

NEARLY HALFWAY THERE:  
REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR  
OF FUNDRAISING

by Jess Flemion  
President, WAWH

As you will see if you turn to our splendid financial report prepared by Joyce Baker, our first year of fundraising for the Graduate Student Fellowship Fund has produced nearly \$4,000, 40% of what we hope to have as an endowment for that fund. Our recent challenge grant of \$200 from Penny Kanner, news of which appeared in the last *Networker*, was met by the end of our conference in the latest example of what has been a true outpouring of member support for this project. More than 30 persons also attended our wine-and-cheese fundraiser at the conference, helping to swell our coffers.

This has become, more than any other single activity, my "baby" and the thing which I hope to leave completed as the legacy of my presidency. So I am deeply gratified that with a membership of just over 200 we have been able to raise so much so quickly.

But we cannot let down next year if we are to achieve our goal and have a self-sustaining fund which will produce \$1,000 of revenue for dispersal each year. Plans are therefore under way already for fundraising activities to begin when school starts next fall. One event has already been scheduled for San Diego. The local WAWH group is going to have the opportunity to have Natalie Davis as guest speaker for a fundraising event in late April 1985. Natalie, one of the most distinguished women historians in America, was a member

of WAWH when on the faculty at Berkeley. She currently holds an endowed chair at Princeton and has received substantial publicity in the last year for her book, *The Return of Martin Guerre*, which was made into an award-winning film. Although it is a long way off, I hope some of you in Southern California will mark your calendars and plan to join us for that event. Other plans are still too rudimentary for announcement at this point.

Although many members have clearly given generously to this fund in the past year, we have new members joining all the time and others who have not yet made a contribution. In hopes of stimulating some "first time" giving to the fund, I am establishing a new challenge award of \$200 to the fund. I will give \$200 if, between now and the October newsletter (an October 30 deadline) an additional \$200 is donated by members (or others) who have never before contributed. Remember, this is an excellent way to honor a relative or friend, or to give a gift to someone "who has everything." So I hope some of you will get out your checkbooks. Please send your contribution, marked WAWH Graduate Student Fellowship Fund (Flemion Challenge) to Joyce Baker, Secretary-Treasurer, WAWH, 514 Peregrina Road, Santa Barbara CA 93105.

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Many important and moving gifts have been made to the Fellowship Fund by friends and members -- one member has donated all royalties from her recently published book -- and WAWH is appreciative and deeply grateful for such magnificent support.

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## 1985 WAWH CONFERENCE

Our 1984 meeting at the Huntington Library set a record for attendance with about 200 persons registering for one day of sessions. We hope to match or better that next year when the WAWH meets at Mills College in Oakland. The meeting is scheduled for May 10-12. Linda Popofsky of Mills has agreed to serve as local arrangements chair and will be assisted by Lorrie O'Dell. Anyone in the Bay Area who would like to offer help should contact Linda at Mills College, Department of Social Sciences, Oakland, CA 94613.

Information about proposals for panels for this conference can be obtained from Jess Flemion, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

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## WAWH CREATES GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

To further encourage scholarly excellence and the careers of our graduate student members, the WAWH has approved the establishment of a Graduate Student Paper Award. The rules governing the award are as follows:

1. This prize will be available to members of WAWH who have bona fide graduate student status.
2. All papers should be of article length. Three copies of each paper, with full scholarly citation, shall be submitted to the prize committee.
3. Papers submitted must not have been published or submitted for publication prior to submission for the paper prize.
4. The WAWH committee will select up to three papers to be presented at the next WAWH conference.
5. Each student so honored will be awarded a \$50 prize.
6. Papers must be submitted by December 1.

The committee for the paper award is not yet complete; however, Marilyn Boxer of San Diego State University and Penny Kanner of Occidental College have both agreed to serve. A call for papers will appear in the October newsletter.

## ANONYMOUS DONOR ESTABLISHES ARTICLE PRIZE

Shortly before our recent conference WAWH was delighted when a donor who asked to remain anonymous offered to fund an article prize of \$100 annually for five years for the best article by a member of the organization published during the year. The Executive Board unanimously accepted the offer and, at the business meeting of the organization the following rules were adopted to govern the prize:

1. The WAWH will establish a prize for the best article published by a member during the calendar year.
2. The prize shall consist of a sum of \$100. During its first five years the prize will come from a fund established by an anonymous donor, after which time the organization will continue the prize from its general revenues.
3. The first such prize will be awarded for an article appearing in 1984.
4. A three-person committee will be appointed annually by the President to determine the prize-winning article.
5. A call for nominations will be published in the WAWH Networker and the AHA Perspectives and will include the names of the committee members.
6. A nominee is responsible for sending a copy of her article to each member of the committee.
7. Articles will be judged on the originality of research, excellence of presentation, and contribution to scholarship.
8. Announcement of the prize will be made at the annual WAWH conference.

The article prize committee for 1984 will consist of Alice Wexler, UC Irvine; Judith Hughes, UCSD; and Karen Blair, University of Washington. The October Networker will contain full particulars for those who wish to submit articles for consideration. The members of WAWH also agreed that in the case of both the Sierra Award and the new article prize, nominees would be requested to submit one additional set of materials for the WAWH archives, which we are in the process of establishing.



1985 SIERRA PRIZE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

The following have agreed to serve as members of the Sierra Prize Committee for books published in 1984:

- Nupur Chadhuri, Chair, Manhattan, Kansas
- Joyce Appleby, UCLA
- Carolyn Lougee, Stanford University

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FLOWERS IN SALT WINS 1984 SIERRA PRIZE

Seven outstanding books by WAWH members were reviewed by this year's Sierra Prize Committee: Elizabeth Gleason, University of San Francisco; Kathryn Sklar, UCLA; and Mary Lombardi, Santa Cruz, CA

The Sierra Prize was awarded for 1984 to Sharon L. Sievers for her book, Flowers in Salt: The Beginnings of Feminist Consciousness in Modern Japan. In her report to the Conference, Chairwoman Elizabeth Gleason wrote: "It was difficult to decide which book to choose among several excellent works. The reason the Sievers book was chosen was its excellent presentation of a complex and little-known subject, its expert use of sources coupled with a remarkable lucid writing style, and the ability of the author to suggest more general concerns for the study of other societies and the position of women through her focus on Japanese women of the Meiji period.

"The committee would also like to recommend that honorable mention be made of Susan Groag Bell and Karen M. Offen, editors, Women, the Family, and Freedom. Although the committee considered monographs in a separate category from anthologies, this particular collection is extremely valuable, expertly edited, and gives evidence of a high level of scholarship on the part of the editors."

Other books submitted for consideration indicate the high quality of scholarship of our WAWH members: Barbara J. Shapiro, Probability and Certainty in Seventeenth-Century England; Judith M. Hughes, Emotion and High Politics; Judith Stacey, Patriarchy and Socialist Revolution in China; Paula Eldot, Governor Alfred E. Smith; Victoria E. Bonnell, Editor, The Russian Worker.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD BY-LAWS APPROVED AT WAWH CONFERENCE

With one small amendment, the members of WAWH approved the by-laws for the new Graduate Student award, which were published in the last newsletter. The only alteration was to Item 3, which defined eligibility. To apply, a student must have completed all qualifying exams and have been advanced to candidacy.

It was also agreed that the WAWH should develop a short vitae form to serve as a cover for the application. Current interest from funds already in hand will allow for two awards of \$150 each this year. The committee to select the award winners for the first year was announced: Jackie Barnhart, Chair, Chico State University; Sarah Stage, UC Riverside; and Betsy Perry, UCLA. A call for application, along with the cover form will appear in the October newsletter.

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WAWH PRESIDENT TO SERVE LONG DISTANCE

Jess Flemion will be teaching in London during the Fall semester 1984 in a program run by the California State University system. She will leave in mid-August and Frances Keller, Vice President for Liaison, will be handling WAWH business relating to outside organization. Emergency WAWH business should be directed to Francesca Miller, first Vice President.

Jess says that judging from her first year in office, nearly all WAWH business can be properly handled by mail she expects to remain very active albeit by long distance. Mail should be directed to her at Contract Programs Office, American Institute for Foreign Study, 60 Onslow Gardens, London SW7 3QA, United Kingdom. The telephone is 01-370-4639.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: September 15, 1984. Please submit materials to Carole Hicke, 57 Coronado Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.

## WAWH 1984 CONFERENCE REPORT

by Francesca Miller, WAWH President-Elect

The program of the 1984 WAWH conference at The Huntington in San Marino, CA attracted over 200 registrants and included 40 sessions. Activities began Friday evening with a slide show presentation,

"Preserving Women's History: The Lost Angeles Women's History Project," a walking guide of Los Angeles landmarks which have special significance for women's history.

Saturday morning sessions included "Women's History at the Huntington: Sources, Discoveries, Experiences." Of particular interest to the WAWH membership is The Huntington's plan to initiate this June a major new program of acquisitions, archival assistance, and support for research on women under the direction of WAWH member Dr. Susan Hull. In the session "Public Lives and Private Lives: The Problems of Autobiographies and Biographies," Alice Wexler discussed her work on Emma Goldman. Sarah Stage pointed out the perils that contemporary women scholars who are writing about the first generation of women professionals' encounter: the temptation to empathize with their subject at the cost of keeping a critical perspective, and she discussed the limitations of the mother-daughter paradigm. Judith Anderson, who is writing a biography of Fawn Brodie, spoke of the ways in which historians use biography.

Patrick Callahan, Director of the Post-Secondary Education Commission, and State Assemblywoman Lucy Killea spoke at a plenary session "Prospects for Higher Education in California in the Next Decade. Both indicated that educators and legislators had little understanding of each others' needs. Mr. Callahan hoped that new leadership on both sides would be forthcoming. Assemblywoman Killea discussed the process of getting a bill through the state legislature. Both speakers felt that remedial legislation to return the fiscal power which Proposition 13 had removed from local entities, including school boards and community college districts, would be on the ballot by 1988.

Afternoon sessions included panels on a survey of women in the 1930s, the roots of law in Utah, society in early

medieval England, and prostitution in Nairobi, Seville, and San Francisco. Two panels discussed the issue of bringing history to the larger public, one on local community project and one on California models of local history.

The value of inviting scholars who do not describe themselves as strictly "historians" to participate in WAWH meetings was well illustrated at the panel "Fiction as History: Women in the Fictional Past." Author Virginia W. Brodine spoke of the research she had done to create an historically accurate world for her characters, who were Irish immigrants of the 1820s. Among the compelling images of woman culture she investigated was the tradition of keening and its place in the community-bonding role which the immigrant women played. Mildred Greene, Literature, Arizona State University, presented an intricate psycho-analytic comparison of Madame De Lafayette's Princess de Cleves and Samuel Richardson's Clarissa.

At the Presidents' Dinner Saturday evening, WAWH President Jess Flemion thanked all those who had worked on program preparation, particularly Conference Program Chair Carole Hicke and Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Peggy Renner and Judy Raftery. She then introduced Kathryn Kish Sklar, Chair of the 1984 Sierra Prize Committee, who announced that Sharon L. Sievers, CSU Long Beach, had been awarded the prize for her fine study, Flowers In Salt: The Beginnings of Feminist Consciousness in Modern Japan (Stanford University Press, 1984.)

Elizabeth Balanoff was the keynote speaker at the Presidents' Dinner. Dr. Balanoff, who is Professor of History at Roosevelt University and Co-Project Director for the Midwest Labor History NEH Program, spoke on "Journey Through the Marketplace: Working Women and the Historian's Craft." She has found little overall improvement in women's situations and concludes that when women replace men in wartime, they do better and get a correspondingly improved self view, but that such improvements are short term. In her address she told of the moving experience individual women have related; their words and thoughts expressed a still aspiring, compassionate and even humorous counterpoint to their situations.



Several sessions were devoted to teaching and research on women in history, and two presented retrospectives on 20th century feminism. In the panel "Public Policy in the Atomic Age," three scholars presented their doctoral research: Carolyn Smadja, UC Davis on Three Mile Island fallout; Linda Schott, Stanford University on why women oppose war, and Coleen O'Connor, UC San Diego, on Helen Gahagan Douglas. Smadja's paper placed the Three Mile event in the context of the changing attitudes of the American public, and especially organized labor, toward nuclear power; Schott challenged previous critiques of NWP separatist tactics and explored the dichotomy of "peaceful women" and "warlike men." O'Connor, whose biography of Douglas is forthcoming, illustrated Douglas's struggle for the principle of civilian control of the newly discovered atomic weaponry. Many of the powerful quotes O'Connor cited show how prophetic -- and how alone -- Douglas was in anticipating the course the arms race would take in the next decades.

Joan Todd, Professor of Ancient History and Aesthetics at San Jose State University, gave an outstanding address Sunday noon, "Archaeological Amber: A Problem in Interdisciplinary Approach to Historical Study. A lively speaker who connects well with her audience, Dr. Todd passed pieces of amber, thousands of years old, among the audience. She spoke of its remarkable preserving qualities, of what we can learn of species no longer extant, of its peregrinations in historic times, and of what we can learn about where we have been and what we have done. The warmth of the amber and the intellectual stimulation provided by Dr. Todd held the audience for a memorable moment and was an appropriate conclusion to the conference plenary sessions.

(This report could not begin to cover the entire scope of conference activities; it could only provide a few illustrative examples of the many and varied sessions.  
-- Editor)

The conference drew participants from all across the country and covered a wide spectrum of historical scholarship. Its success is a tribute to the dedication of our president, officers, local arrangements committee, and to our membership.

Barbara Peterson, University of Hawaii, is the editor of a book to be published this fall entitled Notable Women of Hawaii.

Retha M. Warnicke, Arizona State University, is author of a new book Women of the English Renaissance and Reformation.

Susan C. Karant-Nunn was promoted to full professor at Portland State University, presented a paper at the 6th International Congress for Luther Research in Erfurt, E. Germany, and has completed a book manuscript on Zwickau during the Reformation era.

Dolores Delgado Campbell, American River College, prepared an exhibit for the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento on the Mexican-American railroad worker in spring 1984.

Mikel Garcia, UC Irvine, is working on her dissertation on the black community in Los Angeles from 1883 to World War I.

Terry Richards is in the graduate program at UC Berkeley for a Master of Library and Information Science degree, and is working on her dissertation on women's legal history in California.

Ruth Friedlander, Berkeley, is now working on "The Evolution of Purim: An Alternative Purim Play."

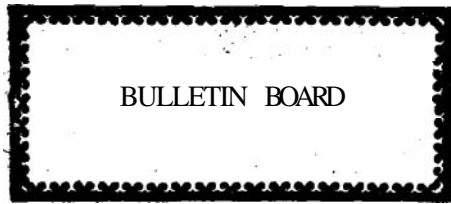
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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE

The official West Coast celebration of the centennial of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth will take place at San Diego State University on October 26-27, 1984. Eleanor Roosevelt was born on October 11, 1884. The celebration will be in the form of a one and a half day symposium. The WAWH Executive Board voted to become a contributing sponsor of the conference, which will allow WAWH members to attend the event for one-half of the normal registration costs. Jess Flemion announced that San Diego members of WAWH would be able to host members from outside the region to save on hotel expenses.

Among the scholars who will be in attendance are Joan Hoff Wilson, Blanche Weisen-Cook, Tamara Haraven, William Chafe, Abe Loewenthal, Colleen O'Connor, and Harvard Sitkoff. James and Elliot Roosevelt, sons of Mrs. Roosevelt, are expected to participate in the session on personal reminiscences. Eleanor Holmes Norton will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Norton has served on both the New York Commission on Human Rights and on the Equal Opportunities Commission during the presidency of Jimmy Carter.

Further details on the conference will appear in the October newsletter. Advance registration and other information can be obtained by writing directly to Jess Flemion, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego CA 92182.

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"The Women's West 1984" will take place July 11-14, 1984 in Park City, Utah. For information, write Marcia Jones, Institute of the American West, P.O. Box 656, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

The AHA/PACIFIC COAST BRANCH conference will be held at the University of Washington in Seattle August 15-17, 1984. The WAWH luncheon on Thursday, August 16, will feature Professor Louise Wade, University of Oregon, who will speak on "Hell Hath No Fury Like a General Scorned: Nelson Miles and the Chicago Stockyards, 1894." WAWH is sponsoring a panel, "Pacific Northwest Women's History, chaired by Susan Armitage, Washington State University. Papers will be given by May Wright, Rutgers University, Margaret Gibskov, The Evergreen State College, and Karen Blair, University of Washington.

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The Missouri Valley History Conference, to be held March 7-9, 1985, is calling for proposals in all field of history, plus interdisciplinary and methodological studies. Submit proposals by November 1, 1984 to Professor Marian P. Nelson, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha NE 68182. Include abstract of papers and brief CV.

The Southern Historical Association calls for papers for its 1985 meeting at Houston, TX November 13-16. Requests papers in the field of women's history. Send to Professor David A. Shannon, Corcoran Department of History, Randall Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22905.

The California History Institute calls for papers for its 1985 meeting April 12-13 on the theme: "The Life and Heritage of John Muir." Send to Director, Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211 by October 1, 1984.

The Renaissance Society of America calls for proposals for its March 22-23, 1985 meeting at Occidental College, Los Angeles. Papers are invited from all areas of the European Renaissance; sessions on women and on images of women are particularly welcome. Submit abstracts and CV to Professor Maryanne Horowitz, History Department, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

General Fund: \$2409.30  
 Graduate Fellowship Fund: 3756.50  
 Article Prize Fund: 500.00

NOTES: Funds are drawing 9.1%.  
 Graduate Fellowship Fund includes \$400 from Penny Kanner's Challenge Fund, which was matched by April 15, 1984. Article Prize Fund was begun with a contribution from an anonymous donor.

THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE: As I have worked with the flow of money in and out of our treasury, I find several patterns emerging. Our members respond well to dues reminders; since January 1984 we have collected \$2440 'for '84 dues from 214 members. We have a very committed membership in terms of donations to special funds; the Graduate Fellowship Fund drive raised \$2756.50 in approximately eight months.

We are attracting financial support for new endeavors as the gift of \$500 from an anonymous donor illustrates. However, as our activities increase, so do our expenses. During the last ten months, our operating costs have been close to \$3400. THIS SUM IS GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT WE RAISE IN DUES; THEREFORE, AT THIS POINT WE ARE RELYING ON DONATIONS OR A CONFERENCE PROFIT TO SUSTAIN OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY.

In order to preserve our integrity as a group and avoid financial crises, we need to do some financial planning (I suspect my training as a Recent U.S. Historian is creeping in here...) We have several options: we can cut back on activities; this is the approach suggested for almost any financial problem in our larger society. We can raise the dues of members in a modest way. We can undertake an energetic membership drive. We can seek more institutional support for our mailings or our printings of newsletters and programs. We can make a concerted effort to achieve a profit at each of our annual conferences. Both Jess and I would be delighted to hear from any of you who have ideas, opinions, or a fresh perspective.

Most of all, we would like to hear from those of you who are ready to offer the WAWH your time and energy.

Joyce Baker, Secretary/Treasurer

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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WAWH is delighted to welcome its new members. Please see October issue for names and field of interests of our newcomers.

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