjunction with the 1982 American Library Association Convention in Philadelphia in July.

Penny Kanner has been re-elected to the executive board of the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals, and appointed to the Advisory Board of Southern California Institute for Historical Research and Services. She will be teaching "Modern England" this summer at UCLA. Penny will also represent CCWHP/CGWH at the party that group will host April 30 at the WHOM Conference on the History of Women.

Melinda Young Frye will be consulting historian on the master planning for Oakland's Preservation Park.

More on the conference..

Beth Weisz-Buck has arranged inexpensive housing for graduate students planning to attend the spring WAWH conference at the Huntington Library May 21 - May 23, 1982. Housing at the UCLA Guesthouse in Westwood will be \$9.00 a night. Please make checks payable to Beth Weisz-Buck, History Department, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, L. A., CA. 90024 or call (213) 473-4682 for more information. (This rate is for double occupancy.) She will send maps and additional information. APPLICANTS MUST STAY FOR BOTH NIGHTS. Deadline for receipt of check including 6% sales tax is April 21, 1982. ONLY SEVEN PLACES ARE AVAILABLE



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Joan Todd plans to announce the first Sierra Prize Award at the Presidents' Dinner at the Athenaeum, May 22, during our annual conference. The Sierra Prize is being awarded for a WAWH member's book published in 1981. Please submit three copies to Joan Todd, Dept. of History, San Jose State U., San Jose, CA 95192. Other members of Joan's committee are Mary Jane Meeker, Historical Research Consultant to the Governor of Indiana, and Rosemary Rader, Department of History, U. of Arizona in Tempe.

THE HUNTINGTON's Mary Robertson has requested that any of our members wishing to use research facilities at the Library during the time of the conference should write before the conference weekend to the Library Registrar, Virginia Renner, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108.



ATTENTION ALL SESSION

PARTICIPANTS: Please limit your presentations to no more than 20 minutes (about 10 double-spaced typewritten pages). Papers should be sent to your commentator by the end of April. If you need her address, it may be obtained from Betsy Perry, 296 Redwood Dr. Pasadena, CA 91105.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RAISE DUES:

WAWH is suffering from inflation, along with all other groups. This question will therefore be considered at the business meeting to be held at the annual conference in May.

The Smithsonian magazine carried in the February 1982 issue an article on The Huntington that members planning to attend our conference there would find helpful.



Constitutional Amendment Proposal: At the annual conference, we will be voting on a constitutional amendment proposed by the Executive Board that would extend the terms of officers to two years. At the present time, Article 4, Section 1, reads: "The officers shall be elected by a majority at the annual meeting in a secret ballot, and shall hold office for one year. In the event that no candidate receives a majority, there shall be a run-off between the top two vote getters at the time." The proposed amendment would change the two words underlined to "two years.."

Our last newsletter suggested that Western Women Historians take an initiative in supporting the beleaguered National Archives and the National Endowment for the Humanities. We would set an example for the profession by contributing \$1 with payment of dues. A letter from Page Putnam Miller, Project Director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, expresses gratitude. Page sees hope in "highlighting the needs for a strong advocacy program." Therefore a table will be set up at our Huntington Conference for those who feel this an important undertaking. Please do your share. Our ability to present a strong concern for the preservation of these services vital to historians will carry an impact.

AHA-PCB

Our WAWH luncheon for the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch will occur Friday, August 13 at Lone Mountain College, San Francisco. The location is beautiful, the speaker dynamic: she is Constance Ashton Myers. Her topic, the subject of a forthcoming book, is "International Repercussions of ERA." There are many.

Our panel presentation at AHA-PCB will be "Through the Looking Glass: Exploring Images of Women in American Popular Culture." Chair and Comment by Mary P. Ryan. Papers will be presented by Sandra J. Coyner, Joyce Duncan Falk, and M. Joyce Baker.

The 1982 California Historic Preservation conference "Reinvesting in America" will be held at the Oakland Museum April 29-May 2. Melinda Frye is local co-chair.



Treasurer's Up-Date: Eight members have contributed to the Sierra Prize Fund since our last newsletter, and sixteen members have contributed to the lobbying fund. Sixty-one dollars has also been contributed to our conference fund by twelve generous members. Your contributions can make our organization much more effective, and your regular dues keep us viable. Many thanks from the secretary-treasurer.

Can some good historian suggest a name for our Newsletter? A forward-looking symbol to attract, to crystallize impressions of the image we'd like to project? We're looking.

New officers elected for the Institute for Historical Study are Ellen Huppert, President; Francesca Miller, Vice-President; Georgia Wright, Treasurer; Chet Snow, Recording Secretary, with assistance of Bogna Lorence-Kot; Lorrie O'Dell, Corresponding Secretary; Joanne Lafler, Newsletter Editor. New Board Members are Georgia Wright and Bogna Lorence-Kot.

Alice Clement reports that the Southern California Institute for Historical Research & Services was featured in an article in the 12/30/81 L.A. Times, and they are still trying to dig out of the resulting deluge of calls and letters.

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