



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE!  
GREETINGS FROM JESS

Greetings to all the members of the WAWH. It is with real elation that I write to you for the first time since becoming President of our organization, which just celebrated its fifteenth birthday. We had an excellent conference at Asilomar on May 10-12 with a wide range of sessions on women's history as well as on other historical subjects and on topics of practical interest to our membership. I'm happy to report that our conference involved an increased number of graduate student participants doing research in a variety of exciting fields.

I would like to outline briefly for you a few of the new directions in which I hope to take the WAWH during my two-year term. With Joyce Baker of the CLIO Press as our new Secretary-Treasurer, we are hoping to be able to computerize our membership and financial records for greater efficiency. As an organization, the WAWH would like to be able to keep current on the professional activities, employment, and other information about our 400 members in order to be able to match people up with similar interests for our own and other professional meetings.

The need to keep better track of our membership became all too apparent to the Executive Board at our business meeting at the Asilomar conference. The

outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, Betsy Perry, announced the dismal news that only 53 of our 402 members were currently paid up on their dues. The only notice that membership fees are due comes in the Networker: dues are due at the first of the year. It is easy to miss the notice or to forget payment (as I all too readily know, having, to my embarrassment, found my own name missing from the list of paid-up members). Since membership dues provide almost 100 percent of our operating expenses, our financial solvency is definitely in peril. I ask you to check your mailing label. The date shown is of your last paid dues. If you have not paid for 1983, please remit immediately to the Secretary-Treasurer (address under list of Board members) so that we will be able to continue our newsletter and other important activities. With computerized accounts, we hope to avoid this situation in the future.

Notwithstanding the immediate financial problems, at our business meeting the members of WAWH voted to establish a fellowship program to provide small stipends for women graduate students who are having an increasingly difficult time getting funding. Details of this venture have not been fully worked out, but we envision small grants that will help with typing or other such expenses.

If possible, we would like to raise enough money during this year to put the program into operation by our next conference. If you would like to contribute to this enterprise, please mail a check to Joyce Baker (address under list of Board members) marked WAWH Fellowship Fund. In the fall, a series of wine and cheese fund raisers are



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CALL FOR PAPERS

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS

CONFERENCE XVI

April 14-15, 1984, at

THE HUNTINGTON, Pasadena, CA

Please send proposals for papers and panels by  
November 30, 1983, to:

Carole Hicke, Chair :  
Program Committee  
57 Coronado Avenue  
San Carlos, CA 94070

Include vita and stamped, self-addressed envelope

planned to try to get the fund going. If any of you would like to host such a fundraising social or help with one, please contact me (address under list of Board members).

Although we are the largest of the regional women historian organizations, another emphasis in the next two years will be to further expand our membership. I believe our membership could easily be doubled, since we draw from 13 western states. Many independent scholars, teaching faculty, and graduate students still have not heard of us or of the benefits they can enjoy as members of WAWH.

I would especially welcome offers to head up such a drive within the 12 states outside of California where our organization is less known. If any of you would be willing to help solicit additional membership within your state or area, please contact me. Our old information brochure on the WAWH is currently under revision to provide an overview of our organization and its activities and a membership form. I hope to see it distributed to every potential member in the Western region.

We are already looking forward to our PCB luncheon in San Diego on August 12 with Joyce Appleby as our guest speaker and also to our session of Women in Politics the day before. And work has begun on our next WAWH conference at The Huntington on April 14-15, 1984.

Finally, as I take over the leadership of the WAWH I wish to express my deepest thanks to Frances Keller, who has served us so well for the past two years. Our Sierra Book Award is a lasting tribute to her creative leadership of the WAWH.

And thanks must go as well to Betsy Perry, our outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, who has served us more years than she probably wants to remember and is taking a well-deserved rest from office but not from active participation. We all stand in debt to these two dedicated historians who have done so much to keep the WAWH vital and thriving.

I also invite comments and suggestions from any of you about activities in

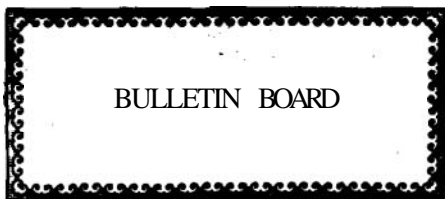
which you would like to see the WAWH involved or any new directions you want us to take. After fifteen years, ours is a vibrant organization serving a number of different but equally important needs for women historians in the West. If we can do more -- or do it better -- let me know how. I hope you will all actively participate in our activities and invite your colleagues to do the same.



UC Riverside has opening for 19th and 20th century US historian; prefers competence in the history of material culture. Winter and Spring Quarters beginning January 1984. PhD or Advancement to Candidacy. Apply immediately to Professor Edwin S. Gaustad, Chair, Search Committee, History Department, UC Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521

At San Diego State University: temporary position in early modern European social history, beginning spring semester 1984 and continuing 1984-85. Familiarity with methodologies of social history; demonstrated ability to teach upper division courses in period from Renaissance through 17th century. Send letters of application, credentials, and three recommendations by October 15, 1983, to David Dufault, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 9218.

At the University of Cincinnati, a temporary position in European history. (No date was given.) For information, write Professor Otis C. Mitchell, University of Cincinnati, History Department, 360 McMicken Hall (3 of 3), Cincinnati, OH 45221



## BULLETIN BOARD

## FELLOWSHIP FUND

WAWH is planning to establish a fund for awarding small grants to women graduate students who need a little extra help. If you would like to help with this project, please send a check to Joyce Baker (see list of Board members for address) or contact Jess Flemion (address also in list of Board members) to help with fundraisers.

## AHA/PCB MEETS IN AUGUST

WAWH will sponsor both a panel session on "Women in Politics in Modern America" and a luncheon. Speaker at the luncheon will be Joyce Appleby of UCLA, who will discuss the promise of prosperity in the Jeffersonian vision. Papers for the panel will be delivered by Bobbi Gladowski, Executive Director of the American Studies Association, on Jeannette Rankin's congressional career, and on Helen Gahagan Douglas by Colleen O'Connor. O'Connor recently completed a Ph.D. dissertation on Douglas' congressional career. Comment will be provided by Elaine Tyler May of the American Studies Program, University of Minnesota.

The WAWH NETWORKER announces a new feature and invites contributors:

Keeping up on the literature in our own scholarly fields is a continuing challenge, and we rarely have time to follow new work in other fields. The purpose of the "What's New" column upcoming is to inform our membership about significant new research and publications. The brief bibliographic essays will note four or five articles or books which have recently appeared in the author's field of interest. The first article, by Caroline Smadja (U.C. Davis) on the history of American labor and the nuclear freeze movement, will appear in the fall NETWORKER.

If you have material which you are interested in contributing, contact "What's New" editor Francesca Miller, 908 Frodham Drive, Davis, CA 95616.

## REPORT OF 1983 BUSINESS MEETING

President Frances Richardson Keller convened the annual business meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians at 4:25 p.m. May 14, 1983 at Asilomar. Secretary-Treasurer Betsy Perry informed the group that the WAWH was still solvent but that only a small percentage of the 402 members had paid their current dues. Betsy explained that the WAWH's tax-deductible status would be reviewed in the near future but at present contributions and dues fell in that category.

Newsletter Editor Carole Hicke received the group's praise for another year of fine service and requested, in turn, that members send her news items.

Ellen Huppert, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported the slate of candidates for office. The selections of the Nominations Committee were elected by acclamation, and Frances Keller passed the gavel to the new President, Jess Flemion. (See list of officers elsewhere.)

Under old business, Frances suggested that the procedures for making one change in the Constitution be implemented. The change would simply specify that any vacancy could be filled by Presidential appointment.

New business included a resolution by Margaret Rose that fellowships be offered by the WAWH to women ABDs who are close to finishing their dissertations, a resolution supporting the Women's Studies suit against various administrators at California State University Long Beach, and an explanation from Alice Clement of the efforts currently underway to save the Freed Library, which has an extraordinary collection of labor, social and women's history.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Frances Richardson Keller has been appointed Adjunct Professor of History for distinguished service at San Francisco State University

Penny Kanner is returning to Occidental College after a two-year appointment as Visiting Scholar at UCLA. She will be teaching English history and women's history. She is spending the summer in England.

Lois Banner has been appointed full professor in the program for Study of Women and Men in Society at the University of Southern California, with an appointment in history.

Margaret W. Rossiter has been awarded the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Prize for the best book in any field of history published by a woman historian in 1982. The award has been given for her Women Scientists in America: -- Struggles and Strategies to 1940.

June Stephenson, author of Women's Roots, has given over 30 speeches to service clubs in the past year on "Women's History -- the Dynamic Equality." She has been referred to as the Billy Graham of Women's History for her work in persuading women in the community to take responsibility for changing the curriculum in early grades to include women's history.

Barbara Day has recently returned to her graduate work at UC Irvine after spending a year doing research in Europe.

Victoria Enders has also returned after a year of research in Spain on the Catalan historian, Jaime Vicens Vives.

Ellen Malino James will return to complete her graduate work as soon as her book on Ojai is completed.

Lenore McCallister joins us as a graduate student in American History at CSUSF, where she is particularly interested in women and the media, California culture, and the Japanese-American experience during World War II.

Reva Greenburg has recently finished her dissertation on "Fabian Couples, Feminist Issues" and has joined the San Diego Independent Scholars.

New member Barbara Bowman is currently a graduate student at CSUSF, where she is particularly interested in European and British history.

Jeanine Rieder will spend part of next year doing research in England on a UCI humanities grant.

Sherna Gluck has just completed a 3 1/2 year oral history grant for "Rosie the Riveter Revisited: Women and the World War II Work Experience."

Karen Leonard will travel to India this summer to do research at the American Institute of Indian Studies on the financial community in the 19th century.

Alice Clement is currently Codirector of Historical Institute of Southern California, Executive Director of El Camino College Federation of Teachers, and on the staff at Trade Tech's Labor Center. She is teaching at Valley College, Santa Monica College, and Trade Tech.

Lillian Jones, Coordinator of Women's Studies Program Cal Poly, Pomona, is participating in the University of Chicago Circle Summer Institute Multi-Ethnic Women's Studies 1983.

Judy Kutulas was awarded the 1983 Carey McWilliams Fellowship.

Karen Langlois has received a Claremont travel grant and a Claremont research grant for this summer.

## MORE CONNECTIONS

Karen Blair has received a grant for research at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

New member Mary Kinnear is Associate Professor of History at the University of Manitoba, specializing in social history and women's history.

Randi Walker is presently serving as associate pastor of the Arcadia Congregational Church in Arcadia, CA.

Mary Lombardi plays the viola de gamba with a group of five chamber musicians called the Festival of Living Music.

## AHA NOMINEES

Three of our members have been nominated for positions on AHA committees: Penny Kanner for a seat on the Research Committee, Mollie Davis for Vice President in Charge of the Professional Committee, and Paula Gillett for a seat on the Professional Committee. Members of the AHA will be able to vote for Penny, Mollie, and Paula next fall.

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The following letter was sent to Senator Alan Cranston from President Jess Flemion and Immediate Past President Frances Richardson Keller:

We view with dismay the recent summary dismissals of three members of the Civil Rights Commission. This appears to be a politicizing totally at variance with the intent of the Congress.

Such concerns as are dealt with in the first ten amendments as well as in the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution cannot be considered matters in any question. They no longer qualify as issues. The attempt to render the Commission a partisan body is an attempt to call into issue again matters decided by the adoption of the Constitution in 1787, by Civil War in the 1860s, and by many subsequent legislative actions and judicial decisions.

The business of the Justice Department is to enforce these decisions of the nation. When Congress created the Civil Rights Commission in 1965, did not the Congress intend the Commission to serve in a nonpartisan capacity as a smoke alarm? Did not the Congress intend the Commission to alert the nation to dangers gssured when basic laws and commitments are not honored? Did not the Congress mean so to situate the Commission as to render these functions viable?

We urge your attention to this matter. Please inform us of actions that can be directed toward correcting Such an abuse as appears to be involvdd in these attempted dismissals. Our organization includes members in fourteen western states as well as in other parts of the nation. Many members vote in your district. We will appreciate your thoughts.



The Networker would like to hear from graduate students who would be interested in membership in the American Historical Association if a fund were set up to provide such memberships.



NETWORK HOTLINE;  
LONG DISTANCE CALLS

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A Conference on "The Women's West" will be held August 10-13, 1983, in Ketchum, ID. For information, contact the Institute of the American West, PO Box 656, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

The Berkshire Summer Fellowship is offering \$1,500 for research at the Bunting Institute in Cambridge. Write Linda Perkins, Assistant Director, The Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, Redcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138,

The 5th Biennial Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists will meet in Providence, Rhode Island, from June 15 to June 17, 1984. Proposals for papers and panels on any theme relating to Quaker history and research are welcome. Deadlines are October 1, 1983, for proposals and April 15, 1984, for completed papers. Send to Jo Ann Robinson, Department of History, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD 21239.

Deadline for applications for the Radcliffe Research Scholars Program is November 4, 1983. Write Radcliffe Research Scholars Program, The Henry A. Murray Research Center of Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The American Society for 18th century US and British Studies calls for papers for a seminar meeting in Boston April 26-29, 1984. Topic: "The Independent Woman in the 18th Century: An Interdisciplinary Study." Deadline is August 15, 1983. Contact Professor Virginia Ringer, Department of Philosophy, CSU Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840.

CLIP AND RETURN!

Please write a few lines about your present activities--or any other news--on the lines below and mail to Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070,

The Southeastern 19th Century Studies Association calls for papers on Propriety in the 19th Century, encouraging submissions from a variety of fields. Deadline for abstracts is 1 October, for 20-minute papers 1 December, 1983. Send to Wendy Greenberg, Department of Foreign Language, Pennsylvania State University, Fogelsville, PA 18051

A joint meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies and the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies will be held at Asilomar March 23-25, 1984. Proposals for papers, panels, or workshops on British history, literature, art, or interdisciplinary topics should be sent with a typed abstract by September 1, 1983, to Susan Groag Bell, Center for Research on Women, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

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WAWH 1983 CONFERENCE:  
A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Like Janus, WAWH looked toward the past and the future this year, as the Association celebrated its 15th birthday in May at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Center on the Monterey peninsula.

The theme of the Conference this year was "New Directions in Historical Activities." Sessions exploring this idea included panels on new methods and subject matter in oral histories, feminism in 16th century Europe, women's roles in the Enlightenment, and a discussion of the problems and rewards of life as an independent scholar. A slide-based videotape presentation, "The Deaconess Story," combined oral history, archival research, and a skillful selection of photographs to tell the story of Methodist women as pioneer social workers in American cities at the turn of the century. Conference participants interested in the future of computers as research aids had the opportunity to see a demonstration of an online computer search using two history databases currently available.

At the gala Presidents' Dinner the featured speaker, Nancy McDermid, Dean of Humanities at San Francisco State University, called upon women to serve as agents of change and structure new styles of leadership as they achieve positions of power in contemporary society. Looking back and taking pride in what they have accomplished, women must not transform power into a dead-end street, warned McDermid, by allowing themselves to be co-opted into an oppressive power structure which inhibits the achievements of other women.

At the Dinner the second annual Sierra Prize for a book of outstanding scholarship was awarded to Susan Strasser for her book *Never Done: A History of American Housework*, the winner out of twelve entries.

At her installation as the new President of WAWH, Jess Flemion challenged the Association to develop in new directions which reflect the fact that WAWH is no longer young and struggling but is now a large and healthy organization. WAWH must create a national network including young and established scholars, Flemion noted, with new programs to match the needs and achievements of women historians in the '80s.

-- Georgianna Davidson.

WAWH extends profound thanks to all those who participated in planning for the 1983 conference. We are now looking forward to our 1984 Conference at The Huntington April 14 and 15. Send us your proposals for panels and papers!

#### JOAN KELLY PRIZE IN WOMENS HISTORY

A prize in honor of the work and memory of Joan Kelly will be awarded to the Book in women's history and/or feminist theory that best reflects the high intellectual and scholarly ideals exemplified by the life and work of Joan Kelly (1928-1982). The prize will be established by the Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession/Conference Group on Women's History by a donation to The American Historical Association.

Submissions for the prize shall be books in any **chronological** period, any geographical location, or in an area of feminist theory that incorporates an historical perspective. Books should demonstrate originality of research, creativity of insight, graceful stylistic presentation, analytical skills, and a recognition of the important role of sex and gender in the historical process. The inter-relationship between women and the historical process should be addressed.

Donations to the fund may be sent to:  
"The Joan Kelly Prize Fund"

The Instituted for Research in History  
c/o Dr. Marjorie Lightman  
432 Park Avenue South  
New York, NY 10016



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Please check your address label. If it is marked with an X, please remit your 1983 dues to Joyce Baker, Secretary and Treasurer, 856 Highlands Drive, Apt. 2, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

Deadline for items for the next newsletter is September 15, 1983.

Our Call for Papers for the WAWH 1984 conference is issued on the back of this Networker issue. Members who are presenting papers at the Berkshire conference are invited to propose their papers for the WAWH conference, which will take place shortly before the Berks. Please submit proposals for papers and panels as soon as possible to Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070.

## MEMBERSHIP

We invite your membership in our Association. Membership is open to those who share our interests and goals. Dues and donations are tax-deductible.

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Graduate students and

**independent** scholars: \$5

Donations:

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Grad Student Fellowship

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Regulations for the competition for the  
Western Association of Women Historians

**1984 SIERRA AWARD**

1. We will consider books published during the calendar year **1983**.
2. Authors must be members of the Western Association of Women Historians.
3. Deadline for receipt of books is February 1, 1984.
4. Authors or their publishers should submit three copies of the book -- these will not be returned -- to:

Elizabeth Gleason, Chair  
Sierra Award Committee  
Department of History  
University of California San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA 94117

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