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## Wilson picks Flowers

### WMAC head pledges support

"Women often go unnoticed and unappreciated—and if I can make a difference for them, then accepting this new responsibility is worth it," stated Karen Flowers, newly appointed to chair the GC Women's Ministries Advisory Committee (WMAC).



Karen Flowers

In this capacity Flowers has begun to sit regularly with the GC's most powerful group of 30 men, the General Conference officers. She is the only woman. Like other invitees she is a nonvoting member.

Flowers is one of eight women at the General Conference who is an associate director. As an elected official she is also a member of the 125-member GC committee. Her work in family ministries is part of the Church Ministries Department.

Church President Neal C. Wilson appointed Flowers to replace Betty Holbrook, the first chairperson of the advisory group when it was established in 1985. Holbrook retired in March.

Flowers travels extensively in the world divisions with her husband Ron to conduct family life seminars. She first joined the Home and Family Service in 1980 on a part-time basis. At the 1985 GC session she went to full-time employment. Previously she had taught high school English and run her own business of typing and editing dissertations.

"Sometimes when I meet with wives of church leaders in the world divisions I learn this is the first chance they've ever had to travel with their husbands and meet one another. They are hungry for friendship and interaction. It's a challenging experience. Ad-

## In Inter-America

### Mann for the job is woman treasurer

During the July 5-7 session of the Central American Union, leaders chose Dolores Mann as the first secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Bay Islands Mission. The mission is located among islands off the coast of Honduras and is part of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

"Our Adventist work in the area actually began about 1886 in these islands and moved to the mainland," said W.O. Coe, General Conference vice-president. "Now the 1100 Adventists there will have their own identity with this new organization."

Coe reported that originally the all-male leadership who recommended officers for the Bay Islands Mission had named a man to the secretary-treasurer's post. When he did not accept, they turned to Dolores Mann. "She came with a high recommendation from the treasurer of the Central American Union in whose office she had been working as an accountant," Coe added.

ventist women have much to gain by supporting one another," Flowers added.

On July 18-19 she called WMAC together to assess what has been accomplished in the past three years and to set goals for the future. The committee has 10 members, most of whom are employed at GC headquarters. WMAC was established after the 1985 General Conference session in New Orleans, 10 years after GC President Neal C. Wilson first called for more involvement of women in the church's leadership roles.

Up to this point, the advisory committee's chief accomplishments have been to encourage Adventist editors to use more articles by and about women, and to submit the names of qualified women to be considered for GC and NAD standing committees.

One of the main problems the committee faces is that each of its members already has a full-time job. As one committee member described it, "There's no lack for ideas or projects—but finding time to implement them is very difficult."

## Other WMAC members

In addition to Flowers the current WMAC members are: Ellen Bresee, coordinator, Shepherdess International; Shirley Burton, news director, GC Communication Department; Jocelyn Fay, communication director, Southeastern California Conference; Marjorie C. Brewer, administrative assistant, GC Trust Services; Raquel Haylock, secretary in the area of children's program helps, GC Church Ministries Department; Beverly Rumble, assistant editor, *The Journal of Adventist Education*; Hepsibah Singh, vice-president for administrative services, Review and Herald Publishing Association; Elizabeth Sterndale, associate director for North American Division nursing, GC Health and Temperance Department; and Kit Watts, assistant editor of the *Adventist Review*.



Among the array of talented speakers and workshop leaders set to participate in the September 2-5 AAW Conference are (left to right): Dr. Joyce Hanscom Lortz, family counselor and pastor's wife from Maine, Dr. Beatrice Neall, religion teacher and former missionary now at Union College; and Dr. Wilma Hepker, professor of social work, Walla Walla College, Washington.

## Burned out?

### September AAW conference fights stress with balance

"In a society where women's roles are in transition most of us feel a lot of stress," declares Nancy Marter, AAW president and coordinator for the association's sixth national conference. "That's why we chose as our theme, 'The Adventist Woman and Health: The Search for Balance.' It's a situation we face nearly every day — how to be all we want to be and yet keep our sanity."

The conference will meet in Portland, Oregon, September 2-5, in the Portland Adventist Medical Center.

Believing that Adventist theology and life style speak to the issue of balance, AAW is presenting as its leading convention speakers two women who have unique specialties and broad experience.

Dr. Beatrice Neall, speaker for the Sabbath morning worship service, has her Ph.D. in religious education and is a member of the theology faculty at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska. She and her husband were missionaries in Cambodia, Vietnam, and Singapore from 1957-1974.

Dr. Joyce Hanscom Lortz will speak for the final session of the conference on Monday, September 5. She holds a Master's degree in Public Health from Loma Linda Uni-

## Update on world biker

### Upset but still upbeat

The 69-year-old retired nurse who had less than 2,000 more miles to pedal in her around-the-world global trek crashed her bicycle in China on June 7. For Charlotte Hamlin, however, it was a minor setback.

Having just visited the Great Wall, Hamlin was heading toward Beijing amid China's usual bike traffic congestion. She tangled with a bike on her left as she swerved to avoid colliding with one on her right. While the bike was not badly damaged, Hamlin suffered torn muscles in her left thigh.

Good fortune is not just in cookies. Kindly Chinese passerby aided Hamlin in reaching her youth hostel room in Beijing. There an English medical doctor, Dr. Deirdra O'Gallagher, happened to be staying in the same room. After examining Hamlin she declared there were no broken bones—but ordered complete bed rest so the muscle injuries could heal.

Using her unexpected rest to good ad-

versity, an M.A. in counseling, and a Ph.D. in human services from Walden University. Her experience includes being a family-care coordinator at Parkview Hospital, and working with her husband, a pastor in Brunswick, Maine.

Other highlights in what promises to be an outstanding conference:

■ **Women of the Year Awards Banquet, Sunday, 6:30 p.m.**

In addition to meeting and paying tribute to four outstanding Adventist women, conferees are in for "a class act," according to Marter, "with a catered buffet complete with china and linens, and a special musical presentation coordinated by Linda Loveridge."

■ **Seder: A Celebration of Hope, Friday, 7 p.m.**

Based on traditions from the Jewish faith, the program promises to be unique and memorable.

■ **Sunday Workshops:**

Dr. Wilma Hepker, "Self-Esteem, Dependence, and Guilt"

Dr. Susan Stanley, "Her Story: Women Responding to God's Call"

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Charlotte Hamlin posed with Thai farmers along the road south of Bangkok. In the Aisan portion of her 9,000-mile trek she cycled through Pakistan, India, Nepal, Thailand, China and Japan.



## Presidential Communique

# Let's gather together

by Nancy Marter

The past few weeks have been especially busy. The committee planning our 1988 annual conference is focusing on Labor Day Weekend in Portland, Oregon.

Participants of many kinds have been sought—speakers, seminar leaders, musicians, organizers, coordinators, problem solvers, and “encouragers.” Working through each stage of program, and doing so “long distance,” I have been prompted more than once to review why it is that we exert this kind of effort each year. Perhaps you have wondered, too.

AAW goes to a different part of the country each year to make it easier for women from that area to attend. It also offers us the opportunity to draw upon skilled, gifted women from the locale as featured parts of the program. This has provided wonderful inspiration to those of us lucky enough to have attended conferences in the past—this chance to hear, see, and talk with dedicated Adventist women whom we never knew existed.

Adventist women are doing fine things, unique things, to further the cause of God. We stand to benefit by meeting them, hearing their stories, being blessed by their talents. In the field of music, for instance, there are never enough opportunities for Adventist women musicians to perform. A conference such as this provides just such an occasion.

### Non-members welcome

Some have asked, “Why should I come to your conference when I'm not even an AAW member?”

Let me begin my answer with this question, “Why not?” No matter what other group you may or may not belong to, as an Adventist woman you have special things in common with other Adventist women.

I believe that as Adventist women we need to get to know one another so that we can work together in mutual affirmation and support. Our goals are much the same—to affirm and activate women to reach their God-given potential, so that Jesus will be glorified and can soon return.

Any activity that uplifts, encourages, and energizes Adventist women in the cause of God is worth the effort (and believe me, it does take effort).

So whether you are an AAW member or not, come, check out the conference for yourself. You won't be disappointed!



## From the Pulpit

# Transitions

by Margaret Hempe

For Christians, painful transitions can provide the challenge for adventure and spiritual growth, for this is when we lean most heavily on God.

Sounds rather glib, doesn't it? I'm making this statement because personal experience has proved this true in my life.

My first significant transition came when, at the death of my Irish-Catholic mother, I moved from a permissive home climate to the strict home of my German-Lutheran paternal grandparents. I remember well the pain, though only five years of age. Not understanding death, my feelings of abandonment were keen. But soon, love and respect for my new survival figure, my grandmother, became a reality.

### Conversion

I hurdled another significant transition when, at age 25, my husband and I left the church of our heritage and joined the Seventh-day Adventist communion. Emotional turmoil with both of our families of origin took a toll on us, they were disappointed and grieved and could not understand us. The dramatic changes for our little family of five with a new life-style and value system put extra stress on the marriage. At the same time, we made a significant geographical move—away from family and the factory town in Pennsylvania to the Columbia Union College campus in Washington, D.C.

But growth in all directions was welcome and evident. Our Lord Jesus Christ provided the spiritual energy to dream and risk.

In 1954 after graduation the transition from college to the ministry was a graceful one and we served in pastorates in the Potomac and Northern California conferences.

### Divorce

What happened between then and now? Why am I alone serving as an associate pastor at the Loma Linda University church?

Transitioning from a 25-year-old marriage to singleness, from pastor's wife to Bible worker, demanded more from me than human effort could muster. I refused to be intimidated by divorce; I chose to believe that He had something better for me than I had even known. My Lord Jesus Christ, because He had walked the path of abandonment before me, understood my pain and was always there for me.

Prayer became a consistent dialogue with Him, I say dialogue because through Scripture and other spiritual material, He spoke to me. I recognized that He brought the right people, books, texts, and programs into my life at the right time.

### No wasted pain

I determined that “No way, Lord, am I going to let this terrible pain go to waste. I will use it to help others—just please open the way for that to happen!”

Helping pained people change their *focus*—from what they've lost to what they can become and do with His help; to help change their *attitudes* toward life—this has been God's gift for me to pass on to others.

Yes, in my life painful transitions have provided the challenge for adventure and spiritual growth, for through them I have learned to lean more heavily on Jesus Christ than ever before.

Margaret “Peg” Hempe began her work at the Loma Linda University church in August 1966 as a Bible worker. The church acknowledged her as a pastor in 1972.

## Chapter News



Officers of the Michiana Chapter for 1987-88, Berrien Springs, Michigan, include (left to right): Lorena Bidwell, Lenore Brantley, Pat Saliba, Joyce Jones, Liz Beck, Madeline Johnston, Stella Greig, Florence Gillman, Shahin Ilter, Edith Davis, Selma Chaij, and (seated), Jan Wrenn, Elsie Buck, and Opal Young.

## Michiana: 1987-88 was jam-packed year

Concluding a year jam-packed with activity, programs and seminars, the Michiana Chapter brought Lynne Waihee, First Lady of Hawaii, to the Andrews University (AU) campus to speak of “Life in the Governor's Mansion,” on May 11. One-hundred and twelve guests, including women from the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph community, attended. Waihee, an Andrews University graduate, taught for several years at Hawaiian Mission Academy before her husband became governor of Hawaii.

For 1987-1988 the chapter averaged three activities a month during the school year—a board meeting, a members' prayer breakfast, and a public event.

Last November, the chapter accepted the invitation of the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs to organize the day's Sabbath school, worship service, and afternoon programs, under the leadership of Madeline Johnston.

In December they sponsored a Christmas Vespers at Pioneer Memorial church with Linda Wildman, organist, and Dr. Meredith Jones reading poetry.

To help shivering foreign students from the tropics cope at AU with Michigan's snow and cold, the chapter organized “Winter Seminar for International Women” in January.

Following the GC's Commission on Role of Women in the Church in late March, the chapter organized a Sabbath afternoon report on April 2 with four AU faculty members who served on the commission. Dr. Richard Leshner, AU president, moderated the panel, which included Drs. Patricia Mutch, Thesba Johnston, and Raymond Holmes.

Other contributions during the year:

■ A pamphlet carefully analyzing the theological issues surrounding the ordination of women to pastoral ministry was sent to all members of the GC Commission on the Role of Women in the Church.

■ AAW members led Hospitality Seminars in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Arizona. The teams have been trained by Dr. Patricia Mutch who originated the “Christian Hospitality Made Easy” program.

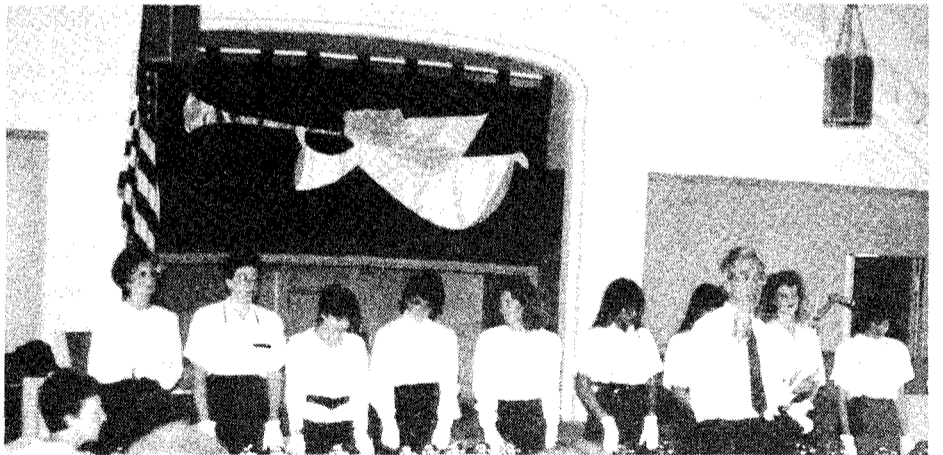
—Elsie Buck, 1987-1988 President

## Bay Area: Focus on the arts

The Bay Area Chapter brought a bell choir, an organist, a vocalist, as well as several artists together for a program entitled, “Expressions of the Arts,” in the Palo Alto Adventist church on June 18.

Once again the Bay Area Chapter is sponsoring a booth at Soquel camp meeting, July 28-August 6.

Health coordinator Shirley Ferguson and the chapter's health committee performed blood pressure checks at several of the regular AAW meetings in 1987-1988. Chapter Librarian Charla Macaulay oversees loaning audio tapes, books, periodicals, VCR tapes, and magazines that deal with women's issues.



Artistic expression—musical, visual and verbal—was the focus of a June 18 AAW meeting in the Palo Alto church. Here a bell choir performs.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Copy deadline for the next issue of *The Adventist Woman* is October 5

Mail copy at least 5 days in advance of the deadline. The editor schedules the Friday and Sunday afterward to put material together.

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The Adventist Woman and Health: The Search for Balance

Sixth National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women

Portland Adventist Medical Center  
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September 2-5, 1988

#### Friday

5:00-7:00 pm Registration  
3:00-6:00 pm Resolution Committee meets  
7:00-9:00 pm Opening Meeting: "Sedar, A Celebration of Hope"  
9:00-9:30 pm Reflection Groups

#### Sabbath

Worship Services meet in the Sunnyside SDA church adjacent to Portland Adventist Medical Center  
9:30-10:45 am Sabbath School - Coordinated by Linda Gage, Dianne Forsythe  
11:00-12:00 pm Church Service - Coordinated by Collette Crowell Pekar/Dr. Beatrice Neall, speaker  
Lunch  
1:30-3:30 pm Bus Tour to Washington Park - Coordinated by Frances Dixon - Portland's International Rose Test Gardens  
4:00-5:30 pm Women's Stories - Coordinated by Rosemary Bradley Watts  
5:30 pm Reflection Groups  
7:00-8:00 pm Vespers & Concert - Coordinated by Linda Loveridge  
8:00 pm Informal Gathering and Refreshments

#### Sunday

8:15-8:45 am Worship - Coordinated by Shirley Lacey  
8:45-9:45 am Open Forum discussion  
10:00-12:00 pm Workshops: Dr. Wilma Hepker, Dr. Susan Stanley, Lani Longshore, Dr. Una Jean Underwood, Betty Ashlock, Chaplain Beulah Stevens  
Lunch (Meetings for Resolutions Committee, and national officers with chapter leaders)  
2:00-4:00 pm Workshops, continued with the addition of Marie Banfe  
4:00-5:00 pm Reflection Groups report  
6:30 pm Women of the Year Awards Dinner

#### Monday

8:00-11:15 am Continental Breakfast, Worship, and Annual Business Meeting  
11:30 pm Closing Meeting  
Dr. Joyce Hanscom Lortz, speaker

#### TO REGISTER:

AAW Members: \$45  
Nonmembers: \$65  
Banquet only, Sunday night: \$15  
(Please make reservations by August 26: AAW Conference, 7710 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912).

### MISSION STATEMENT

"So God made man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."  
Genesis 1:27

In God's sight each individual has the potential to make a valuable contribution to our world. It is the purpose of this group of Adventist women to help the individuals in our church reflect more fully the image of God in their relationships to each other in the home, the church, the work setting and in the community.

Through the means of this publication which focuses on the development, discoveries, interests and potential of Christian women, our goals are:

1) To encourage communication, support

### Ringering! Hello?

## A friendly voice in the air-wave wilderness

by Morten Juberg

It's safe to say that few Adventist women in the Northwest have as wide a circle of friends worldwide as does Lillian Ringering of Hubbard, Oregon.

This pastor's wife is an amateur radio operator. Having lived in the South Pacific for eight years, her voice became familiar to many living in isolated areas.

While Mrs. Ringering and her husband Dale were on the staff of Gem State Adventist Academy in Idaho, amateur radio became a part of their way of life when their daughter, Darlene, married ham radio buff Roger Johnson. Roger, now a pastor in the Upper Columbia Conference, kept urging Mrs. Ringering to get an operator's license.

"I told him, no way, I wasn't interested—I didn't see the need of it." But the situation changed when the Ringerings accepted a call to the South Pacific island of Palau. Johnson sent a small radio and books to study with them. Since there was no electricity on the island, the radio remained in its box.

#### Door to adventure

But a year later when they moved to Guam, Roger insisted, "This is it. It's time to get your license."

Within three months she had one. She admits it opened "a new lifetime of adventures for me."

For most of the time on Guam Mrs. Ringering was the only woman operator with a license. She was on the air many hours a day.

"I would make phone patches from parents in America so they could talk to their children in the military on Guam," she said. "I made phone patches from sailors on ships to their families on the island."

In addition, she helped church organizations, many of which had their headquarters on Guam. She also connected Adventist missionaries to their families back home.

#### Distant voices

Exploring the airwaves Mrs. Ringering became acquainted with a lady living on a Chinese junk in the Solomon Islands. One day after her husband died, the woman asked, "If I sent my safe deposit key to you, would you inventory my safe deposit box there in Guam?" Mrs. Ringering agreed and after taking care of the legal requirements, provided the inventory.

The friendship led to a meeting in Hawaii when the Ringerings returned to the United States. Since then the woman has regularly spent a month with the Ringerings each summer.

On another occasion Mrs. Ringering found herself talking with a Japanese teacher who ran a private school in Hiroshima. They visited each morning because he wanted help with his English. The culmination of this friendship came when the man, accompanied by his son, came to visit the Ringerings in Oregon.

#### "Apricot, Chocolate, Vanilla"

Mrs. Ringering's call letters are WH2ACV. Since hams apply words to these letters for easier identification, H.M.S. Richards, Jr., himself a ham, called her "We Have 2 Active Christian Volunteers." In the South Pacific,



Lillian Ringering became a ham operator while a missionary on Guam. Her charming voice now originates from Hubbard, Oregon.

operators called her "A Charming Voice." She herself uses, "Apricot, Chocolate, Vanilla."

Husband Dale is not a ham, but both of the Ringering daughters have their licenses.

The Ringerings have just moved into a home they purchased in Hubbard. The next

step, according to Lillian, is to mount the antenna. Once again she will renew her acquaintances around the globe.

Morten Juberg is editor of the North Pacific Union Gleaner. This article, adapted from the June 6, 1988, issue, is used by permission.

#### In three SDA magazines

## Women's issues make headline

Three major Adventist journals have recently featured articles on issues affecting women.

"Integrating 'Herstory' Into History," by Dr. Brian E. Strayer of Andrews University, appears in the April-May *Journal of Adventist Education*. The special issue focuses on practical suggestions to vitalize the teaching of social studies, history, and geography. The journal is beamed at teachers throughout the worldwide denomination's school system.

Inclusive language got a boost in the February-March issue of the same journal with a well-argued article by Dr. Fritz Guy, theologian and associate pastor of the Loma Linda University church. He entitled it, "Toward Gender-Inclusiveness in Adventist Education: Some Personal (and Partisan) Observations."

*Ministry Magazine*, the church's professional journal for clergy, focused on

"Abortion and Christian Principles," in its May issue. The author, Gerald Winslow, holds a Ph.D. in Christian ethics and is a professor at Loma Linda University. Winslow believes that the absence of direct divine counsel regarding abortion makes necessary a principled approach. The principles he discusses are (1) forgiveness, (2) respect for human life, (3) respect for personal autonomy, and (4) justice.

The August 20 issue of *Insight Magazine*, which is geared to Adventist teenagers, takes up the topic "Women in the Church." On the question of ordaining women to gospel ministry the editors summarize pro and con positions in the present debate.

Don't miss the back page of this issue of *Insight*—it's a full-page reproduction of the poster used to advertise last fall's AAW Conference, "The Adventist Woman and the Caring Church."

## AAW CONFERENCE PLANS

#### From front page

Lani Longshore, "What Shall We Tell Our Daughters?"

Marie Banfe, "Fighting Back at Fatigue"  
Dr. Una Jean Underwood, "Women's Health: Areas of Concern"

Betty Ashlock, R.N., "Treating the Whole Person"

Chaplain Beulah Stevens, "Caring for the Care-Giver"

#### Registration Information

After August 9 registration fees are \$45 for AAW members and \$65 for nonmembers, which includes the Women of the Year Banquet, and the Sunday morning continental breakfast. (Tickets to Women of the Year Banquet only are \$15). Send reservations by August 26 to AAW, 7710 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

#### Housing Information

The AAW office is unable to handle hous-

ing reservations. Call or write directly to one of the following:

■ Nurses' Residence, Portland Adventist Medical Center, 10123 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97216. (503) 251-6118.

Daily rates (no linens): \$6.50 per room, or (with linens) \$15 single occupancy; \$20 with double occupancy. Rooms are limited—apply early. Two twin beds to a room. If you do not designate a roommate, one will be assigned.

■ The Chestnut Tree Inn, 9699 S.E. Stark St., Portland, OR 97216, (503) 255-4444. Daily rates; \$27 single; \$32 double, plus 9 percent tax. (Located about one-half mile from the hospital.)

■ Cypress Inn, 1-205 and Stark St. exit, 9705 S.E. Stark, Portland, OR 97216. (503) 252-8247. Daily rates; \$33 single; \$38 double, plus 9 percent tax.



Rebecca Patchin

**AMA board member**

Rebecca Patchin, a member of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine Class of 1989, has been chosen to serve a one-year term on the board of trustees of the prestigious American Medical Association (AMA). She is only the second woman to sit on the AMA board.

Each year the 12-member AMA board selects a student to serve the one-year, non-voting term. The board meets 50 days a year. Says Patchin, "Loma Linda University has strongly supported me during my campaign and has helped me arrange my class schedule around the board meetings."

Three major areas in which she expects to represent medical students' concerns on the board are:

1. The cost and quality of medical education
2. Medical residency programs
3. The impact of AIDS on medical education, the health-care system, and the public

Students are known to be more idealistic and are sometimes referred to as the conscience of the AMA, Patchin adds. "Students can make a difference in big policy-making decisions. For example, Ken Graybow, a LLU student and former delegate to the California Medical Association (CMA) and the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) proposed a smoke-free society by the year 2000. The CMA and AMA adopted this resolution, and steps are being taken to implement this proposal."

Patchin went on to say, "I started medical school casually. I never realized the opportunity to serve in student government would arise. But when it did, I really wanted to get involved."

Prior to medical school, Patchin was a nurse for almost 20 years. She entered Loma Linda University in 1985 at the age of 35. Dr. Lynn Behrens, dean of LLU's School of Medicine, and the only woman dean of a coed medical school in the continental U.S., commented, "We are confident that Becky will appropriately represent our school at the national level and will continue to contribute to health policy through the AMA."

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Patricia Humphrey

**Message editor**

Patricia Humphrey is the new assistant editor of *Message Magazine*, an outreach journal of the Seventh-day Adventist Church designed for black readers, with a circulation of 143,000.

Mrs. Humphrey most recently worked at the Three Angels Broadcasting Network in West Frankfort, Illinois, where she created, hosted, and produced a half-hour educational TV program, *Report Card for Home Schoolers*.

She earned her B.S. and M.S. degrees in human development at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and was a flight attendant with United Airlines for six years. While living in Huntsville, Alabama, she was a counselor and taught orientation at Alabama A&M University. At Oakwood College she directed the extended Education Center, a federally funded program that trains people how to handle child-abuse cases, recognize them, and treat situations if they should come in contact with an abused child. She edited an information journal dealing with child abuse for those who worked in social services.



Kitty Crary

**Wisconsin leader**

"Kitty Crary has vitalized children's ministries during her first year as assistant director for church ministries," says Cheryl Habenicht, communication director of the Wisconsin Conference.

Crary, who already serves as secretary to three men in the conference office, still squeezes in time for her own special work of love. As a children's ministries specialist, she encourages those in her conference who work with children's Sabbath schools, vacation Bible schools, story hours, and children's evangelistic meetings. To top it off, she also oversees children's departments at camp meeting from cradle roll to junior level. To weld all these responsibilities together she prepares a quarterly newsletter about children's ministries for the 76 churches in Wisconsin.

In spite of the demands on her time as an office secretary Mrs. Crary has conducted eight Sabbath school workshops and a storytelling seminar in churches throughout the state this past year.

Crary, who was baptized in 1976, soon plunged into volunteer work in her church's primary and kindergarten Sabbath schools. Her husband is a dairy farmer, and they have two sons and a grandson.

"I have a deep love for Jesus and children," she says simply, "and a tremendous burden for their salvation."

**With small stipends**

**Oregon establishes first women's ministries department**

Like the pioneers who blazed the Oregon Trail, the Oregon Conference has opened some new horizons for Adventist women by establishing a Women's Ministries Department.

Ruth Jacobsen, wife of the conference president, began her work in 1987 as an outgrowth of her involvement in Shepherdess International, a group organized for wives of pastors. "But women in all walks of life have needs," Jacobsen stated. Her efforts soon expanded to include them.

Now a 20-member board, chaired by Marge Moreno, a physician's wife from Salem, meets quarterly to oversee the department's work. Most of the 118 churches in the conference elect a Women's Ministries representative. The department has a small budget of \$9,000, some paid part-time help for office management, and a newsletter.

**Librarians discover**

**EGW: 74th most published author**

Who are the most published authors of all times? Cataloguing librarians know. And Ellen G. White, co-founder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is in the top 100.

Drawing from the world's largest computerized database of published works, Phil Schieber, editor of the *OCLC Newsletter*, reported in the May-June issue that the most published author of all time is William Shakespeare. He is followed by Charles Dickens, Sir Walter Scott, Johann Wolfgang von

Jacobsen herself works full-time for a \$1,000-per-month stipend.

Luncheons, seminars, prayer groups, and retreats all serve to bring Oregon women together. Last year Juanita Kreschmar from New York City was the featured retreat speaker, attracting 300 participants. This year's retreat is set for September 9-11 with Hazel Burns from Ohio. "We want to be a spiritual force for healing, support, and encouragement," Jacobsen states.

During August, Mrs. Jacobsen will be accompanying her husband to visit camp meetings in Zaire. "They've invited me to speak and have not specified my topic," she said. "This may be an opportunity to spread the word about women's ministries. We have not 'arrived'; we are still experimenting, but it is thrilling to see hard work having positive results so far."

Goethe and Aristotle, respectively. Others on the list include Mark Twain (8th), Martin Luther (16th), and Geoffrey Chaucer (69th).

Only four women appear in the "Top 100 List": Agatha Christie (33rd), Ellen G. White (74th), Jane Austen (76th), and George Sand (83rd).

To make the list an author had to have at least 1,000 editions of his or her materials listed in the OCLC database.

**At Town Meeting**

**Mid-American women ask questions**

Plugging along, a little-known group of dedicated women converge about once a quarter to focus on women's issues in the Adventist Church. They are the North American Division's (NAD) Women's Commission. Sponsored by the Office of Human Relations (OHR) the group is chaired by Dr. Thesba Johnston of Andrews University.

July 8-10 the group met at Union College, the heart of the Mid-America Union in Lincoln, Nebraska. Six of the nine NAD union representatives were there. On Sabbath, July 9, the commission hosted a Town Meeting, attended by about 50 women.

According to Elizabeth Sterndale, the NAD liaison for women's ministries, the meeting marked "a great step forward." During the Town Meeting, women voiced many ques-

tions and ideas. "For one thing, some had never heard that the church approved of ordaining deaconesses," she said.

Significant actions included:

■ A request to OHR that it invite leaders of other Adventist women's groups in the division to meet with the commission sometime during the coming year. "We believe this would help us avoid duplication of efforts, improve networking, and lead us to trust and support each other better," Sterndale stated.

■ Plans to continue discussing how Adventist women may be represented at the 1990 General Conference Session in Indianapolis.

■ Next meeting: October 21-23 in the Southern Union at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

**Idaho winner**

Soroptimist International of Nampa, Idaho, chose Dr. Jaymee Frimml for its 1987-88 recipient of its "Women Helping Women" award.

As one of only three women chiropractors in Idaho, Frimml owns her own practice. In addition to her full-time practice she teaches classes in maternal child health—newborn care and feeding, nutrition and cooking, and physical fitness. She also presents seminars on stress management, family success, Breathe-Free stop smoking, and "Women—the Unique You."

The Nampa group honors a woman in their community each year who has consistently and effectively used her resources, talents, and influence to help others achieve their potential.

Frimml, a member of the Caldwell Adventist church, is a registered nurse, and is listed in *Who's Who in American Women*.



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