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Velma Oliver to be Cited

The 1974 Achievement Citation of the Maine Division, AAUW, will be awarded to Velma K. Oliver at the May convention. Nominated by the Orono-Old Town Branch, the 72 year old recipient will be honored for her lifelong service to humanity and education in the State of Maine.

After 30 years of service to students and parents alike, Velma retired in 1969 as Manager of Women's Housing at UMO. It was after retirement that she became really busy. Already serving as president of the Maine Division, AAUW, she became part of the State Board of the League of Women Voters and Field Vice President of the Abnaki Girl Scout Council, as well as the first woman president of the Unitarian Church Council in Bangor. In 1972 she became a prime mover in one of the most exciting and useful services to the elderly and lonely in Maine, Meals For Me. Velma is Vice President and a corporate member of Meals For Me, and has been unflagging in her efforts to help organize and raise needed money to keep this program alive. Velma not only lends her talents to organizing, but also delivers the packaged meals to shut-ins in the Orono area.

Quoting her branch: "Velma is by nature quiet and unassuming, but like a stone tossed gently in a pond, ripples of her influence and work have spread through the state."

Division to Support Howorth Fellowship

Division support of the newly established Lucy Somerville Howorth Fellowship for American Women was voted at the Winter Board Meeting. Consideration of a named endowment unit by the Maine Division will wait until next year to allow more time for consideration of a person to honor.

The Howorth Fellowship sponsored by the Mississippi Division is special to Maine. Judge Howorth is known and admired by members of the Maine Division, as Margaret Dickie was by the Mississippi Division.

The Waterville Branch marked its 50th anniversary in January with a gala celebration. Admiring the elegant cake are, l to r., Frances Seaman, branch pres.; Mary Warren, charter member; Margaret Kellenberger, program chairman and Peggy Hodgkins, division president.

MAINE DIVISION CONVENTION CALL

All members of the Maine Division are called to attend the Annual Meeting on May 3rd and 4th in Waterville at the First Congregational Church. The theme "She Chooses" will bring into focus the stages of a woman's life and the options available. Highlights of the weekend will be the Achievement Citation presentation, the Readers Theater program, "Women of All Ages" (From the AAUW Journal, January 1974, comes this description. "Women of all Ages! looks at women in literature from antiquity through the present to see if women's role in literature has changed along with her role in society..." ), the Annual Business Meeting, a meeting with an AAUW Fellow, and a Silent Auction of creations, crafts and otherwise by YOU.
In Me. With Peggy:

Many feelings bombard me as I think of what my term as president of the Maine Division has meant to me. I want to share these feelings with you in appreciation of all the support, encouragement, patience, friendship, hospitality and love I have received. It is my hope that we continue to involve and risk ourselves in united efforts toward the goals of AAUW. Now, nothing seems more appropriate than to enthusiastically join the AAUW Board of Directors in its CALL TO ACTION FOR WOMEN. As we step out for women let us step forward with knowledge that each step we take will contribute to our individual and collective growth.

In seeking to express what these two years have meant to me personally I feel:

Indebted to the AAUW membership for our being
Appreciative of having had the opportunity to serve
Sadness in the realization that soon this experience ends
Awestruck by the greatness of our efforts and work together
Frustrated by communication and lethargy problems
Aware from having learned
Challenged by dreams of goals we can conquer when all our talents are tapped
Exhilarated by the brilliance within our membership
Satisfaction in our accomplishments
Excited by the potential of our AAUW influence
Confident in our future leadership
Happy in knowing YOU better
REWARDED for having dared to tackle the job
Thank you, Peggy Hodgkins, President

Yellow Pages: Progress Report

Out of a lively discussion of the Yellow Pages project at the Winter Board Meeting came the following decisions:

1. The first printing will be 5000 copies
2. Paper, printing and binding will be of high quality so as to interest schools and libraries
3. The book will sell for about $2.00
4. We will seek a publisher to buy the finished product, or professional assistance in promotion and distribution
5. Our primary motivation is to contribute to education, not to make a profit
6. Branches will receive a commission on all books they sell
7. The Board voted to assume the respons-

Call to Acti

*To begin and become:

The Board of Directors of the American Associates branches, and state divisions to set for their for women in education, economic, social and pub termine and achieve their own fulfillment.

To plan and act thus:

1. To ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and to the local, state and Federal level.
2. To influence all institutions of higher education opportunity in admissions, curriculum, finance
3. To encourage women to seek public office.
4. To place women on governing boards, boards of sities, business corporations, and government.
5. To change educational methods and materials
6. To portray women fairly in communications me
7. To facilitate societal attitudinal changes

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

ENERGY
A. Support for the conservation of in all its forms
B. Encourage research and use of new
C. Provide a system of adequate publ

EDUCATION
A. Continue to support equal funding systems.
B. Provide adequate funding for high
C. General strengthening of all pr

NATURAL RESOURCES
A. Support anti-pollution legislatio
B. Support control of natural resour
C. Continue support of environmental

HUMAN RESOURCES
A. Improve the status of women in our
B. Support ways and means whereby the may be improved.

GOVERNMENT
A. Support governmental reorganizat
B. Support legislation designed to p of high ethical standards.

* It was moved, seconded and voted that the pr and the focal point for the Legislative Program to this ro am may be resented at the Annual C

ibility of securing funding for the printing, promotion, distribution and sales. Branches will have to approve the funding effort before we proceed

Carolyn Wood of the Bath-Brunswick branch is now investigating distribution of the Yellow Pages and learning all she can about publishers, printing and publicity. Karyl Condit is assisting with the circulation of
for Women

of University Women calls upon all members, to adopt policies guaranteeing equality of opportunity, employment, and promotion.

For appropriate implementation, legislation at the state and national levels is needed. Women are needed in the commission of colleges and universities to insure that sex role stereotyping is discouraged.

Encourage women to develop their full potential.

Board Meeting, October 28, 1973

PROGRAM 1974-1976

Setting priorities for the use of energy, developing energy-related legislation, and the implementation of such policies are all needed.

All public primary and secondary schools must be provided with the resources to support vocational-technical education, and secondary school programs should be expanded to include vocational-technical education.

Enforcement of laws through land use regulation, to protect the environment and improve the quality of life for all Maine citizens, is necessary. The conflict of interest and insure maintenance of the Maine Division for 1974-1976 should be Energy C. Additions and/or corrections to the articles from writer to editor.

Several articles considered vital to the book have not been undertaken. They are: 1) the poultry industry 2) a sawmill and 3) an individual fisherman and the fishing industry. Would YOU be willing to write one of these? Please contact your branch Project Leader.

Vici Robinson, Project Leader

Branch Highlights

Continuing with our media study, the BANGOR BRANCH has undertaken a multi-faceted survey of related areas such as children's programs, commercials, news, programming, allowing each member to investigate the area of particular interest to her. Dr. Richard Ryckman, Assoc. Prof. of Psychology at UMO and husband of branch member Lee, will address the subject of "Effects of Media on our Attitudes and Behavior." All this leads up to a meeting with station managers from the three Bangor-based commercial television stations in April... An independent study group has been launched by Anita Kurth... We are also planning our annual dinner and giant garage sale.

YORK COUNTY members and guests were greatly stimulated by Robert Monks' talk on the media. He had a good deal to say about the media generally, specifically, and personally. We are currently participating in a study of the mass media. By assigning a media area to each of three groups within our membership, we hope to come up with some valid observations and to make suggestions and conclusions.

Barbara Howd, of ORONO-OLD TOWN branch, has been appointed to the Maine Advisory Committee on Exceptional Children. She feels this came about as a result of lists Ann DeVitt prepared last year regarding women and their special interests in government committees.

The WATERVILLE branch is proud to announce a 50 year life member: Ms. Ninetta Runnels, founder of the branch and recipient of last year's Achievement Award. At present she is an honorary member of the branch, living in Dover-Foxcroft. This is awarded after 50 years of continuous membership!

Silent Auction at Division Convention

Bring or send along with a friend your handmade crafts, small gift items, homemade jams, jellies, preserves, etc. to Division Convention in Waterville in May. Proceeds of the auction will aid in publication costs of the Maine Division History.

YOU HELPED! ERA PASSAGE IN MAINE IS DUE TO STRONG STATE COALITION SUPPORT.

JANUARY 15 ------- HURRAH!
**FOR PRESIDENT: MARION TURNER**

A regular attendant at the Division board meetings, workshops and conventions for the past four years, Marion has served the Division as 2nd V.P. and as treasurer. She attended the 1971 and 1973 National Conventions and the 1972 Regional AAUW Meeting at Durham, N.H. as well as an AAUW conference at the UN. She is presently president of the Bath-Brunswick branch. Marion feels she has a good understanding of what AAUW is and how it works and would enjoy leading the Division.

**FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: JANICE CROSS**

A native of Hallowell, Janice received her B.S. from Farmington State College and her M.S. at Cornell University. She has taken graduate courses at other schools and is a secondary school teacher. Presently she is a Consultant for Consumer and Homemaking Education for the Maine State Department of Education and Cultural Services. Janice has served as vice president and president of the Augusta branch and, on the Division level, as member and chairman of the Nominating Committee; member and chairman of the Achievement Citation Committee; and AR for Community Problems. She is a former member of the Washington, D.C. and Bangor-Brewer branches.

**FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: LYNN OLSON**

A member of the Bath-Brunswick branch, Lynn is a graduate of Wayne State College in Nebraska, with a major in education. She has a three year old daughter and enjoys sewing and embroidery. She also raises and shows Pekingeses. As a new AAUW member, Lynn is eager to become involved and to learn more about the organization.

**GOODLUCK! to the new DAWNBREAKER editor.**

I hope she will receive the same willing cooperation that I have had for the past four years. I look forward to the next issue!

Maryl Condit,
MAINE DIVISION AAUW CONVENTION-WATERVILLE
May 3rd and 4th, 1974
First Congregational Church
(corner of Eustis Parkway and Main St., Rt. 139)

"SHE Chooses"

Stages
- Youth, Single
- Young Married, Child Bearing
- Widowed, Divorced
- Retired

Options
- Family Career
- Meaningful volunteerism
- Public Service
- Cultural Activity
- Creative mixture of these

our object: To launch "Call to Action for Women"

our program highlights:

FRIDAY 6:00 P.M.
social hour, banquet, Achievement Citation Award presentation to Velma Oliver, Readers Theater program, "Women of All Ages" - a look at women in literature from antiquity through the present to see if women's role in literature has changed along with her role in society.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please return by WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, to Mary O'Halloran, 32 Western Ave., Waterville, 04901, Tel. 872-9082. Checks may be made out to Mary O'Halloran.)

Name __________________________ Branch __________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________________

Because of the high price of food, please prepay registration and meals with this form.

Registration $3.00 _______
Banquet (Friday) _______
Luncheon (Saturday) _______
Total enclosed _______

Please check if you are interested in a room in a private home ______
($1-$2 payable to hostess for Fellowship Fund)

Motels nearest the church are located off Rt. 95 Waterville-Fairfield Center Exit. They are:

Fenway Motor Inn, Main St. _______
Holiday Inn, Main St. _______
Single Room $13.50 _______
Single room $13.50 _______
Double Room $22.50 _______
Double Room $18.00 _______

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Tours of interesting places will be available according to demand. Please check your first and second choice. (Tours will be at 2 P.M. Friday.)

Waterville Sentinel-newspaper _______
Scott Paper Co. _______
Keyes Fibre Co. _______
WTVL - radio station _______
Wyandotte woolen mill _______
Cascade woolen mill _______
Hathaway shirt factory _______
Senior Center Apt. Building _______