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First National Conference Of The Association Of Adventist Women

The Washington Metropolitan area will be the setting when the First National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women takes place, June 17, 18 and 19, 1983. The conference will take a close look at the status and the needs of Adventist women in professions, in the home and in theology.

The mission statement of the AAW states that our goals are to encourage communication and support among Adventist women on a personal level and within the church community a large. If these are our goals then we need to take an objective look at where we are as women within the church and where we need to be in order to better reach our mission. Conference participants can meet with representatives from various organizations and together we can address various concerns that women face.

Plan to come early to the conference and enjoy the many attractions of the

Washington area: The National Arboretum, Botanical gardens, free concerts at the Jefferson Memorial and the Capitol Building, the Smithsonian museums of natural history, space, technology etc., and special exhibits at the National Gallery of Art. And don't forget the many culinary treats available—Chinese, Vietnamese, Mexican, Middle Eastern and some excellent natural foods restaurants. A trip to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the Aquarium Center will provide an interesting afternoon and evening.

We hope you will take advantage of the many sites and activities in the Washington area before and after attending the conference. But more than that we look forward to having you with us for three days of interacting with women from many walks of life, churches and schools so that we may learn more about ourselves and the church that we serve.

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Is it time to renew
your membership? We
need your support.



Maureen Luxton

Maureen Luxton, Pioneer Educator

By Viveca Black

On December 21, 1982, Maureen Wynne Luxton, Associate Director of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, died of a brain tumor at the age of 58. Four days before Christmas, Bert Beach, Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the General Conference, prepared a tribute for her memorial service. He said:

Maureen quite naturally married cheerfulness with seriousness, helpfulness with steadfastness, flexibility with resolve. Where she walked difficult tasks blossomed into achievement; young people were inspired to scale the heights of excellence.

In 1940 Maureen entered Newbold Missionary College and began her teaching career at the Jewish Secondary School in London in 1945.

Four years later Maureen began her career of service with the Seventh-day Adventist church as a church school

Jean Montgomery Runs the Marine Corps Marathon

By Vikki Montgomery

When Jean Montgomery began running five years ago she never dreamed she would have two marathons to her credit by age fifty. Nor did she ever think that one of them would be the Marine Corps Marathon held annually in Arlington, Virginia.

After running the 6.2 mile portion of the Cleveland/Revco Marathon in 1978, she set a goal to run a full marathon before she turned fifty. In May, 1982, she ran the Cleveland/Revco, finishing in 4 hours 8 minutes and 20 seconds. On October 2 she celebrated her fiftieth birthday.

Last spring, Mrs. Montgomery read about the Marine Corps Marathon and thought about how exciting it would be to "run around the monuments" (the race course winds through Virginia and downtown Washington, D.C.) and made plans to participate.

On race day when Mrs. Montgomery arrived at the shuttle bus pick-up point in

the Pentagon parking lot, twenty minutes before starting time, she found a line of people almost a mile long and no buses in sight. After the buses finally arrived, ten minutes before the start of the race, race officials asked runners to disembark five minutes after boarding, since no more traffic was allowed near the race site. Most of the runners - Mrs. Montgomery included - took off full speed to the starting line which was 1.5 miles away.

When Mrs. Montgomery arrived at the finish line 4 hours 50 minutes and 20 seconds later, she said she felt "wasted." All the prerace excitement had drained her of her crucial energy.

Mrs. Montgomery first started running at the urging of her daughter, who wanted her to train for the Bonne Belle Mini-Marathon in Cleveland. When she protested, her daughter replied, "If you can walk, you can run," Mrs. Montgomery accepted the challenge and soon made running part of her daily routine,

teacher at Stanborough Park in Watford. Soon after, she also accepted the hand of Ronald Luxton, another teacher, in marriage. Donald Lowe, Sabbath School Director of the Northern European Division, remembers her teaching: "Maureen was more than a teacher; she was a loved counsellor.

In 1976, while her children Jack and Andrea were pursuing academic studies of their own, and two years after her husband died of a brain tumor, Maureen accepted a call to the British Union Conference to be Director of the Education and the Sabbath School Departments. Her four years at the union office were marked by long months of negotiating,

planning, fund raising, and obtaining the cooperation of scores of individuals and committees to establish a church school for the children of London. The result, the John Loughborough School—named for the pioneer who introduced Adventism to Great Britain now teaches more than 400 children in ten grades and is a living memorial to Maureen's vision and determination.

At the 1980 General Conference session in Dallas, Texas, Maureen was elected an Associate Director of the General Conference. Her output was typically prolific. She produced primary teaching aids, program aids, manuscripts for quarterlies, teachers guides, com-



Jean Montgomery

which includes: working as a ward secretary at Jamesson Memorial Hospital, exercise classes, and an occasional game of racquetball at the local YMCA (where she is a board member) and visits to the Lawrence County Women's Shelter (where she is a volunteer counselor).

Her next big goal is to run the Cleveland/Revco Marathon in 3.5 hours, the qualifying time for women for a major marathon, because she'd "love to run the Boston Marathon."

When asked if she would like to run the Marine Corps Marathon gain, she replied quickly, "Yes, just to prove to myself that I can do it."

pletely revised the first year Vacation Bible School materials for juniors, primaries, and kindergarten, and travelled the world.

Perhaps Maureen best described her own life and philosophy in a speech she gave for Stanborough School Speech Night on her last trip back to Britain in October, 1982: "People learn in different ways and at different rates. They acquire differing skills. But the skills of one complement the skills of another. Everyone matters. Everyone has value. Everyone should be helped to reach his full potential and achieve a sense of self-worth and accomplishment, as God's own child."

PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE

Maybe some of you have wished at times, as I have, that you could be a creative kind of person. You know the kind of person I mean, the one who with a touch in the right place and at the right moment can turn the ordinary into a thing of beauty. Although we may not have this kind of creativity, there is a kind of creativity in which we all can participate.

Have you ever stopped to consider yourself a participant in the creativity of God? We may give ourselves to Him and ask Him to make us over again. Not that He did not do a good job in the beginning, but because we bear the scars of the battle with sin, we need to be made over. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians: "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creature, the old has passed away, the new has come." (Chap. 5:17, R.S.V.). We continue to be participants in this process of re-creation as we repeatedly place ourselves in a position to be reached by this creative power of the love of God.

Our contact with God in all aspects of His personality promotes growth in us—a process that is not completed in this life. The Christian—you and I—must ever be involved in this growth process. Through this process we become more involved in deeper, more meaningful and honest relationships with God, ourselves, and others.

Eugina Price, in her book, *A Woman's Choice*, describes some of the characteristics of the creative love of God as follows:



Betty Howard, President, AAW

1. It leaves us free to discover, to think, to decide, and to act.

2. It is sensitive to us, not pampering, but always letting us know we are understood.

3. It encourages us not only to bigger goals, but also to complete honesty about our faults.

Love that can do all of this for us is difficult to understand, but oh, so desirable to have.

To what extent are you allowing this love to pervade your life—your very being? Stop and think about this question, and look again at some of the characteristics of God's creative love. Consider them now in terms of the process of becoming—becoming a new person in Christ.

From The Pulpit Lessons on Stress

By Pastor Marsha Frost

The day had been so perfect. But suddenly, the sail fills, tipping the disciples' boat on its side. Ruthlessly the sea swells, tossing the little boat about. Spray stings their eyes. Sweat runs in streams. Teeth clench; muscles groan. Minutes tick into hours. Fear grips muted lips as one row forward counts for five backwards. In bewilderment they concede the storm the victor and give themselves up for lost. In anguish their lips cry for Christ.

At the moment they believe themselves lost, a gleam of light reveals a mysterious figure approaching upon the water. Dropping their oars all eyes rivet on a man walking the white-capped billows of the foaming sea. Thinking they have seen a phantom, terror overpowers them. Instantly a voice calls, "Have courage, I am here. Do not be alarmed." Impulsively Peter yells, "Since it's you, tell me to come to you on the water."

At the word "Come," Peter vaults over the side of the boat. Brushing wisps of hair from his eyes, his mind whirls with excitement. The distance between them gets smaller and smaller.

Peter is not the only one who has embarked of a quest for Christ. It may not be a gleaming figure on the waves which draws attention. It is more often some experience in living which cries for

a better way—for a look at our lives to determine that there has to be something better. When people communicate to you that life is too stressful how do you respond? We often seem more comfortable to direct them to good books, Vitamin B pills and support groups, than we are to lead them into a personal relationship with God. Books, vitamins and groups do help, but if we find ourselves unable to mention how religion relates to stress then maybe it's because God isn't being a part of the answer to stress in our own lives.

People who are looking for something better want more than an intellectual understanding, they want a power in their lives that makes life more manageable, stress less debilitating, conflict less frightening.

God expects us to come to Him with our feelings. He expects us to shake our fists in the face of tragedy shouting that it is unwelcome. He expects us to express whatever raw emotions we are experiencing—anger, fright or sorrow. The risks or dangers we struggle with are as real as the wind and waves which lashed and wheeled around Peter. Our sinking is as real as his. But Peter wasn't content to sink. Desperately thrashing, Peter entreats, "Lord, save me!"

If we'll only grasp Christ's hand individually, and as a church, we'll be amazed at how different life can be.

Guidelines For Chapters

AFTER YOU ORGANIZE AN AAW CHAPTER THEN WHAT . . . ?

By the Michianna Chapter

The following suggestions may serve as guidelines for what your chapter may wish to accomplish.

General Suggestions:

1. Develop support groups - for women who may be lonely, new in the church, who desire special spiritual sharing or who are divorced, widowed, or single.
2. Develop support groups that will meet the needs of children from single-parent homes.
3. Set up a reciprocal talents groups to pool resources for home repairs, baby-sitting, car pooling, etc.
4. Establish information and referral centers for services, job placement, etc.
5. Establish co-ops for buying items needed by women.
6. Establish programs for retirement-age women who would like to contribute, such as "Adopt-a-Grandchild."

Develop educational programs for your area: workshops, conventions, seminars or lectures.

Suggested Topics:

1. Education in relationships - how to achieve balance and avoid the extremes of "doing my own thing" or "complete fusion."
2. Money management.
3. Fulfillment as a single person.
4. Learning to use resources for help: counseling, etc.
5. How to cope.
6. Legal rights for women.
7. Help for international women - getting acquainted, foods and how to cook them, adjusting to new customs and culture.
8. Consciousness raising.
9. The Place for Women in the Church: talent vs. sex.
10. Dealing with sexuality: the single Christian.
11. Dealing with change: job transition, re-entry, the "Empty Nest Syndrome," Menopause, Retirement, Death and Dying.
12. The loss of a relationship.
13. Handiwoman Workshops: How to - Panel a Room, change spark plugs or washers, etc.
14. The effects of drugs.
15. Depression and how to cope.

Research Needs:

1. Basic demographics information about S.D.A. women. Ages, urban/rural, marital status, children, vocation/avocation/ talents/education/church work, contributions and offices held.
2. Women's attitudes toward other women, men, the church.
3. S.D.A. women's needs - religious, social, intellectual and physical. The Adventist Church needs women who will write.
 1. Letters need to be sent to Elder Bradford asking for female representation on General Conference Committees.
 2. Letters need to be sent requesting General Conference funds to be allocated for advanced studies on women's issues.
 3. Articles need to be written in church publications - such as the Union papers, Review and Herald, Life and Health, etc., on consciousness raising on the need for more equality, in the treatment of all minorities.



The Michianna Chapter

Left to Right: Wanda Grimes—Spiritual Advocate, Jeanne Jordan—Secretary, Thesba Johnston—Regional Representative, Judith Blanton—Chairperson, Vivian Ahlers—Treasurer, Ramira Jobe—Parliamentarian.

"9 To 5"

By Viveca Black

Is office work hazardous to your health? Do you know how to get the promotion you want? Does your employer measure up? Do you know what you can do about sexual harassment? Do you know your legal rights? Do you know where to find resources for working women? Is working 9 to 5 a problem for you? Do you want to know about job sharing or flexitime?

To respond to these questions and more the **National Association of 9 to 5 Working Women** has prepared the "9 to 5 Office Worker Survival Guide." For a free copy, or to join the organization (dues are \$10) contact them at 1244 Huron Road, Cleveland, OH 44115. (216) 566-9308.

Many agencies, organizations and written materials are available to help working women. Here is a list of some of the most prominent.

Employment Data:

Bureau of Labor Statistics
Office of Publications
Washington, D.C. 20212

Legal Rights:

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
2401 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506
(202) 634-6930

Office of Federal Contract and Compliance Programs (OFCCP)
Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20210
(202) 523-9475

Wage and Hour Division
Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20210
(202) 523-8305

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20570
(202) 632-4950

Career and Self-Development:

Wider Opportunities for Women
Suite 345
1511 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 638-3143

Health and Safety:

Women's Occupational Health Resource Center
Columbia University School of Public Health
60 Haven Avenue, B-1
New York, N.Y. 10032

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20210

Older Workers:

The Other Generation: The New Power of

Older People, Rochelle Jones, Prentiss-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1977.

Pension Facts I and II, Pension Rights Center, 1346 Connecticut Avenue, Room 1019, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Resource Publications:

The Three Boxes of Life, Richard Bolles, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, California, 1978

Self-Assertion for Women: A Guide to Becoming Androgynous, Pamela Butler, Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., New York, 1976.

Speaking Up: A Book for Every Woman Who Wants to Speak Effectively, Janet Stone and Jane Bachner, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1977.

Sexual Harassment:

Alliance Against Sexual Coercion
P.O. Box One
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

First National Conference: A.A.W.

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 1983
Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, MD
THEME: FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
6:15

REGISTRATION—Halcyon Hall Lobby
AGAPE FEAST—Columbia Union College Cafeteria, Wilkinson Hall

Reflections: **Edna Maye Loveless**, Associate Professor of English, Columbia Union College

7:30
8:00

RECEPTION—Halcyon Hall Recreation Room
OPENING SESSION—Halcyon Hall Worship Room
Welcome **Elisabeth Wear**, Conference Chairman
Opening Remarks **Betty Howard**, AAW President
Keynote Address **Alyce Pudewell**, President, Inland Empire AAW Chapter, Southern California
"Two Sides of the Coin: Insuring the Future"

2:00 - 3:15

3:30 - 4:45

5:00 - 6:15

6:30

SABBATH, JUNE 18

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

AAW PRAYER BREAKFAST—Halcyon Hall Worship Room

9:30

SABBATH SCHOOL—Halcyon Hall Worship Room
Speaker: **Kit Watts**, Assoc. Librarian, Andrews University

7:30
SUNDAY, JUNE 19
8:30 a.m.

"Ellen White—A Woman Looks at God"

11:00

WORSHIP—Halcyon Hall Worship Room
Homily: **Thesba Johnston**, Prof. of Educational Psychology and Counseling, Andrews University
"God's Word to Women and Men"

9:30

12:30

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON—Halcyon Hall Recreation Room
Lunch provided by Washington Metro Chapter of AAW for non-area registrants. Local registrants, please bring two covered dishes. And please do come.

11:30

Afternoon Sessions

2:00 - 6:15 p.m. Halcyon Hall Worship Room

SESSION I: Women in the Professions

In what areas are women making significant contributions to the Adventist Church? What should be the focus for the future?

Presenter: **Judith Blanton**, President, Michigan Chapter

Panel Discussion, Audience responses invited.

SESSION II: Women in the Home

How is the church meeting the needs of women who elect to be full-time homemakers? What strategies should be considered in providing support for this important profession?

Presenter: **Joyce Royster**, Director of Social Work, Shady Grove Hospital

Panel Discussion, Audience responses invited.

SESSION III: Women in Theology

What part should women take in Church ministry?

Presenter: **Jan Daffern**, Associate Pastor, Sligo Church

Panel Discussion, Audience responses invited.

FRUIT SALAD SUPPER - Halcyon Hall Recreation room

Provided by AAW Executive Committee for non-area registrants. Local registrants, please bring fruit salad and homemade bread.

RECREATION

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

WORK SESSION: Development of Recommendations

IDEA EXCHANGE Halcyon Hall Worship Room
Reports from Women in Adventist Organizations

AAW Regional Directors
Women's Auxiliary of Loma Linda University
The Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses
Representation from Adventist Women Educators
Representation from Home School Parent Educators

Summary Statements and Recommendations

Reports from session chairmen

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The campus is approximately seven miles north of Washington, DC and is located at the intersection of Carroll and Flower Avenues in Takoma Park, Maryland.

College Telephone: (301) 270-9200.

From National Airport or the Washington, DC Railroad Station

Take the Metro Rapid System to the Takoma Station, then take the Ride-On Bus No. 12 directly to the campus.

By Car

Take the Capital Beltway (495) to the New Hampshire-Takoma Park exit. Proceed south on New Hampshire. Turn right at Piney Branch Road and left on Carroll Avenue. Turn right on Flower Avenue.

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 woman, our goals are:

1) To encourage communication, support and wider understanding among Adventist women in diverse situations.

2) To acquaint the church community at large with Adventist women's potential and achievements.

3) To assist Adventist women in achieving fulfillment in their interpersonal relationships, personal development and relationships to God.

4) To help Adventist women to maximize their options, whatever their age and situation, that they may reflect more fully the image of God.

5) To acquaint the church community at large with Adventist women's potential and achievements.

PEOPLE AND PLACES by Judith P. Nembhard

Recently, **Marguerite Anderson Dixon**, a member of the Morgan Park, Illinois, Seventh-day Adventist Church, was honored at the University of Illinois Service Recognition Program for her 25 years of service to the University, having begun her career at the school in 1953 as a research assistant in the College of Dentistry. She also recently received her Ph.D. degree in nursing sciences from the Graduate College at the University of Illinois Medical Center. In addition to her very active church program, Dr. Dixon serves as a member of the Full Life Board, which directs the senior citizen program and housing development in the Lake Region Conference.

Joyce Ann Combes is a lifestyle coordinator for Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Her responsibilities involve coordinating weight management and stop smoking programs as well as working with minority, international, and handicapped students in developing healthy life-styles. Mrs. Combes says, “The University's wellness center is interested in serving the whole person, and this includes the spiritual, about which I am very excited.”

Joan Angelo Adams, one of the founding members of the AAW, has exchanged teaching social studies in junior high school for a career in personal and business insurance planning with New York Life Insurance and Casualties. In her new field, she has the advantage of working at home.

W. Marlene Good Doswell, assistant director of nursing at the Clinical Research Center, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City, recently received a doctorate

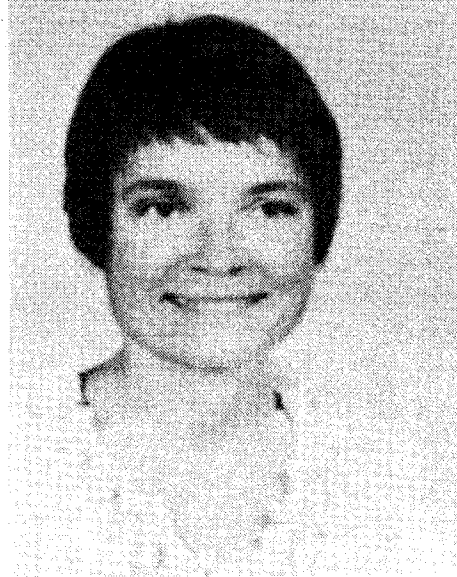
in nursing research from New York University. She was the recipient of an American Nurses Foundation AJN Scholarly Research Award in 1979-1980.

Dr. Mercedes Dyer, chairman of the Department of Education at Andrews University, received an Excellence in Service award from the Adventist Student Personnel Association for making “significant contributions to student personnel work” and exhibiting “leadership skills through the initiation of programs, projects, ideas and community.” Dr. Dyer is coauthor of *Readings for Residence Hall Deans* and editor of *The Dean's Window*.

Walterine Brooks, an elementary instructional specialist in the Prince George's County, Maryland, school district, is spending this school year as acting principal of the county's John Carroll Elementary School in Landover, Maryland. Mrs. Brooks formerly taught the fifth grade at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Takoma Park.

Aleene Schaeffer, member of the Union College Education Department, will complete her doctoral dissertation this spring. Her research on Seventh-day Adventists' need for day-care centers will provide the denomination with some much-needed information.

AAW President Betty Howard has added one more organization to the growing list in which she is involved. She is now president-elect of Adventist Student Personnel Association (ASPA). She served as the ASPA Regional Director for the Columbia Region and has been actively involved in the growth of the organization.



Ronaele Whittington

Dr. Ronaele Whittington, who operates her own social work practice in Kailau, Hawaii, has been appointed by Mayor Eileen Anderson of Honolulu to serve on the Honolulu County Committee of the Status of Women. As a committee member, Dr. Whittington will advise city and county government officials on matters of concern to the women of Oahu. The committee also plays an important role in promoting affirmative-action programs in the city government. A swearing-in ceremony was held in January in the mayor's office. Dr. Whittington formerly served on the staff of Walla Walla College.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
Have you checked your mailing label lately? Your membership With the Association of Adventist Women may be running out. Please check your label for an expiration date.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I must tell you how much I enjoyed the cartoon on Page 6 of Volume 1, No. 6 issue. That is real humor, rare in a journal upholding the promotion of women's movements.

I agree with the tone of the article that women should be ordained. But as Deaconess, Bible Worker, Ministerial or Pastoral Assistant or aides.

Yes, women should be considered for leadership position—but not because they are women. Even if a man and a woman seemingly had equal qualifications, the choice should be on something other than sex—or are you advocating female supremacy rather than equality?
H.J. Wolcox, O.D.

Dear Editor,

I am glad to receive ADVENTIST WOMAN, although I would rather have the cause of women discussed in a more balanced way. For example, why not defend the cause of humanity (men and women) and how each contributes to and complements the other in ways not yet discovered or acknowledged. But then, it may take a kind of imbalance in order to offset a long-standing imbalance, but I wish it didn't.

Perhaps there could be more perceptive input from men for the ADVENTIST WOMAN publication? Perhaps there could be frequent mention of, or articles about, men and women who have, together, discovered and taken seriously the ways they complement each other in leadership, service, politics, ministry, or whatever.

Diane Forsyth, Associate Pastor, The College Church, Walla Walla College Church

Bev Habada has resigned her position of the Board of Directors for the AAW in order to take the position of vice-president for the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of AAW. The board elected **Elisabeth Wear** to assume this position and to coordinate special events that the Executive Board proposes.

About Our Writers . . .

Viveca Black is Director of Development for Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. Our thanks also to Victor Cooper, Helen Stiles and Andrea Luxton who contributed to the article on Maureen Luxton.

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