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## D.C. author and Hawaii's First Lady keynote conference

By Beverly Rumble

Time is running out! August 30 is the last day to preregister for the Fifth National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women, which will be held October 8-11, 1987, in Takoma Park, Maryland.

The conference theme, "The Adventist Woman and the Caring Church," will be featured throughout the four-day programming.

Highlights of the conference include a keynote address by Elizabeth O'Connor entitled "Journey Inward, Journey Outward." Ms. O'Connor is the author of eight books, including *The Eighth Day of Creation*, *Many Selves*, *Call to Commitment*, and *Journey Inward, Journey Outward*. She has been, since 1953, a staff member and support minister at the Church of the Saviour, an ecumenical church in Washington, D.C.

A multifaceted person whose talents include teaching, serving as consultant and counselor, and leading out in workshops, Ms. O'Connor's life and writing celebrate creativity, commitment, and growth in the Spirit and life of the community. Her most recent project is Sarah's Circle, a ministry to the inner-city elderly poor.

### Hawaii's First Lady

Lynne Waihee, first lady of Hawaii, will be featured at a special event Sunday morning. Her topic will be "The Adventist Woman in Politics." Mrs. Waihee displays a unique gift of hospitality that provides a quiet uncompromising Christian presence as she fulfills her responsibilities as wife of the governor of Hawaii. She has hosted the Duke and Duchess of Wales, two U.S. Presidents, kings and presidents from Jordan, China, Japan, and other countries. Until recently a full time English teacher, she is active in her local church and many other activities.

### Weekend events

Other notable events include the 1987 AAW Women of the Year awards; an agape supper; an art exhibit featuring Adventist women artists—both professional and non-professional; a multimedia presentation; workshops; a Friday night concert; and a



Christian author Elizabeth O'Connor will speak for the Women of the Year Awards Banquet on Thursday night, October 8.

Sabbath morning sermon correlating with the conference's theme by Sligo Church Senior Pastor Charles Scriven. Saturday evening programming will include a reception and entertainment.

On Thursday and Friday, workshops will be offered on topics such as the duties of a woman pastor, conducting hospitality seminars, feminine images of God in Scripture, spiritual renewal through journal writing, dealing with stress, conflict resolution, Christian daycare, enhancing self-worth, city van ministry, meditation, ministering to an unbelieving spouse, supporting Adventist families in South Africa, managing successfully in a two-career family, the ministry of intercessory prayer, and analysis of a recent book on women in the church. Applicants must register in advance for the workshops, which are limited to 15 persons each.

The conference will also include dialogue with Elder Charles Bradford, President of the North American Division, business meetings, as well as time for meditation and networking.

For national members of AAW who register before August 30, the conference will cost \$30; \$45 for nonmembers. Half of the regis-

tration fee covers the cost of the awards banquet on Thursday night and the agape supper on Friday evening. Additional tickets to the banquet costs \$12; to the agape supper, \$10. Reservations for guests must be made by October 1 for both events.

Committees planning the conference include groups dealing with finance, book exhibits, art exhibit, facilities, flowers and decorations, housing, music, programming, publicity, refreshments, registration, transportation, Women of the Year Banquet and agape supper. Patricia Habada is the coordinator for the Fifth Annual AAW Conference.

Anyone making a tax-deductible contribu-

tion of \$25 or more to the conference will receive a copy of the conference poster, designed by a professional artist. The poster, which will cost \$10 at the conference, is printed on heavy stock suitable for framing.

Promotion for the fifth annual conference, which has a budget of \$15,000, includes 8000 invitations to women church leaders in the Columbia Union, 2500 posters, brochures, and registration information sent to every SDA church and institution east of the Mississippi.

For additional information about transportation, lodging, or other details, write to AAW National Headquarters, 7710 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.



Ruth Nystrom (left) and Anne Friesen cooperate in running one of the most unusual community service centers in the Northwest. There are five auxiliary buildings in addition to the original house.

### 18 years of Christian service

## Independent but dependable!

By Morten Juberg

It seems appropriate that the name of the center is as long as its wide variety of activities. It is the North Havre (Montana) Community Service GiveAway House.

If you look at its general operation, it seems no different than a hundred such centers operated by Adventist churches in the Northwest. But a closer look reveals some vital differences.

It isn't operated by the church and it receives a subsidy from the county. It is an independent center under the direction of two dedicated ladies with help from many other volunteers.

Somewhere in the dim past the center was a part of the Havre church program, but they dropped their sponsorship. Ruth Nystrom and her husband Karl felt the work of a center was needed and decided to keep it going.

Since the property belonged to an uncle of Mrs. Nystrom's and he agreed to give it for the center's use, a big step had been taken in insuring its continuation. All of this took place some 18 years ago.

Mrs. Nystrom was joined by Anne Frisen,

another member, and through the years they have kept the facility open Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are now five auxiliary buildings in addition to the original house, and it is a busy place.

Mrs. Nystrom says people come from many miles in all directions for the free help.

"We serve an average of 150 families a week with food, clothing and furniture," she said. "We even have a supply of pots and pans."

The activity on the days the center is open is not limited to those seeking aid, though by opening time each day there are six to ten cars outside. There is a constant flow of materials coming in, as well. People drive up in cars, pickups, and station wagons with goods to give the center.

A brother-in-law of Mrs. Nystrom's donated a van to the center so they can pick up food from local stores.

"Merchants give us dented cans of food and outdated goods. They're supportive of our work," Mrs. Nystrom added.

When as many as 50 food baskets are given out each month, it takes a great deal of goods to supply this demand, but the larder doesn't seem to run dry.

The county commissioners have recognized the value of the center, the only one of its kind in Havre, and give \$500 and more every three months for food.

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Elsie Buck, a member of the Andrews University Board of Directors and president-elect of the Michiana AAW Chapter, raised \$150,000 for the restoration of E. A. Sutherland's home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Sutherland was the first president after Battle Creek College transferred to Berrien Springs in 1901. The building will house the Institute of World Mission. Dedication ceremonies were held the weekend of June 13.



## Presidential Communique

# We care

By Nancy Marter

Our October 8-11 date for the fifth annual AAW conference is not that far away. As you know, August 30 is the deadline for early (discount) registration. But one thing you haven't read much about so far is why we chose as the theme for our conference, "The Adventist Woman and the Caring Church."

It began several months ago when some of us met with a group of church leaders from the Columbia Union Conference to give them background information on our conference and request their help.

In this connection I described AAW as a group open to any and all Adventist women, a youthful organization (having been incorporated in 1982), and as an association cooperating and supporting the church yet independent of it. Our goals focus in three areas, I said.

1. Helping women realize their worth and value as children of God.
2. Building bridges of encouragement and support among Adventist women.
3. Encouraging the utilization of women in all levels of Adventist church life.

Our past four AAW conferences have done a superlative job in addressing our first two goals. To more fully actuate the third goal we chose Takoma Park as our conference site, close to the world headquarters of our church. We also picked the October date because many of our world church leaders will be attending Annual Council at this same time and may be able to attend some of our programs at Sligo Church.

"The Caring Church" has been adopted by church leaders as a goal for our denomination. We concur with this vision. It describes the ministry of Christ and reminds us that His true followers will live and act as caring persons. Women want to be an authentic part of a caring church.

And hence, "Adventist Women and the Caring Church." During our conference we will seek ways and means to substantially add to the viability and vitality of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We invite our church leaders to worship with us, dialogue with us, listen to us, counsel with us, plan with us. The door is open and our welcome mat is out! And whether or not they are able to attend one or all of our meetings, we want this message to be readily apparent—Adventist women are an integral, essential part of "The Caring Church."



## From the Pulpit

# Invitation to gracious living

By Beth Unger

She came toward me with slumped shoulders and drooping head; something was wrong, very wrong. Through her tears she told me that she had thoroughly enjoyed the morning meeting of the Revelation Seminar. By the time and special vegetarian lunch was served, she felt starved. Forgetting everyone around her, she began eating as soon as her food was placed before her. Her joy evaporated instantly when the Adventist hostess made an issue of needing to pick up the napkin first. She wanted to slide under the table and disappear. Because she was so hungry she decided to finish her meal. Then she left in confusion. That's when I met her on the steps.

By contrast we remember the story of an Oriental guest at the palace of the Queen of England. He drank from the finger bowl. The queen noticed and did likewise. Her court followed her example. In this setting the guest never felt embarrassed by a slip in etiquette.

I suspect we could readily agree on which of these was the more gracious encounter.

My father had a habit of including texts in his letters. Several years before he died at age 93 he put "2 Timothy 4:22" in a letter to me. I read it over many times. Why did he want me to read it, I wondered? The verse is brief: "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you."

Grace. We typically think of it as unmerited favor. If you as a guest have ever spilled grape juice on a crystal- and candle-laden white tablecloth you know about the need for unmerited favor.

Even when the host and hostess assure you not to be upset, you may wonder if they are sincere. Perhaps a past experience has taught you to doubt those who proffer forgiveness. But the fact remains that reassurance messages feel best when you accept the host's word for it that the relationship you share is more important any day than a tablecloth.

What does the gracious person offer to another? Love, kindness, understanding, acceptance, appreciation, reinforcement, trust, truth, challenge.

When the trust is deep even difficult truths can be graciously discussed.

From a friend whom you know loves and accepts you, it is possible to listen to painful advice. It may be unnerving, and it may call for change and growth. But a gracious friend will let you know that you are more important than any problem at hand, that you are important because God made you, and because you have potential to become.

Finally, in considering 2 Timothy 4:22 we notice the words, "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you." Is your spirit something ethereal? Elusive? Perhaps.

Something real? Active? Alive? Definitely. We speak of spirited horses, spirited people. What makes them spirited? The way they think and act. In the case of people, the way one thinks determines how one acts. Would you agree that your spirit (you) is determined by your attitude? If so, the phrases in the text—"you" and "your spirit"—are the same.

So in your thinking and being may the Lord—the personalization of Grace—be with you.

Beth Unger is a chaplain at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Illinois.

## DEPENDABLE

### From front page

But why should a person like Mrs. Nystrom spend a great deal of her time in an effort like this?

Her answer is quite simple: "The only thing I can say is that Christ told us to go and do

good for people, and it is my Christian duty to do it."

Havre Pastor Elwood Boyd is proud of the role the two ladies have in leading the work of the center. And well he ought to be. It's a program that is following the example of Jesus.



Dr. Leona Glidden Running, whose career as a scholar and teacher of ancient and Biblical languages has spanned more than 30 years, was honored by the editors of *Andrews University Seminary Studies (AUSS)* when they dedicated the spring issue (Vol. 25, No. 1) to her. Nine scholars contributed articles. She is the coauthor of *William Fawcett Albright: A Twentieth-Century Genius*, a definitive biography of her professor in archaeology at Johns Hopkins University where she earned her Ph.D. in Semitic Languages in 1964.



Mazie A. Herin (left) and Alice E. Smith were two of the three founding mothers of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN) which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. They were recognized during the ASDAN convention, June 18-21, which met at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. In 1967 Herin was a member of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department and Smith chaired the Nursing Department at Columbia Union College. Marjorie Corner of Washington Adventist Hospital was the third signer of the articles of incorporation.

## LETTERS

### Let's network

Dear Editor,

Now that an established forum exists for Adventist women, I'd like to make contact and share with other women like me. I am a professional person with my own practice in a small town, juggling service delivery, administration, speaking, writing, and personal development with home and family. My difficulties, rewards, values, and needs seem so different from other, more traditional women that I feel estranged from my church. Even my profession—psychology—is poorly understood. At times it feels as though there is inadequate, ill-informed support within Adventist circles for an independent, ambitious woman. Mind you, I have some support (miles away), but the largest chunk comes from colleagues and mutual lovers of the arts. I hope I can connect with the other busy women!

Keep up the good work.

Jeanne Fleming, Ph.D.  
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### Texas women lead

Dear Editor:

The Texas Conference has several ladies

serving in key positions. They are:

Barbara Oliver, director, Sabbath school and personal ministries department.

Evadeane Peters, director, communication department.

Jeanne Barron, trust department field representative. She is probably the only woman in the division in such a post. The other four in Texas are men.

Billie Peckham, associate superintendent of schools.

Alvy Quispe, codirector of family life ministries.

Imogene Kilgore, president of Valley Grande Manor, an Texas nursing home corporation.

Diane Butler, nursing home administrator.

In addition, at the Southwestern Union Conference level:

Doris May is a trust officer.

Jerrilynn Bicek is a data center programmer.

Marjorie Hilliard is the Home Health Education Service assistant treasurer.

Just thought you would be interested in this update. God be with you.

Bill May  
President

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Seventh-day Adventists  
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# Odd? But not out

By Penny Shell

A step ahead of her time, Mary Durning Casler has gone through life hearing people say, "What is it?"

"What is it you are studying theology for? Women don't do that."

"What is it you are studying counseling for? Adventists don't do that."

Yet in marching to the beat of a drummer different from most Adventist women, Mary Casler, chaplain at Ukiah Adventist Hospital, has simply followed where she believed God was leading.

As a child on a dairy farm near Randolph, New York, Mary had few playmates. When the school day finished at the living-room Salamanca Church School, the other four kids returned to their own distant homes. Once her older sister went to academy, she had three years on the farm with no close friends around after school.

So while going after cows, while playing with the dog and cats, and for hours alone in the swing, Mary talked to God. And she and God planned what she would do with her life. She would have a church, and the church would have a counseling center.

God's call to a church and counseling center was so strong that she could write it out clearly as an academy senior in 1940 for Miss Kellogg's English class: "I will be a dean of girls and a minister."

In her mind she saw being a dean as an

internship to her future counseling ministry. She had also begun to learn that people didn't understand her call to ministry and were more comfortable when they heard "dean of girls" as part of her career goal.

When Mary talked to her father about being a minister, he "raised a fuss." "Women can't make a living as ministers!" he exclaimed. Her English teacher doubted that being a minister was realistic. "At college you will find other things you are interested in," she said.

Mary began to keep her calling to herself.

### Few role models

Did she have any role models? The only other woman with a calling to ministry that she knew of was Ellen White whose books Mary cherished. Encouragement came innocently from Cousin Mettie, who had been a cook for Ellen White. She often told Mary, "You remind me so much of Ellen White—even your eyes are so much the same."

When Mary Durning became a junior at Washington Missionary College, her secret was out. She enrolled in theology (adding a history major to please her father). The only woman in classes of 50 to 60 men, Mary was an oddity. Her classmate, Ben Leach, nicknamed her "Elder Dumit!"

Mary's parents divorced during her junior year. Already feeling an oddity as a theology student, she didn't have the courage to tell anyone of her painful family situation. Yet



In 1979 Mary Casler established the Department of Pastoral Care at Ukiah Adventist Hospital in California.

she longed for her teachers to ask her how it was going. "In the church I shall have someday," she told herself, "this will never happen. People will come to my counseling center for help."

There were no ministerial openings for women when Mary graduated in 1946, so she began her work as dean. During the next 10 years she deaned at Pacific Union College, Arizona Academy, Broadview College, and Atlantic Union College.

Despite the objection of several other teachers, Mary taught Bible while she was girls' dean at Arizona Academy. She was

possibly the first Adventist woman to teach Bible classes above a grade-school level.

Putting a heavy emphasis on counseling in her deaning, Mary's work days began to stretch out to 16 or 20 hours. By 1956 she was burned out and well aware of her need for more training in counseling.

So from 1956-1961 she taught home economics, the closest field to family counseling then available. This gave her the time and the excuse to get an M.S. in Family Development with an emphasis in counseling. (Later she would finish the course work for a Ph.D. in psychology at Boston University.) From 1961-1966 she worked as a family counselor at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Now she really felt ready for her church. But who was hiring a woman minister?

So Mary had no church, but she developed a counseling center at Madison Hospital in Tennessee. Eight years later the counseling center flourished as an independent community service, and Adventist and non-Adventist ministers were among the clients.

### Backdoor ministry

The local Baptist church recommended Mary and her staff to its ministers, happy for its Christian perspective. But her own church was suspicious and warned ministers away. To them, a woman who would run a psychological counseling service was a bit "off center." For many years Adventist ministers had to literally walk in the back door.

When Mary was invited to establish a Department of Pastoral Care at Ukiah Adventist Hospital in 1979, she saw this as a step closer to her calling.

Continuing in her hospital ministry there today, Mary also has become active and involved in her community. She is vice-president of the Ukiah Ministerial Association, a member of the community service committee, and a member of the community hospice board.

"What is it?" Mary did in taking theology? In involving herself in counseling? In becoming a chaplain? Mary has simply continued to follow the call to ministry that has been with her since childhood.

Would any of you reading this letter set aside a few hours, perhaps ordinarily devoted to watching television, and write a letter of support to some of these women who are still in the ministry or who are preparing for it?

If the Lord has given the word should we not both, men and women, support those who will teach and preach that word?

All of these women are unique, valuable individuals to whom the Lord has given the word and the command to minister, to pastor, to preach and teach.

Viviane Hanni  
Associate pastor (1982-1986)  
Geneva, Switzerland  
(Presently studying at Andrews University)

## LETTERS, Continued

### Women ministers in Europe

Dear Editor,

I was encouraged and happy as I read the December 1986 issue of *The Adventist Woman's* list of women who are pastors, chaplains, or are in training for this kind of ministry.

In one of the most difficult Psalms in the Bible, there is an astonishing verse which needs to be more fully understood, but which I believe is mistranslated in most versions. There is sufficient textual evidence to suggest it should read:

"God gives the word;  
Great is the host of women who proclaim it" (Ps. 68:11).

Might it be that this message is given for our time? From now on should not more and more women prepare themselves to proclaim and Word and serve the church in gospel ministry?

Your readers may be interested to know that women in many places are responding to God's call to such work. The following is a partial list of women I know in Europe who are in training at our Seminary in Collonges-sous-Salève, France.

#### IN TRAINING

**Genevieve Bourion** (French/2nd year)  
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F-74100 Annemasse, France

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S.A.S.  
F-74160 Collonges-sous-Salève, France

**Corinne Egasse** (French/3rd)  
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F-21120 Is sur Tille, France

**Maria-Carmen Gallego** (Spanish/2nd)  
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48013 Bilbao, Spain

**Doris Hordosch** (Austrian/3rd)  
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0-9020 Klagenfurt, Austria

**Marina Garces** (Spanish/4th)  
Calle Seville 7  
Zaragoza, Spain

**Nana Ilondrainiurima** (3rd year)  
78, Ite Ambohipe  
Antanarivo, Madagascar

**Nathalie le Magueresse** (French/4th)  
Dilliec-Saint Nolf  
56250 Elven, France

**Evelyne Adelise** (West Indian/2nd)  
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Etoile 97212 St. Joseph  
Martinique

**Carla Lopez** (Spanish/2nd)  
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F-74160 Collonges-sous-Salève, France

**Adelaide Norton** (French/2nd)  
10, rue de Vemaz  
Montee 6  
F-74240, Guillard, France

**Magali Osdoit** (Swiss/2nd)  
9, rue des Pervenches  
Ch-1227 Carouge, Switzerland

**Lea Saverimouton** (West Indian/3rd)  
6, square Neptune  
F-77200 Torcy-Mame-LaVallee, France  
**Patricia Urbina** (South American/2nd)  
S.A.S.  
F-74160 Collonges-Sous-Salève, France

There may be others who have enrolled since I left Switzerland in January 1987 to study at Andrews University.

In addition, I want to add the names of women who are presently in gospel ministry in Europe working in a church setting.

#### PASTORS

**Helené Dumur** (French/pastor)  
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F-76200 Dieppe, France

**Bernadette Maubert**  
(French/asst pastor)  
16, rue de Geneve  
72000 Le Mans, France

**Lang Van**  
(Thai/asst pastor in Paris for Thai refugees)  
3, rue Rampal  
F-Paris, France

**Eva Balmer**  
(Swiss/"Voice of Hope" director and traveling preacher on Sabbaths)  
Obstgartenstrasse, 5  
CH-8102 Buchs, Switzerland

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(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
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**Lur Carvalho**  
(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
rua Elias Garcia 4-F3°  
Venda Nova  
P-2700 Amadora, Portugal

**Irene Costa**  
(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
rua Alexandre Braga 16/1c Dto.  
P-1000, Lisboa, Portugal

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(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
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P-4300 Porto, Portugal

**Maria Augusta Pires**  
(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
av. Gen Humberto Delgado  
120 1° Dto  
P-2700 Amodora, Portugal

**Eralia Santiago**  
(Portuguese/asst pastor)  
av. N. Senhora Remedios  
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P-2775 Parede, Portugal

**Karine Loebermann**  
(German/pastor)  
Hans Sachis St. 32-34  
D-6080 Russelheim, Germany

Others are working in ministry in Germany, Italy, and Spain. Unfortunately, I do not have their addresses. But all of these named and unnamed need our support and continuing prayers.

During the past 15 years I am personally aware of at least 40 women who have trained for pastoral ministry in Europe. Only half a dozen of them are working today.

Some married and were expected to abandon their vocation because of church policy. Some stopped of their own choice, often because jobs were not made available to them or were not consistent with their training and talents. Many became discouraged during their training or at the end of their studies—there was no support and no prospects for females interested in ministry apart from being secondary to a male pastor. Yet others became discouraged once they entered ministry, losing their strength while struggling for a place to exist and work, and in trying to cope with their colleagues' indifference or some church members' prejudices.

Among those who have trained or been involved in ministry but have had to seek a career elsewhere (or when married have had to leave their calling) are: Elisabeth Aebi, Liliane Bayon, Nicole Triphose-Serries, Nicole Rittner, Nicole Aubert, Francine Schweizer, Lina Ferrera, Andree Rigole, Sophie Leturc, Linda Uldry, Marie Jose Piquet-Pierre, Martine Seban-Putchkar, Esther Serrand, Marie-Therese Albenzio-Rocco, Isabelle Bruenimann-Andrade, Yvette De Mesgnil d'Engente, Matteo Michele, Martine Briffod, Joelle Gouel . . .



Carmen Rojas is the first woman to serve as a head elder in a Hispanic church in the Southern New England Conference, according to the June 4 *Atlantic Union Gleaner*. She is a member of the Lowell Spanish Church in Massachusetts which organized on April 18 with 46 members. During the organizational meeting seven more people decided for baptism.

## First woman seminary graduate celebrates 40th anniversary

Julia Neuffer, the first woman to obtain a degree from the SDA Theological Seminary, is celebrating the 40th anniversary of that event. She graduated in 1947 with an M.A. in Archaeology and History of Antiquity while the seminary was located in Washington, D.C. Julia was also the only woman to serve as a member of the editorial team that produced the *SDA Bible Commentary* and reference series.

As a young woman growing up in Florida, Julia took eight years of Latin in high school and college. After she and her mother became Seventh-day Adventists, Julia wanted to move her teaching career into Adventist schools so she came to study Bible courses needed for this certification at Washington Missionary College.

She never went back to teaching because she got hooked on more studying, taking one class a semester from 1942-1947 at the seminary. Her M.A. thesis, which dealt with a critical period in Biblical chronology, and her expertise in Latin and classical Greek, made her an invaluable resource person at the Review and Herald Publishing Association where she worked for 31 years.

After her retirement, Julia got back to an earlier love, archaeology, and went on two digs with Dr. Siegfried Horn to Tel Heshbon

in Jordan. She has helped to edit some of the final scholarly reports from the dig.

The following list shows other Adventist women who have followed Julia in getting seminary degrees. (After 1962 the list does not include women who received M.A. degrees in religion; since that date these have been granted by the School of Graduate Studies at Andrews University rather than the Seminary.)

Julia Neuffer (Spring 1947)  
M.A., Archaeology and History of Antiquity  
Gudrun Anita Kohler (Summer 1948)  
M.A., Biblical Languages  
Lucile Harper-Knapp (Summer 1949)  
M.A., Biblical Languages  
Madelynn Louise Jones (Summer 1949)  
M.A., Biblical Languages  
Maybelle E. Vandermark (Summer 1949)  
M.A., Systematic Theology  
Christy Mathewson Taylor (Spring 1951)  
M.A., Religion  
Emma Bernice Hammond (Summer 1951)  
M.A., Church History  
Christy Mathewson Taylor (Summer 1953)  
B.D., Divinity  
A. Ruby Williams (Spring 1955)  
M.A., Religion  
Winifred Helen Boerner (Summer 1955)  
M.A., Systematic Theology  
Leona Glidden Running (Summer 1955)  
M.A., Biblical Languages

Mary Jane Dybdahl Mitchell (Spring 1957)  
M.A., Church History  
Andrea Aversa (Spring 1958)  
M.A., Church History  
Enid Ellen Wilson (Spring 1958)  
M.A., Biblical Greek  
Dorothy Shampo Winslow (Summer 1958)  
M.A., Counseling and Guidance  
Esther Benton (Spring 1960)  
M.A., Biblical Greek  
Wilma Ursula E. Gooding (Summer 1960)  
M.A., Systematic Theology  
Claret Shirleigh Greene (Spring 1961)  
M.A., Systematic Theology  
Marceline B. Bocaly (Summer 1962)  
M.A., Applied Theology  
Margit L. Suring (Spring 1966)  
B.D., Divinity  
Wilma Ursula El Gooding (Spring 1970)  
B.D., Divinity  
Rene Quispe (Spring 1971)  
Master of Divinity  
Laurel Nelson Damsteegt (Spring 1977)  
Master of Divinity  
Miriam Tripp (Spring 1978)  
Master of Divinity  
Sharlota Dreschler (Spring 1980)  
Master of Divinity  
Carole Ann Rayburn (Spring 1980)  
Master of Divinity  
Margit L. Suring (Summer 1980)  
Doctor of Theology  
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Julia Neuffer pages through the *SDA Encyclopedia* which she helped to edit more than 20 years ago. She is now retired in Tampa, Florida, where she keeps up with her archaeology journals and teaches children's Sabbath school.

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Ladies take to the diamond at Hagerstown, Maryland. They are the first all-woman ball team to enter the summer games made up of Review and Herald Publishing Association employees. They play five teams of men who accept some handicaps (like batting left-handed) to help even up the skills. Players are (back row, left to right): Jolene Thomas, Brigitte DeLong, Judy Alexander, Dawn Carbaugh, and Sandra Atwood. (Front row, left to right): Becky Tooley, Nettie Anderson, Debbie Van Hyning, Lori Williams, Candy Pohle, and Sandy Lee, captain.

## Thanks to 40 generous donors AAW office opens in Takoma Park

The Association of Adventist Women has a home—at least until May 1988.

A two-room office suite in Takoma Park has been painted, carpeted, and is now the site for regular meetings of the international AAW officers and for labeling, sorting, and mailing of *The Adventist Women*. The Metro Chapter is also using the office as headquarters for planning the fifth annual conference, coming October 8-11.

Because AAW membership funds can meet only the expense of publishing *The Adventist Women*, the new office had to be established by special contributions. About 40 individuals and groups rallied to the challenge. Three AAW chapters gave large donations—Metro, \$600; Inland Empire, \$500; and Bay Area, \$400. The balance of

the \$3200 needed came from individuals giving from \$10 to \$100 apiece.

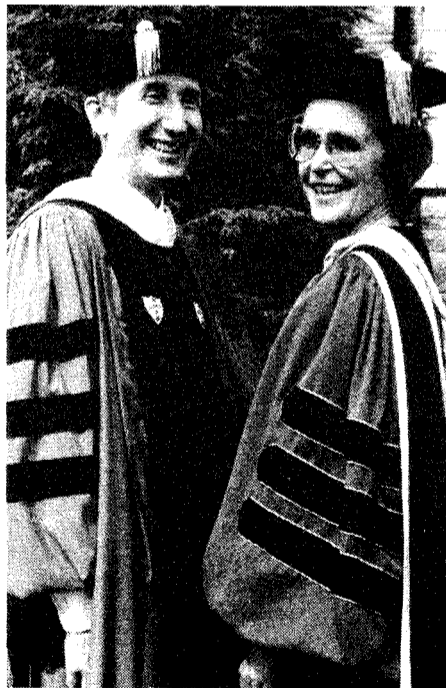
According to Pat Habada, who spearheaded the fund raising, the response from AAW members and friends was very gratifying. But more donations could be used. Among the specific needs are: a personal computer (with desktop publishing capability), a conference table, bulletin boards, lamps, chairs, and more filing cabinets. Come May 1988, and the rent will be due again, too.

Redecoration continues. Material has been donated for drapes and Norma Osborn, president of the Metro Chapter, has offered to make them. Located just across the street from Sligo Church, the office will be open for visitors during the AAW annual conference.

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Drs. Morris and Rilla Taylor of Andrews University sport their impressive, handmade academic regalia at commencement time. Instead of paying \$400 apiece for the robes, Rilla, chairman of the nursing department, decided to sew them. She completed her doctorate in educational administration at AU in 1980. Her husband's robe bears Boston University's insignia where he earned a doctorate in musical arts in 1959. At about one-fourth the cost, the finished robes are exact replicas of commercially available ones.



Photo by Nelson Dodge  
On July 25, Dr. Rochelle Philmon Kilgore, Professor Emeritus at Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts, celebrated her 100th birthday. She has devoted 75 years of her life to Adventist education, 50 of those years at AUC. She was also honored by AUC's president Larry Geraty during its 100th commencement service this Spring. Said Geraty, "The extent of her influence on our campus and beyond is almost beyond calculation."