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## Maine Division Launches Unique Project

The Maine Division has launched an exciting project which is an important new educational tool. Last spring, Barbara Waters, Education AR from Bar Harbor, submitted a proposal to the Educational Foundation suggesting that Maine publish a book focussing on the unique nature of the varied lives we lead in Maine. The Yellow Pages of Learning Resources for Maine is patterned after a similar book about urban life published last year by the MIT press. The Educational Foundation, under the Research and Projects Grants for State Divisions, sent President Peggy Hodgkins \$1100, with instructions that Maine should publish the book and design a pilot program for other states. Since Barbara Waters was moving to Cape Cod, Peggy asked Vici Robinson of Kingfield to be the State Director of the project.

The Yellow Pages will be geared toward intermediate school age children, but should be useful to Maine students of all ages. One hundred short articles will suggest how an individual might learn from visiting a variety of Maine people, places and events. It will help students to understand the many things they might learn from a visit to a game warden or lobsterman, a pulp and paper mill or a ski resort, a country fair or a town meeting. Other topics to be included are blueberry farming, a fish hatchery, lighthouses, Maine guide, rockhound, potato festival, and an archaeological dig. The articles will be simple, not stating all of the facts about the resource. They will guide the student toward learning more through questions and a listing of sources for further information. Many illustrations and diagrams will be included.

AAUW volunteers across the state will prepare the Yellow Pages. Each branch has a project leader who, with her committee, has submitted a preliminary list of at least 30 suggestions to Vici. She will select from the over 500 possible resources the 100 most typifying the unique geography and character of life here in Maine. In the selection it will be important to achieve a balance with the many aspects of life. Each branch will be asked to write approximately ten articles which seem most suited to its area. The individual(s) who writes the article will be given credit for her work at the end of her article.

The grant of \$1100 will cover all expenses incurred prior to publication but not the cost of printing. We are looking for possible grants or sources of funding. If

YOU have any ideas in this regard, please contact Peggy Hodgkins or Vici Robinson. (One suggestion has been that we presell copies of the book to schools and individuals across the state). (cont. on page 4)



Vici Robinson, Yellow Pages State Director

## DR. RUSSELL HEADS INT. FELLOWSHIPS

Dr. Elizabeth Russell has recently been appointed Chairman of the Committee on International Fellowships for the Educational Foundation and to membership on the Association Fellowships Program Committee.

Tibby, a member of the Mount Desert Island Branch, has served the branch and division Fellowships committees for many years. She is affiliated with the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor as a geneticist.

In this new capacity, Tibby and her committee will be responsible for deciding on the recipients of the International Fellowships, a difficult task considering the large number of extremely qualified women applicants.

We in Maine are proud to have such a dedicated member in our division!

## INVITE A FELLOW

Have you ever tried inviting one of the American or International Fellows in the Boston area to come to your branch for a meeting? Or have you invited one for a holiday weekend? Sometimes the International Fellows, especially, like to visit in American homes, and they might think coming to Maine a welcome opportunity to see a truer picture of American life than in a big city (however nice Boston is!)

There are four American Fellows in the Boston area. You could reach them through the universities:

Joyce S. Mehring, M.I.T., Cambridge  
Deborah E. Sistare, Tufts School of  
Dental Medicine, Medford  
Alison W. Conner, Harvard Law School,  
Cambridge  
Mary E. Corcoran, M.I.T.

The four International Fellows are:

Dr. Kay Burns (England), M.I.T.,  
Biochemistry Department  
Dr. Riita-Liisa Keolemainen (Finland)  
Harvard School of Public Health  
Miss Rajam Pillay (India), B.U.  
School of Education  
Miss Angela Stent (England), Harvard,  
Department of Linguistics

Last year the Maine State Division gave over \$3000 to the Fellowships Fund. Now that the Margaret Dickie Fund is completed we are eligible, by virtue of giving an amount of \$2500 or more, to choose to make a NAMED ENDOWMENT UNIT in honor of a woman (probably of Maine) whom we wish to honor and to designate it for either American or International Fellowships. It will bear her name in perpetuity. What do you think of this? Opinions, please.

Mary O'Halloran  
Fellowships Chairman

## ERA Ratification Efforts

Efforts in support of the Equal Rights Amendment by AAUW currently center around cooperation with the coalition formed by women's groups.

We have contacted all legislative chairmen in areas where reside state senators whose votes could go either way. We are trying to reach women all over the state, not just in specific organizations or jobs. An effort to explain the Equal Rights Amendment on a one to one basis should be given top priority for all of us.

## INTRODUCING INCOMING BRANCH PRESIDENTS

JOAN LAMB, AUGUSTA -- Joan was graduated from U of M. For the last three years she has worked extensively with children ages 4 to 6. She is attending UMA preparing to become a kindergarten teacher. Joan is married and has two boys, 8 and 6.

JUDY CARTER, BANGOR -- Judy is a native Bangorian with a B.S. in Education from U of M. She taught fourth grade in Bangor for six years. She has served on the Red Cross Board and the Bangor Community Concert Association Board. Previous AAUW positions held are that of Program Chairman and Corresponding Secretary. Judy is married and has two sons, ages 7 and 5.

MILDRED MADIGAN, HOULTON -- Mildred was graduated from Manhattanville College in New York. She and her husband have 7 children (5 teenagers). Mildred has served her branch as Fellowships Chairman, Secretary, and 1st V.P. She serves also as co-chairman of the Residential Fund Drive for the new Houlton Regional Hospital and is chairman of the Budget-Ways and Means Committee of the hospital auxiliary.

BARBARA FITZHENRY, PRESQUE ISLE -- Barbara has previously served as Publicity Chairman and First V.P. of her branch. She was graduated from U of M. She and her husband have two children, ages 5 and 3. Barbara continues to teach in the High School Adult Education Diploma Program, is active in her church Religious Education Committee and the high school church discussion program.



Mildred



Joan



Barbara

The big issue this time will probably be State's Rights. We can only answer that we want Equal Rights throughout the U.S. and federal enforcement is necessary for federal law.

We have also tried to reach a number of people on the ERA issue by televising a program (see Waterville Branch news).

If you have questions regarding the ERA, please contact me or your branch officers.

Ann DeWitt  
ERA Coordinator

## *Creative Programming*

SELECT over-all topic or theme (input from entire branch membership)

PICK specific subjects to be included (program committee, branch board, committee of especially interested members)

DETERMINE the most effective ways to get information on these subjects by listing resources.

For example, branch members (including study groups)...community leaders...experts in the field...places to visit...movies...t.v...cassettes...films

WHAT experiences are to be gained? What questions are to be asked?

HOW can the answers best be elicited from the resource?

Field trip

Interview expert (provide questions to expert in advance to be repeated for the benefit of the audience during the program)

Panel of people presenting complimentary or opposing views

Varieties of media forms which program planners have previewed

Small buzz groups, brainstorming, fish bowl, goal setting groups

Speaker--if exceptionally good (Remember that AAUW members are intelligent people who deserve the best!)

PROVIDE appropriate atmosphere for meeting

Informal vs. informal seating arrangement

Refreshments????? At what point: beginning, end, throughout meeting

Size of meeting place: correspond to the number of people attending

EVALUATE and remain flexible so that new developments can be considered and incorporated.

READ a few more times: Study Action Planning Guide, pp. 2-4 and Tool Catalog, "No. 38, Organize Public Meeting, Conference, Teach-In," p. 154.

Lou Smith  
V.P. for Program

### *from Peggy's desk...*

"Voices of the Future," the National Convention, was an inspiring experience for our sixteen Maine delegates. We felt the ALIVENESS of our Association and every aspect of its activities came into focus.

I returned home proud of our Division, proud to be a member of AAUW, and especially proud to have represented YOU.

A fun Fall Workshop, "UP! UP! WITH BRANCHES," was held at the Univ. of Maine in Presque Isle on October 13th. The day was based on sharing leadership techniques and experiencing programming methods. A charming Peggy O'Brien was the PI Branch chairman and we happily had 9 of our 14 branches represented. How I wish we could see more of these great Aroostook members. Thanks again, gals, for your skits and hospitality!

Peggy Hodgkins, President

### NEWS FROM NRC

So many things go on simultaneously in the Natural Resources Council of Maine that it is always difficult to give a report. Those of you with lake shore property may wish to get a copy of Protecting Your Lake which was written for the DEP by the NRC to explain the Great Ponds Law.

NRC received the report of its Goals Committee in October. Much to my delight the Committee proposes that 40% of NRC's time, energy, and finances go toward Education and Information. I hope this report will be adopted by the Council.

The Population Committee of NRC is purchasing a film, No Room for Wilderness? to promote "population education" in Maine. They plan to make it available to secondary schools and adult groups. It was produced by the Sierra Club.

Lee Davis

## BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

Following a speaker on Cable TV, several BANGOR members attended the public hearings held in Bangor on Cable TV...Coming up is a panel of Bangor Daily News staff members discussing current issues and problems in the newspaper world and an open meeting featuring Congressman William Cohen on the bill he has introduced concerning Media and federal regulations...The annual book sale, held in conjunction with Bangor's Downtown County Fair, proved a financial and public relations success. Further plans include a stationary sale and a garage sale.

The WATERVILLE BRANCH, having chosen the "Media" topic, with "Woman" a close second, is having a program on "Media and the Public Power Issue" and a film strip, "This Ad Insults Women."...We hope you all saw our branch-produced TV panel on "By the People," shown on PBS on October 22 and 25. Ann DeWitt moderated the discussion on the ERA, with Lou Smith, Frances Seaman, and Peggy Hodgkins participating.

Much interest was generated at the Fall Workshop in the unique features of the Fashion Show put on by the HOULTON BRANCH as its main fund-raising project. It was suggested that Houlton share its expertise with other branches: 1) 9 local stores participate in the show and are charged per outfit shown; 2) Shoe stores display merchandise and pay for the privilege; 3) We offer a generous door prize. Our services to the merchants include: 1) Pick-up and delivery of clothing; 2) Suitable models provided; 3) Publicity; 4) Writing and reading the commentary and 5) Decorations.

Mary Ann Barron gave the ORONO-OLD TOWN BRANCH a birds-eye view of the Far East's education in a talk made most vivid with artifacts...On the eve of Agnew's resignation and the drop in the financial market, an investment broker spoke to us concerning the interrelationship between business and government. What appropriate timing! Our speaker was optimistic that we are not in "classic inflation."

AUGUSTA BRANCH programs will focus on "Dynamic Learning." At a dinner meeting, the Community Arts Coordinator at UMA discussed Forum-A, a university-community cooperative group devoted to promoting the sponsorship and encouragement of the performing and creative arts in the Augusta area...In October, "free" school educators will discuss their basic philosophy and teaching methods...To come is the head of Public Services at the Maine

State Museum who will discuss and demonstrate some of the programs which the Museum conducts for students from all over the state. In-museum lessons include pre-visit and follow-up materials suitable for a week-long social studies unit in the classroom.

The CAPE NEDDICK BRANCH held a panel discussion with local newspaper reporters on the newspaper as a medium of communication. The Portsmouth N.H. Branch AAUW will join us at the Media Center at U.N.H. in November...We are selling notepads for the benefit of Fellowship and Scholarships.



Houlton Branch members who participated in skits at the Fall Workshop were, l. to r., Mildred Quayle, Mildred Madigan, Allison Bossie, Mildred Rutledge, and Cecelia Rhoda

## Maine Division (cont. from page 1)

We will be needing someone to be responsible for ~~the distribution and sales and for state-wide publicity.~~

We are zeager for ideas or suggestions which the AAUW membership may have about this challenging project.

Vici Robinson, Director

INFLATION HITS DAWNBREAKER.....In a to limit Division expenses, it was Summer Board meeting to publish a Dawnbreaker twice a year. The next will be in the spring. --Ed.

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