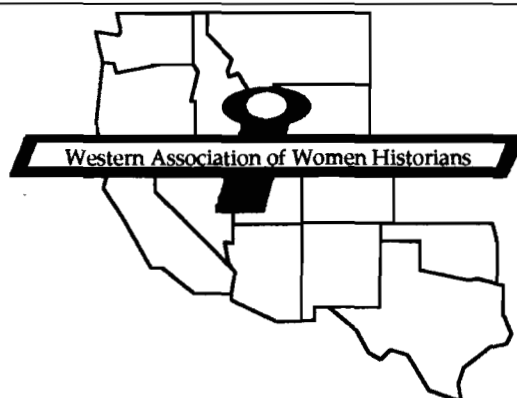

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President's Column

My first months as president have been an absolute delight. My thanks to Nancy Page Fernandez and Sherry Katz, the Nominations Committee, for the Executive Committee that they identified, and to all of you for electing them. I have a superb committee and am excited about working with them. I would also like to thank the out-going members of the Executive Committee for your timely and efficient transfer of the records.

This is the beginning of an exciting year. Mark your calendars: May 20 — 22 → WAWH 25th Anniversary Conference. The meeting will begin on Friday afternoon because I anticipate great interest in the meeting and a large turn-out this year. I am working with the Executive Board and the several committee chairs on the conference plans. It is not too late to join us. Just please let me know.

I have met with almost all of the new board members. We will continue the work of our predecessors, but we also have some changes in mind. As you have already noticed, the *Networker* has a new format and some new content. The changes are the work of Susan Kullmann Puz and Barbara Stites, our new editors. Susan does the actual layout; she and Barbara work together on content. Barbara has the task of getting the newsletter into the mail. If you have a free hour, please call Barbara. We are also looking for the best price for printing in the Los Angeles region.

Karen Lystra plans to organize our "books" and improve our bookkeeping system. In working with the IRS to make sure that our tax exempt status was in order, I found that we do need to keep more formal records than we've kept in the past. We could pay for such advice, but it would be better if knowledgeable WAWH members shared their expertise.

There are three co-chairs of the Program Committee: Alexandra Nickliss, Jane Bernard-Powers, and Kathie Sheldon. I expanded the committee to three members this year because we are going to do some special programming for our twenty-fifth anniversary. Based on the discussion at the business meeting at Tahoe, we are planning a special plenary session. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me or one of the committee members.

We are now identifying the committee members for the WAWH prize committees. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please contact me or the committee chairs. Remember our new prize, the Kanner

Prize, which honors distinguished achievement in scholarly bibliographical and historiographical work.

Conference Coordinator Regina Lark has already made hotel reservations for the conference next spring, and has some fascinating ideas for Friday evening entertainment. But I will let her tell you all about them.

Sections of the minutes of our meeting at Tahoe are printed elsewhere, but I wanted to call special items to your attention. First, members voted unanimously to increase the sums given for the several awards. The Sierra Book Award will be \$250, the Graduate Fellowship will be \$1,000 and the Kanner Prize will be \$500. These decisions came after thoughtful discussion.

Second, the group decided to increase our dues for the first time in more than a dozen years. The group also created a lifetime membership with dues set at \$400. These dues will go into effect in January. The dues will cover some of the increases in the prizes, but we need to look to other methods of fund-raising. A number of you have not renewed your membership yet. You can tell where you stand by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter. I would hate for you not to be included in our 25th anniversary celebration because you had been dropped from the membership list.

I am working on a project to reach out to women scholars who have recently moved to the area but do not know about WAWH. Our new brochure is ready. I have developed a plan and need help. Is there anyone willing to spend time checking our membership list against the AHA directory? Please be in touch. It should not take long and a letter to each new scholar could really help to build our organization.

I am also in the process of putting together a budget for the coming year. Here, too, our bookkeepers could be most helpful.

This column turned out to be rather business-oriented. I promise I will not always use this column to report our inner workings. But I am pleased to see the work that everyone is doing and thought I should share this with all of you.

I hope your summer was relaxing and productive. And on that note I am going to return to a manuscript that I can only get to during the summer.

Peggy Renner
W.A.W.H. President

From the Minutes: WAWH Business Meeting

May 1, 1993
Stanford Sierra Camp

Reports of the Officers

President-Elect **Peggy Renner** informed the members that we are now officially a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. All contributions are now tax-deductible. Peggy also reported that the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the WAWH will be held at the Huntington Library in Pasadena on May 20-22, 1994. Reservations for Asilomar have been submitted for 1995 and are still pending.

Membership Secretary **Alison Klairmont Lingo** reported that 200 members whose dues have been in arrears three or more years were deleted from our computer files. Those "deleted" members were then notified that if they paid one year's membership dues they would be reinstated. This mailing brought back the majority of those members who had been deleted from the mailing list.

Alison also reported that a roster of all members in good standing is now available for \$2.50.

Graduate Student Representative **Regina Lark** reported that there was a very successful graduate student discussion group in the Los Angeles area. She mentioned the possibility of working with new Graduate Student Representative **Emily Rader** on establishing a graduate student paper matching network.

Susan Wladaver-Morgan, newsletter editor, reported that the *Networker* has been appearing quarterly. In addition, a special issue of the *Networker* was sent out to members to give details about the doings of the K-12 Committee on Curriculum Reform.

Committee Reports

Lyn Reese and **Karen Offen** reported that the Standing Committee on Curriculum Reform has been

invited to give a report to the Committee on the Status of Women at the AHA in January. We will also need to follow-up our initial contact with AAUW; they are conducting a two-year study on gender and the classroom. They would appreciate input from us on how to integrate this focus with our concerns about history curriculum.

National History Standards are a big issue right now. We must take a position on the standards now being promoted. These standards must be decided by 1994. Goals: require that the world and U.S. histories of women be integrated as much as possible into the main historical narrative; insist that women's history scholars, including those with knowledge of non-western histories be represented in the standards setting process. (A letter to the National History Center, Secretary of Education **Richard Riley** and his deputy **Madeleine Kunin** would be most helpful.)

Penny Kanner, WAWH Liaison with other organizations, reported on several institutions that she serves as an advisory board member:

The Park Library in Los Angeles has taken a serious interest in gender and history; WAWH members are welcome to make suggestions for programming.

Several WAWH members serve the Huntington Library's Women's Studies Seminar; **Penny** wants to see programs with more historicity. [Editor's note: The next seminar will be on Sat., October 23, 1994. It will focus on Autobiographical Playwriting. Information: (818) 405-2190]

The Library Committee of the California Historical Society has purchased new property. There are many women's historical sources available at the present time.

Jean MacDonald has put WAWH membership applications at the Women's Heritage Museum and asks for more WAWH participation.

New Business

California Southern Scholars Group has donated \$950 to the WAWH graduate student fund to help graduate students attend our annual meetings.

WAWH prize awards and member dues will increase. The Sierra Prize Award will increase to \$250 from \$100; the Graduate Student Fellowship to \$1,000 from \$750. (The new \$500 Kanner Prize is funded independently.)

Dues will raise slightly in 1994 to support all of the work and awards that WAWH is undertaking. Annual full-time employed dues will increase from \$15 to \$20, part-time and retired from \$10 to \$15, and graduate student and independent scholar from \$5 to \$8. A new category is available: Life Membership for \$400.

Elections

The membership unanimously voted for the following candidates for office for 1993-1995:

President Elect:

Susan Wladaver-Morgan

Secretary: **Carol Gold**

Treasurer: **Karen Lystra**

Co-editors of *Networker* newsletter:

Susan Kullmann Puz

Barbara Stites

Graduate Student Representative:

Emily Rader.

Notice to "Lost" Members

Some of our new members were inadvertently omitted from the membership roster. Some inexplicable computer foul-up caused approximately eighteen names to be deleted. You have been found and will shortly receive notification that you are indeed "in good standing" with WAWH. There will also be an addendum to the most recent edition of the membership roster. My deepest apologies.

Alison Klairmont Lingo



Prizes
Granted
by
The
Western
Association
of Women
Historians

Each of the following awards is granted at the annual conference of the Western Association of Women Historians. Authors must be members of WAWH at the time of submission. The 1994 deadline for all submissions and applications is February 15, 1994.

Sierra Prize

The WAWH will award the 1994 Sierra Prize (\$250) for the best monograph published by a WAWH member. Eligibility for the prize is limited to two groups: those residing in California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Texas, or Oklahoma; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive). The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work); the prize is open to all fields of history. Please send a letter of intent to submit and three copies of the book to: Dr. Francesca Miller, 908 Fordham Drive, Davis, CA 95616.

Barbara Penny Kanner Award

The WAWH will award the first Barbara Penny Kanner Prize (\$500) to the best scholarly bibliographical and historical guide to research focused on Women's or Gender history. This award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology, and to reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered. Applicant must be a member of the association at the time of application. For further information and an application please contact: Frances Richardson Keller, 6874 More Drive, Oakland, CA 94611; telephone: (510) 339-2765.

Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize

The Western Association of Women Historians will award the 1994 Judith Lee Ridge Prize (\$100) for the best article published by a WAWH member. The article must have been published in 1992 or 1993. All fields of history will be considered, and submissions must include full scholarly apparatus. Inquiries and submissions (in triplicate) should be directed to: Dr. Ellen Huppert, 1490 Willard Street, San Francisco, CA 94117; telephone: (415) 665-1529.

Graduate Student Fellowship Award

The WAWH will award the 1994 Graduate Student Fellowship (\$1,000) to a graduate student who is a member of WAWH, has advanced to candidacy, is writing the dissertation at the time of application, and is expecting to receive the Ph.D. no earlier than December of the calendar year in which the award is made. For further information and application forms, please contact: Dr. Bogna Lorence-Kot, 1315 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Conference

WAWH
Call for
Papers

The Western Association of Women Historians will convene for its 25th annual meeting at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California on May 20 - 22, 1994. Proposals are welcome on any subject, any time period, or any region, but the program committee is especially interested in those that offer comparative analyses or perspectives. Proposals for entire panels are preferred, but individual papers are also welcome.



As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, the program committee will also develop sessions that focus on the status of women's history. Submissions covering all time periods and regions are encouraged. Individual papers are preferred.

Proposals should include four copies of one-page abstracts for each paper and four copies of a one-page curriculum vita for each person. Please send proposals to: Kathie Sheldon, 925 14th Street, #24, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The deadline for submissions is January 7, 1994.

Grants and Awards

For Graduate Students

I can only list a small number of funding sources here. Particularly useful volumes include *Annual Register of Grant Support: A Directory of Funding Sources*, 26th edition (1993); *Directory of Financial Aids for Minorities*, 1993-1995; *Directory of Financial Aids for Women*, 1991-1992; *Directory of Grants in the Humanities* 1992/93, 6th edition; *Directory of Research Grants* (1992).

A handy way of learning about possible sources of funds is through two databases that you can connect with through your university. One is the Stanford University Awards Database which contains descriptions of graduate-level fellowships, research opportunities, and independent-project funding offered by institutions or foundations throughout the world. A similar but much larger database is provided by the University of Washington. If your university doesn't have information, write to the institutions directly.

A free computerized service called FEDEX provides information of government agency research opportunities and funding. Participating agencies include the Departments of Energy, Commerce, Education, and HUD; NASA; FAA and others. For more information: via modem (800-232-4879); via Internet (fedix.fie.com or 192.11.228.33) or phone (301-975-0103).

Emily Rader

CCWHP/CGWH/Berks

The Coordinating Committee on Women in the Historical Profession, the Conference Group on Women's History, and the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians announce the fourth annual competition for a \$500 Graduate Student Award to assist in the completion of thesis

work. Applicant may be in any field of history, but must be female graduate student historians in U.S. institutions who have achieved A.B.D. status. Deadline for submissions is December 1, 1993. For application forms and information, contact: Prof. Cornelia H. Dayton, Dept. of History, Univ. of California, Irvine, CA 92717; (714) 856-6521 (mess.); (714) 725-2865 (fax).

Professional Meetings

Empowering Women

The Conflict Resolution Center of the Inland NW, Inc., announces an international conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for October 21-21, 1993. The conference, "Empowering Women: Achieving Human Rights in the 21st Century," will feature panels and speakers focusing on an integrated approach to human rights "in which women and so-called feminine values are fully included." The participants will include Riane Eisler, author of *The Chalice and The Blade*; Arvonne Fraser, newly appointed delegate to Beijing; Ada Deer, a Native American newly appointed to the Department of the Interior; Anne Firth Murray of the Global Fund for Women; and women from Russia, including participants from the Institute on Gender Research.

History Computerization

The History Computerization Project offers free workshops and a printed tutorial on the use of computer database management for historical research, writing and cataloging. Those unable to attend the workshop can obtain the 80-page tutorial by mail. For a current workshop schedule and a free copy of the tutorial contact History Computerization Project, 24851 Piuma Road, Malibu, CA 90265; (818) HISTORY.

Calls for Papers

Women's Caucus, SSSA

The annual conference of the Women's Caucus of the Southwestern Social Science Association will meet in San Antonio, Texas, March 20 — April 2, 1993. Papers in all disciplines of the association are encouraged, including history. Proposals for papers and interest in participating as discussant and chairperson must be received by October 31, 1993. Send all information to: Dr. Ann S. Oakes, Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Campus Box 8340, Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID 83209-8340. (Notice of acceptance will be made by December 15, 1993.)

AHA-PCB

Please submit your nominations for panels for the 87th Annual Meeting, August 11-14, 1994 of the ~~American Historical Association~~ Pacific Coast Branch prior to December 15, 1993. The Program Committee will meet early in January, 1994, to select the panels and to shape the program.

Kindly submit your panels to either of the co-chairs: Dr. Jaime Rodriquez, Dept. of History, UCI, Irvine, CA 92717, or Dr. Gordon Bakken, Dept. of History, CSU, Fullerton, CA 92634.

SW Labor Studies Assn.

The Southwest Labor Studies Association's conference will be held at the University of California, Santa Cruz, April 29-30, 1994. The theme is "Race, Ethnicity, and the American Labor Movement." Panels on other topics are also welcome. Proposals for panels, papers, and presentations should be submitted by December 1, 1993 to David Brundage, Community Studies Board, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

Now is the time to start working on getting money to help you get through next year. Deadlines for different grants and awards occur all through the year, but October 1 through April is a particularly busy period. Remember that most grants and fellowships require that a student be advanced to Ph.D. candidacy.

If you are thinking of taking out a loan to help you through your coursework or dissertation, don't make the same mistake I did last spring: I missed the deadline to apply for financial aid. If you are not already aware of student loan programs, contact your university's financial aid office for information, applications and deadlines. The federally-sponsored student loan program is available to all students who are attending classes at least half-time. These loans do not have to be paid back until six months after your coursework is completed, and they carry interest rates below typical bank loan rates. In California, the deadline is in the spring.

There is a new network, WEB, which is especially geared to helping graduate students form panels at conferences by finding other potential presenters. While all scholars are invited to participate in WEB, graduate students are particularly encouraged to apply. Write to me for a form. (See WAWH officers list.) The information you submit on your returned form will be entered into a computer database. At present, if you want to request information so you can contact other presenters in order to form a panel, you must contact me through the mail, but WEB will be available on e-mail soon. I am happy to say that I received 10 completed WEB forms from people who picked them up at the PCB-AHA conference in August.

The 4th Annual American Studies Graduate Student Conference is scheduled for April 1-2, 1994. Proposals for panels or papers on any topic dealing with American culture, or on pedagogy, professionalism, and graduate student life are welcome. Send a one-page abstract or

proposal, along with a brief description of your research interests, by December 1, 1993, to: American Studies Graduate Conference, Program in American Studies, 104 Scott Hall, 72 Pleasant St., SE, Minneapolis, MN, 55455-0225; (612) 624-4190.

The Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) encourages graduate students to join the Society for only \$5 per year; for an additional \$20, new members will receive the *Hayes Historical Journal*. Graduate student members may participate in the Best Article Competition, with an award of \$500. For more information on graduate student activities: Stacy A. Cordery, Dept. of History, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353. For membership in SHGAPE: Roger D. Bridges, Hayes Presidential Center, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, OH, 43420-2796.

Anyone working on the history of rural women should be interested in the yearly Rural Women's History Symposia. Next year's symposium is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in December, 1994, in Chevy Chase, MD. The organizers of the symposia have worked to include many different women in the conferences, including non-academic rural women and professionals working in government institutions. Because of the broad reach of possible panel and roundtable topics, as well as the broad outreach for the symposia, these conferences and their planning offer great opportunities for graduate students to become involved. For more information, contact me or, to help work on a newsletter and other networking activities: Kathleen R. Babbitt, 43 Ashley Rd., Maine, NY 13802; (607) 862-9434; or Joan M. Jensen, History Dept., New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

Emily Rader

WAWH Grad. Student Rep.

Historians and the Electronic Highway

There are about 84 electronic discussion groups devoted to some aspect of history. The following is excerpted from H-Net and describes its 21 scholarly lists for historians.

H-Net is an initiative of the History department at the University of Illinois, Chicago, to assist historians to go online, using their personal computers.

H-Net sponsors 21 electronic discussion groups or "lists." Sub-

scribers automatically receive messages in their computer mailboxes. These messages can be replied to, saved, discarded, downloaded to a PC, copied, printed out, or relayed to someone else. The lists are free newsletters that are published daily.

Currently our lists have 4,300+ subscribers (2,800+ separate people) in 40 countries. They receive an average of 15-50 messages a week. Membership is open to any scholar or graduate student, and is free. (We

especially welcome librarians and archivists.) Each list is moderated by a historian and has a board of editors. The moderators control the flow of messages and reject those unsuitable for a scholarly discussion group.

The primary purpose of each list is to enable scholars to easily communicate current research and teaching interests; to discuss new approaches, methods and tools of analysis; to share information on electronic

(Con't: Electronic Highway, p. 6)

Member News

Susannah F. Baxendale's article "Exile in Practice: the Alberti In and Out of France, 1401-1428" (*Renaissance Quarterly* 44:14 [1991]) has been awarded the 1993 Van Courtlandt Elliott Prize by the Medieval Academy of America. This prize is given for the best first article on a medieval topic with a publication date of 1991.

Margaret Delacy's article "Influenza, Research and the Medical Profession in Eighteenth-Century Britain: Specificity and Contagion" appeared in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (67 Spring 1993). She is the current president of the NW Independent Scholars Association and welcomes inquiries from Portland, Oregon scholars interested in joining.

Yaffa Claire Draznin, an independent British scholar and researcher, is pleased to announce that her eight-year stint as transcriber, annotator and editor has finally resulted in the publication of *My Other Self: The Letters of Olive Schreiner and Havelock Ellis, 1884-1920* by Peter Lang Publishing.

Joyce Duncan Falk's "Using Electronic Information Sources" has been published in *Teaching Bibliographic Skills in History: A Sourcebook for Historians and Librarians* edited by Charles D'Aniello (Greenwood Press, 1993). She currently works for the Universitywide Office of the Education Abroad Program of the University of California.

Independent scholar Beatrix Karthaus-Hunt presented a paper on "Posters of the American Women's Suffrage Movement" at the second annual Southern California Women's Studies Conference at UC Irvine. She is currently working on an article titled "Alice Lex-Nerlinger (1896-1978): Woman Photographer During the Weimar Republic."

Irene Ledesma presented her paper on "Gender and Informal Labor Leadership in the Southwest: Mexican American Women Strikers,

1919-1977" at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women this past June.

Having completed her dissertation titled "Rethinking Women/History/Literature: a Feminist Investigation of Disciplinarity in Lucy Hutchinson, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Charlotte Lennox, and Jane Austen," Devoney Looser has moved from SUNY Stony Brook to take a position as Assistant Professor of English at Indiana State University.

Jeanne McDonnell and Frances Richardson Keller are working with a committee of the Women's Heritage Museum to sponsor a second annual Book Fair in San Francisco on December 5, 1993. Information: (415) 752-9548.

Santa Clara University historian Barbara Molony's "Equality vs. Difference: The Japanese Debate over 'Motherhood Protection', 1915-1950," has been published in Janet Hunter, ed., *Japanese Women Working* (Routledge, 1993).

Jean Paquette delivered a paper titled "Ripping Away the Flag: the Anti-war Activities of Two South Carolina Women" at the Vietnam Conference in Lubbock, Texas.

Reba Soffer has been elected Vice-President of the North American Conference in British Studies.

Beverly Wayte is pleased to announce the publication of her book, *At the Arroyo's Edge: A History of Linda Vista* (Los Angeles: Historical Society of Southern California, 1993).

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databases; and to test new ideas and share comments on current historiography.

They publish book reviews, job announcements, syllabi, course outlines, class handouts, bibliographies, listings of new sources, guides to online library catalogs and archives, and reports on new software, datasets and cd-roms. Subscribers write in with questions, comments, and reports, and sometimes with mini-essays of a page or two.

The H-Net lists in operation are:

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- 2) H-AmStdy American Studies
- 3) H-CivWar US Civil War
- 4) H-Diplo diplo. & foreign affairs
- 5) H-Durkhn social thought
- 6) H-Ethnic ethnic & immigration
- 7) H-Film scholarly uses of media
- 8) H-Grad grad. students only
- 9) H-Judaic Judaic & Jewish Studies
- 10) H-Labor labor history
- 11) H-LatAm Latin American
- 12) H-Law legal & constitutional
- 13) H-Pol US political history
- 14) H-Rhetor history of rhetoric & communications
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