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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE--GREETINGS FROM ROSEMARY

This expanded program edition of the newsletter provides details of the 10th annual WCAWH conference which will meet at the Surf Rider Inn, May 5-7. We were obliged to change both the date and location of our conference because the April weekend is a religious holiday, Pasover, and the Encino Retreat was booked for other weekends.

You will enjoy meeting at the Surf Rider Inn, a resort motel (with pool) on the waterfront at 1700 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA. We have been fortunate in obtaining a special convention rate for two-bedded rooms/bath and meals. To keep costs similar to previous meetings (although costs are up everywhere), all rooms will be shared. Each room/bath will cost \$28 plus tax without limit on number of occupants. Most rooms have two double beds. Those who wish to have three or four in a room should organize their own group. Sleeping bags area must for those who want to reduce costs even further. In any event, you must make your reservation by April 25. Send your money to Penny Kanner, 467 Comstock, Los Angeles, 90024. After that date, you must pay the motel directly.

Meal reservations must also be made before the 25th. We cannot guarantee meal service at the convention rate after that date. A number of eating places are near the motel; meals at the Surf Rider are optional. We urge you to make your reservations early if you want served meals at the motel. Please consult the form which appears in the newsletter for prices.

The expenses of the conference will be larger than they have been in the past because we must pay \$200 for meeting rooms. In addition, we plan a special wine-tasting party on Friday evening. Consequently, we are continuing the practice of charging a registration fee. If you have not paid your current 1978 dues, I urge you to send them in as well. Voting in the business meetings will be limited to paid members.

None of these arrangements would have been possible without the untiring efforts of Penny Kanner, who with Alice Clement, our Local Arrangements co-ordinator, personally investigated several alternative sites for this year's conference. Penny will accept all money for room/meal reervations and registration. Alice is co-ordinating committees on Registration, Transportation, Publicity, Physical Arrangements, and Refreshments.

Those of you who need transportation from the airport must let Alice know your needs promptly. You may write her c/o WCAWH, 467 Comstock, Los Angeles, 90024, telling her at what time and on what airline you are arriving. A Greyhound bus station is situated on 5th Street in Santa Monica; slow public transportation is available from the airport as well. But by all means, let us know your plans early so that your participation in the conference will be a rewarding experience.

Individuals who wish to display either their own work or that of others are encouraged to do so. We will have adequate room for such displays. Items which members wish to place on the business meeting agenda must be submitted in writing by May 1, so that I can plan time for discussions rising from the presentation of such new business. The main concern of our business meetings will be the nomination and election of new officers. Several names have been sent us, but as the last newsletter did not make clear which offices were to be filled, we cannot create a slate without discussion of said offices.

Obviously, the office of secretary-treasurer needs to be divided, as Penny's report (see below) makes clear. Theoretically, I would myself be eligible to run as president, as I have served only one year. When Patricia Fouquet resigned last April, I stepped up from the vice-presidency. As it happens, I am not willing to be nominated for the office again. We must then determine whether or not to create two offices and elect new officers to all levels, including graduate student co-ordinator.

The duties of the president are traditionally assumed by the vice-president. They include co-ordinating the efforts of the other officers, arranging a session and luncheon speaker for the PCB-AHA meeting, and the annual conference, and occasionally, issuing the newsletter.

This year's vice-president, Peg Strobel, issued the newsletters (thanks very much, Peg) and assisted in planning the annual conference.

The graduate student co-ordinator creates interest among students in the organization and generally ensures student participation in the annual conference.

Traditionally, the vice-president acted as program co-ordinator, but more recently, we have found a volunteer chairman to plan the conference sessions. I wish to thank Joanna Cowden for her work as program co-ordinator this past year. That is a difficult and time-consuming job. We should indeed be pleased with the plans that she has made for this conference. Her co-chair was Gloria Lothrop, who packaged the session on publishing.

It has been my pleasure to work with the officers these past two years. Penny has particularly given her energy and wisdom above and beyond the call. I am sure that the new officers will find WCAWH in good order when they begin their terms.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER--GREETINGS FROM PENNY

I have completed one two-year term as secretary-treasurer and cannot, from the pressure of academic work, accept nomination for re-election for the post as it has developed over the past two years. I would like to propose that this office be divided so that all the duties and functions will continue to be fulfilled, but by 1) a secretary-treasurer and 2) a corresponding secretary.

The originally proscribed duties of secretary-treasurer remain: keeping membership records and mailing labels up-to-date; collecting dues; paying bills; making deposits and other banking functions; handling finances of annual meetings; mailing the Newsletter; and taking minutes of the annual meeting.

Largely because of the expansion of the scope and number of concerns of women historians pertaining to status in the profession; problems of employment; development of the new field of women in history that requires exchange of ideas, personnel, information about resources; and participation in programs with other organizations, the office of secretary has taken on additional functions that are related to these new needs and concerns. I believe that these additional duties should be undertaken by a second secretary, to be called "corresponding secretary."

I have enjoyed assisting members and institutions with employment inquiries (and in a few cases, actual job placement), recruitment of members; corresponding with and assisting professional and community groups requesting personnel and support of WCAWH; bring members with similar problems or interests into communication; following up complaints against business and groups who discriminate against women (including the Coors people); participating in WCAWH with other groups and historians to organize special women's gatherings at conferences for social and professional purposes. Therefore, I would like to see the formal establishment of an office to continue these functions, and more. I offer my services to this end and would welcome the nomination as corresponding-secretary.

WCAWH Membership Statistics

Total membership on March 25, 1978:

Members paid at least through 1976. 307
Behind in dues. 68
(approximately)
Complimentary and temporary memberships. 150
(for recruitment purposes, approximately)

525

In April, 1976, there were 117 paid up memberships and a total mailing list of approximately 325. Our members represent non-teaching scholars, archivists, publishers, authors-writers, librarians, lecturers, government officials, etc.

Treasurer's Report

Balance of old balances, income and expenses during takeover period for this administration, August 1976-October 1976. \$ 1017.95

In the 18-month subsequent period:

Income* \$ 4086.25
Expenses** 3150.37

Balance in checking account, March 25, 1978. \$ 1953.83

- * \$ 2767.25. conference 1977-income
- 1319.00. Membership fees income
- ** \$ 2450.99. 1977 Conference expenses and refunds
- 534.85. Newsletter expenses: printing, handling, typing, mailing, labels, postage
- 164.53. Miscellaneous expenses

Requests from the Secretary-Treasurer:

Send in dues, delinquent or otherwise; send in up-dated vitas for use for community and organization relations, employment, inquiries for speakers, etc.

Send in questionnaires from the last Newsletter: we had only an inconclusive 10% return. If you have opinions about the ERA boycott, be sure to send in the referendum ballot in the March AHA Newsletter expressing your views. If you desire further discussion of the issue at the business meeting, submit the item for the agenda.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST--ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, MEETINGS

The PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN SOCIETY FOR FRENCH HISTORY contain a number of articles on women's history as well as articles by members of WCAWH. Volume 4 (1976) has three papers on women in medieval and early modern French Basque society. Other papers treat witches, the crim of rapt (elopement), and 18th-century Parisian legal disputes, often involving women. Volume 5 (1977), to be published in July 1978, will include articles on child labor reform and women department store workers in 19th century France, the use of folksong; ovidence in studying sex and marriage, and woman in the Pronch Resistance. Both volumes are edited by Joyce Duncan Falk and are available from her, c/o ABC-Clio, Inc., P. O. Box 4397, Sunta Barbara, CA 93103. (\$20.00 each volume).

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The Fifth Annual Women's Employment Options Conference, sponsored by the Career Planning Center, Inc. of Los Angeles, will be hold at the Los Angeles Convention Center on April 15, 1978, from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. More than 60 major companies will be on hand to discuss employment in professional, technical and vocational fields. Thirty-six workshops are planned on such subjects are "Moving from Public to Private Employment," "Careers in Advertising and Public Relations," and "Writing Your Resume." Not only is this a chance for women to get together with other women and prospective employers, it is an opportunity to receive assistance and information from the many business and professional women's associations which will be on hand. Participants may pay the \$5.00 registration fee at the door. For more information, call 273-6633.

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Two groups which membors may already hnvu information about but which are certainly worth our support are the Women's Lobby, Inc. and the National Women's Political Cuucus. At present, Women's Lobby is now campaigning on the issue of abortion. A lobbyist will target on six to ten anti-abortion leaders in Congress. In order to be most effective, the organization needs our support, both moral and financial. The Lobby's address is 201 Massachusetts Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20002. National Women's Political Caucus (1411 K Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20005) is now concentrating its effort on the passage of ERA. The Caucus acts as the political arm of the women's movement.

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The National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History is a major new collective ondeavor of thirteen historical societies which are concerned with the problems of declining interest in historical studios

in schools at all levels and **shrinking** employment opportunities for historians. Funds were collected last year to support a six-month period of work. Needless to say, further financial aid is necessary. To date, the NCC has produced a survey and directory of Federal Government historical offices and programs; a pamphlet describing how historians take advantage of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act to develop government funded programs hiring unemployed and underemployed colleagues; a clearing house for information of federal assistance to the profession, e.g. a description of recent regulation changes favorable to historians seeking grants from state-based humanities councils funded by NEH. Contributions are tax-deductible and checks may be made out to AHA-NCC. The Berkshire Conference is one of the constituent members.

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The STANFORD INSTITUTE IN WOMEN'S HISTORY -- June 25-July 15, 1978

The American Historical Association announces a three-week summer institute in women's history for **secondary school teachers** to be conducted by the History Department of Stanford University. The Stanford Institute is part of an AHA project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and **designed** to promote women's history and historical studies in **secondary** education.

The Institute's goals will be to offer **training of the highest academic quality** which will strengthen the **position of history** in the secondary curriculum as well as introduce women's **history through:**

1. **Acquainting secondary history teachers** with recent **scholarship** in women's **history**
2. Introducing them to new **theories** and techniques historians **use** for interpreting women's experiences in the **past**
3. Improving teachers' **skills** in finding and **creating** sources: **preparing audio-visual** presentations, conducting oral history interviews, **using** major **written** document collections
4. **Applying their newly acquired insights** and information directly to the preparation **and** revision of instructional **materials**.

The Stanford Institute will **address** as large a portion as **possible** of the "Western Civilization" or "World History" courses most commonly **comprising** the core of secondary history curricula, surveying **within** a comparative, trans-Atlantic framework **selected** critical issues in the history of women in Europe and America since the

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seventeenth century. It will **emphasize** family **history** as well as women's history, introducing **all students** to demographic techniques in **particular** and to quantitative methods in general. **Workshops** will focus on **oral** history, demographic techniques, technology and women's work, **suffrage** movements, female education, library development, **audio-visual** presentations. A **unique** offering will be, the study of Chicanas and the Chicano **family**, a topic of **special interest** to secondary teachers in the **Far West**.

The **Institute** faculty will include:

Professor Carolyn C. Lougee,
Stanford University

Professor Estelle Freedman,
Stanford University

Professor Carl N. Degler,
Stanford University

Professor Renate Bridenthal,
Brooklyn College

Susan Groag Bell,
University of Santa Clara

Participants who successfully complete the Institute will receive **graduate credit** from Stanford University.

Participants will be required to pay a \$100 **fee** and their **personal** expenses, but the National Endowment for the **Humanities** will cover **all** other costs including transportation.

The **Stanford** Institute encourages **applications** from male and female secondary **school** teachers of **all ages** and ethnic groups.

For further information and application materials, write to: Stanford Institute in **Women's History, History Department,** Stanford University, **Stanford, California** 94305. Deadline for completed **applications** will be May 10, 1978.

Women in Technological History (WITH) held its annual meeting at the Smithsonian Institution, October 21, 1977. For anyone interested in the activities of this group, write Martha E. Treescott, 406 E. Green, Urbana, IL, 61801.

TENTH ANNUAL WCAWH CONFERENCE
PROGRAM

SURF RIDER INN, 5-7 MAY 1978
1700 Ocean Ave; Santa Monica

Friday evening, May 5

Registration--5-9 pm

Program--A variety of films and slides of interest to women historians
and/or those who teach women's history will be shown by
Mr. Levin of the Social Studies School Service, Culver City.
9-10 pm

Winetasting party--10 pm

Saturday, May 6

Breakfast-- 8 a.m.

Morning Session I, 9-10:30 a.m.

1. WOMEN OF MEXICAN DESCENT IN ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA
Kay Briegal, Chair

"Parteras, Llaveras y Maestras"--Anita Abascal, UCLA

"The Way They Were: A Visual Memoir of Mexican Women
in Nineteenth Century California"--Janet R. Firman,
LA County Natural History Museum

"Chicanas in Douglas, Arizona"--Raquel Goldsmith

or

"Chicanas and Their Jobs in Early 20th Century Arizona"

Kay Briegal

2. UNIONS, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND WOMEN: AN OVERVIEW
Barbara Mussolman, Labor Education and Research
Service, Ohio State University

3. DIRECTIONS OF RECENT RESEARCH: TOPICS IN WOMEN'S HISTORY
Penny Kanner, Chair

"Images of Black Women in Slave Narratives"--Frances
Foster, San Diego State University

"Influence of Primary Women in the Career of William
Howard Taft"--Judith Anderson, Cal State Polytechnic
University, Pomona

An additional paper to be announced

Morning Session II, 10:45-12:15 p.m.

1. PANEL: PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS
Gloria Lothrop, Chair

Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., Editor Southern California
Quarterly

Francis Ring, Editor-in-Chief Westways Magazine

Martin Ridge, Senior Research Associate of Western
History Henry E. Huntington Library

2. WOMEN, DRAMA AND SOCIAL OSTRACISM
Mary Elizabeth Perry, Chair

"Actresses, Singers and Dancers in Early Modern Seville"

Mary Elizabeth Perry, Los Angeles

"Ecclesiastical Excommunication in the Middle Ages:
Excommunicates, Outcasts and Women"--Elizabeth Vodoln,
Institute of Medieval Canon Law, School of Law, UC,
Berkeley

"Sex and Gender in Italian Commedia dell'Arte"--

Kathleen Casey, UC Santa Cruz

3. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO WOMEN'S HISTORY
Alice Gold, **Chair** ,

"The Oral History of African Women"--Alice Gold, UCLA
"Quantitative Methods and Women's History"--Nancy Fitch,
UCLA
"The Use of Oral Interviews and Quantitative Methods
in Studying Okie Women"--Sheila Manes, CSU, Los Angeles
Comment: Janice Webster, The Newberry Library

Lunch--12:15-1:15

Special **Table**: Women's Coalition of Latin Americanists
Francesca Miller, UC Davis--Coordinator

Business Meeting I--1:15-2:15

Afternoon Session I, 2:30-4:00 pm

1. APPROACHES TO THE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEACHING OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
Stephanie Coontz, Chair

"Social Structure, Family Life and Female Roles:
Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives"--Stephanie
Coontz, The Evergreen College, Olympia, Washington

Participants: Potu Hendorson, Anthropologist
Rozanne Noon, West Valley College, Saratoga

Comment: The Audience
2. WORKING WOMEN AND WORLD WAR II: POLICE WORK AND WAR
INDUSTRIES

"Women as Police Officers During the War Years"--
Clarice Feinman, Department of Criminal Justice,
Trenton State College, New Jersey
"Women in War Industries: World War II"--Sheila Licht-
man, UC Davis
3. IMPERIALISM AND PROSTITUTION
Margaret Strobel, Chair and Commentator--UCLA

"Prostitution in China"--Linda Shin, CSU, Dominguez Hills
"Prostitution in Colonial Nairobi, Kenya"--Luise White,
Cambridge University
"Asian American Prostitution in the United States"--
Lucio Hirata, Sociology and Asian-American Studies
"Prostitution in Buenos Aires"--Nancy Hollander,
CSU, Dominguez Hills

Afternoon Session II, 4:15-5:30

A discussion of media presentations will feature Robert
Sweeney, Producer, SFR Productions, Columbia Pictures
and the woman producer Merril Green, of PBS, Ch. 28--KCET,
Los Angeles.

Dinner--6 p.m.

Business Meeting II, 7-8 pm

Evening Program--8 pm

"Women Historians and the Feminist Community"

Sunday, May 7

Breakfast--8:30 a.m.

Morning Session I, 10-11:45 a.m.

1. THE SOCIAL ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY AMERICAN SOCIETIES
Carole Srole, Chair and Commentator--UCLA

"The New England Female Moral Reform Society, 1830-1850"--Marlou Belyea, Boston University
"The Voluntary Organizations of German Immigrants in Early Nineteenth Century Philadelphia"--Leslie Kawaguchi, UCLA
2. MOTHERHOOD, PATRIARCHY AND CAPITALISM

A panel discussion will be moderated by Joanna McKim, Santa Clara College on the subject of single motherhood. The focus is on major problems in the U.S. which historians may wish to investigate. Recommended reading: Adrienne Rich, Of Woman Born (Bantam, 1977).
3. CHICANA AND MEXICANA WORKERS
Antonia Castaneda, Chair

"Latin American Immigration to the US: The Experience of Women and the Family"--Rosalinda Gonzaloz, Chicana History at CSU, Long Beach
"Chicanas in the California Labor Market, 1930-1970"--Lori Helmbold, San Jose State
"The Tollocn Striko"--Magdalena Mora, UC Berkoley

Comment: Maria Linda Apodaca

Lunch--Noon

Registration Form for Tenth Annual Conference	Surf Rider Inn
Registration Fee: \$5.00 employed	
\$2.50 students/unemployed	
Double room for two nights, @\$28 plus tax (\$59.36)	_____
Meals: Saturday/Sunday breakfast @\$3.70 (includes tip)	_____
Saturday/Sunday lunch @\$4.25 (includes tip)	_____
Saturday dinner (includes tip) \$6.50	_____
Total	_____
Name _____	
Address _____	Telephone _____
Number in group _____	Status _____
Affiliation _____	

PROFESSIONAL POSITION AVAILABLE NOW!

The Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, announces an opening for the full-time position of PROJECT DIRECTOR for its Women's History Project. Initial responsibility of the director will be definition of the Women's History Project along with preparation and presentation of funding proposals to appropriate foundations and other funding sources. Work begins June, 1978 for a minimum of one year. Background and training in historical research, Ph. D. desirable, experience in funding helpful, flexibility and personal energy necessities. Write Dr. Emora T. Brannan, Secretary, Committee on the Status and Role of Women, Lovoly Lane United Methodist Church, 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218,

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:

A full report on the women's conference held on the campus at the University of Illinois under the direction of **Berenice** Carroll; a discussion of western regional **women's** history programs; a column on news of **WCAWH** members (personals, **etc.**; a description of the annual conference by your new president; news of the PCB program (Dr. Jane Jacquette, Political Science Dept., Occidental College will be our luncheon speaker in **San Francisco**); program notes on the **Berkshire** Conference; notes on resources for **women's** history courses and much, much **more!** If your dues are in **arrears** and your name is about to be dropped from the mailing list, send in the following form NOW, or **bring** it with you to the conference.

Name _____ Institution _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail To _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Faculty: Job Title _____ Subject _____

____ Student Unemployed

Fields of Interest _____

Dues: \$5 for employed persons; \$2 for students and unemployed

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