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Because of successful fundraising, the Washington DC Metro Chapter gave away \$2,000 to Columbia Union College students on April 6. (L to R): Norma Osborn, Metro president; Jill Magi; Kendra Haloviak; Janet Conley; Nancy Marter, AAW national president; and Eslyn Howard.

## Metro Chapter presents \$500 student scholarships

by Betty Howard

For the second year, the Metro Washington Chapter has awarded scholarships to outstanding young women attending Columbia Union College. On April 6, Jill Magi, Kendra Haloviak, Janet Conley, and Eslyn Howard each received \$500 during the annual awards chapel service.

AAW funnels its scholarship funds through the alumni association. This year the Alumni Office nominated 11 young women for the awards and asked each to submit two-page essays about their educational objectives and long-

term goals. Those nominated were sophomores and juniors with good grades who are also involved in outreach and extracurricular activities.

Jill Magi is a sophomore communication major; Kendra Haloviak a sophomore English and theology major; Janet Conley a sophomore English major; and Eslyn Howard a junior nursing student.

Last year's scholarship winner, Cindy McMillan, who is a junior English and premed student, has just returned from a year in Nairobi as a student missionary.

## October 8-11

### Takoma Park site for 5th convention

The Fifth National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women will meet in Takoma Park, Maryland, October 8-11, 1987.

Sponsored by the Washington Metro Chapter of AAW, the conference's theme will be "The Adventist Woman and the Caring Church." Programming will stress several areas:

1. Personal growth, both social and spiritual;
2. Involvement in church activities;
3. Unity of men and women in all aspects of church life, and
4. Development and use of women's leadership talents within the church.

Delegates and attendees from North America and around the world will fellowship and study together at the meetings, which will be held in Sligo church and Columbia Union College facilities. Church leaders and their spouses who are in town to attend the General Conference's Annual Council will also be invited to attend the conference.

Activities will include the Women of the Year banquet and award, keynote address, worship, seminars, musical programs, business meetings, social hour, an open forum, agape supper, reception for special guests, leadership dialogue, and a special event that will focus on challenging women to full participation

in the church. Time will be available for fellowship and networking with other attendees.

Watch for more detailed conference information in the next issue of the *Adventist Woman* and union papers.

### Conference in England marks 100th anniversary of Ellen White visit

On the one-hundredth anniversary of Ellen White's visit to Europe, a convention for Adventist women will meet on the campus of Newbold College in England, July 30 to August 2.

The program is being planned by Femme Je T'appelle (SDA Francophone Women's Group) which has already held two well-attended conferences at Collonges. This summer's meeting will feature sessions in both English and French.

"In the spirit of study and prayer, there will be workshops on spiritual, educational, and health issues," says Denise Bouvier, PR director for the event. "It will be a weekend for women to reflect on their mission in the church."

For more information write: Elisabeth Gouel, 10, Avenue Blanc, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland.

## Two women chaplains certified in New Orleans

Two women were the only Adventist chaplains this year to become Fellows in the College of Chaplains (COC) the national, interdenominational certifying body.

Chaplain Juanita Mayer of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland, and Chaplain Betty Unger of Hinsdale Hospital in Chicago, became the fifth and sixth Adventist women to become Fellows in the college. They received their certification on March 16 during the annual College of Chaplains Conference held this year in New Orleans.

Certification as a Fellow is based on extensive preparation in which denominational endorsement, collegial recommendations, and training requirements are only the first steps. Candidates must do extensive self-evaluation through paperwork that culminates in an oral examination and review by a committee. Committees may decline to certify, recommend additional preparation, or recommend the candidate for certification.

Both Betty and Juanita presented talks this year during the Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Chaplains' (SDAHCC) Sabbath meetings, which



Juanita Mayer



Betty Unger

were held in connection with the New Orleans COC conference.

Both were also part of the SDAHCC nominating committee. And both are members of the same group's Committee for Women in Ministry.

Other Adventist women chaplains present at the New Orleans meetings were Mary Casler of the Ukiah Adventist Hospital in Ukiah, California; Miriam Russell of the Tennessee Christian Medical Center in Madison, Tennessee; Penny Shell of Thorek Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago; and Margaret Turner of Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio.

Supporting women chaplains and pastors is now an official function of the SDA Health Care Chaplains' organization. The committee, created last year with Penny Shell as chair, not only works to facilitate networking and educating the church on women's contributions to chaplaincy and ministry, but also is committed to encouraging women

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Photo: Tihomir Kakolja

Aulikki Nahkola and Cynthia Benz

## Faculty women become elders in Newbold church

Newbold College in England made history on October 25, 1986, when it ordained its first women elders, according to a report in the January 23, 1987, *Messenger*, the church paper for Adventists in the British Isles.

The new elders are Aulikki Nahkola, dean of women, and Cynthia Benz, a teacher in the School of English. They were ordained by Church Pastor Alan Crowe and College Principal Steven Thompson.

The decision to ordain women elders was taken because "there is a role for women to play in the church," Pastor Crowe explained, even "as in society

women have leadership roles."

Aulikki Nahkola will minister to women in the college community and Cynthia Benz to women members outside the college while she also coordinates the deaconesses. John Matthews, elder and dean of men, noted that at a large church such as Newbold, elders are given quite specific duties, and that is why Aulikki's and Cynthia's roles are as detailed as they are. He added, however, that along with their male counterparts, the two will fulfill general roles such as preaching and leading out in communion services.

Aulikki commented on women in church life by pointing out, "There are males and females in the church with different needs, and we need both female and male leadership to care for them. It is beneficial for men and women to both lead out in church service because it is a communal act of praise and worship."

Though Newbold College is not the first to ordain women elders in the British Union Conference or in the Trans-European Division, steps toward ordination were taken steadily and with no serious opposition, reports Ian Sweeney, author of the *Messenger* report.



### Presidential Communique

## Hello to togetherness

by Nancy Marter

The national officers are now in the process of fine-tuning and updating our AAW informational brochure. Along with keeping the list of our officers current, we want to make sure the aims and purposes we state truly reflect the direction of our organization.

Repeatedly it has been expressed that a primary goal of AAW is to develop a network of contact among Adventist women with a major benefit being mutual support.

This not only *sounds* good, but *is* good. In the short time AAW has existed many of us have experienced the benefits of new friendships and interconnectedness, particularly during our annual conferences where we meet face-to-face.

But is our dream possible on a much larger scale? Can Adventist women really overcome preconceived ideas, the stereotypes we often carry around in our minds, the almost inbred sense of competition we bring with us from other times, other places? Is it possible for us as an ethnic, economic, occupational mix of women to truly work together?

Yes, I believe it is! Christ is our leader and example. He loved and valued people. Especially pertinent to us, He loved and valued women even when that kind of caring was unacceptable in society. Following His lead, Adventist women have a broad, bold message to share. By our joining together we can tell the world that:

1. Adventist women have valuable skills to contribute.
2. Adventist women can recognize, value, and affirm one another's strengths and personhood.
3. Adventist women can support and mentor one another.
4. Adventist women can give one another the freedom to choose their own areas of involvement and recognize that each area has dignity and value.
5. Adventist women can work together.

Most surely in His spirit and by His power all of these things are possible—and in the making. Won't you join us in this work and witness?



### From the Pulpit

## Farewell to the brethren

by Roger L. Dudley

Historically the term "the brethren" has had a long and honorable use among Seventh-day Adventists in referring to church leadership on its various levels. I would like to submit that the time is past due for us to get rid of it.

In the first place, it is archaic. People don't speak that way anymore. If terms like "leadership" and "administration" do not seem warm and familial enough, why not the today's-English "brothers"?

A more serious charge is that it ignores, and therefore denigrates, the substantial contributions that have been and are being made by the large female component of our constituency. We do have capable women at every level of our organization. President Neal Wilson, in his 1980 Dallas address, challenged the church to recruit and place more women in leadership positions. Continued use of "the brethren" treats our church as if it were an all-male club.

Nor will the plea that this is just a folksy, all-inclusive term suffice. I invited a very good friend of mine to speak to a large class of seminarians. About four or five of the 125 students were female, but he persisted in addressing the group as "brethren." Finally, I slipped him a gentle note. He apologized to the group but then made it worse by saying, "I am including the women in my use of 'brethren.'" Women are offended by such a "sensitivity gap." It just won't wash. "Brothers and sisters" is so much more appropriate.

Perhaps you haven't noticed, but *Administry* carries no sexist language. Our editors go over every line of submitted copy looking for pronouns like *he* or *him* that refer to antecedents that are not necessarily all-masculine. We reword sentences as necessary to make our terms inclusive.

Now please don't write and tell me that Ellen White used the term "brethren" a zillion times. I already know that. She lived and wrote in a world where people thought and talked that way. It was woven into the very fabric of their social organization. We live in the 1980s. Of course, it is difficult to expunge from our vocabularies that which comes so readily to tongue because of long and habitual usage. But it is the right and fair thing to do. Brothers and sisters, shall we do it together?

Roger L. Dudley is Director of the Institute of Church Ministry, at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, and editor of the regular publication, *Administry*, which is produced jointly with the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This editorial originally appeared in the Summer 1986 issue of that paper and is reprinted with permission.

## CHAPLAINS

### From front page

in getting training and jobs, seeking equitable church policies for women in ministry, and offering a positive voice in Adventism's current theological dialogue. In addition to Penny, Betty, and

Juanita, members of the committee are Wanda Grimes Davis and Doug Simons, chaplains at Regional Medical Center in Memphis, and Dick Tibbits, chaplain at Kettering Medical Center.



Among those chosen for Woman of the Week in Lamson Hall are front row: from the left: Joyce Yoo, Therese Toms, and Kim Kuzma; back row: Yvette Cruz, Hai Young Kim, Beth Rowell, Georgina Salmon, and Iris Escalero

### Every week

## Lamson Hall women are winners

by Candace Wilson Jorgensen

Women of the Week awards were initiated at Andrews University last October to emphasize the positive, says Frances Faehner, dean of women. "We want Lamson Hall residents to feel that they are more than just one among 600 other bodies," she added.

Associate Dean Katherine Smith believes the contest helps women be more observant since they may nominate individuals for the award. For example, those living on one wing of the dorm united their support to honor their resident assistant. The night she was presented the award she also received their finished document and 40 signatures.

Gloria McLaren, the first winner, is a mother of four who moved into the dorm while working on a Master's degree. She was honored for her courage and determination to make a career change in midlife.

Two winners were chosen because of their attitude toward physical hardships. Theresa Toms, who developed severe arthritis a year ago, completed the school year and came back again in 1986-1987 despite the pain. Georgina Salmon bears her sight handicap with poise as she wends her way around the campus with the aid of a white cane.

Though most awards have gone to dormitory students, there is one notable exception—Peggy Kroncke, assistant vice president for student affairs, and director of freshmen education and academic advising. "When she was involved in a serious automobile accident last fall, we realized what a loss we could have suffered," Faehner said. "Naming her our Woman of the Week was a way to show appreciation for all she does for so many."

Candace Wilson Jorgensen is public information officer for Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. This article is condensed from the Lake Union Herald.

## LETTERS

### Thanks for openness!

Dear Editor;

Still gasping from Dr. Dyer's letter opposing women's ordination in the December 1986 issue, I have just realized there is something more important to me than rebuttal. A woman wrote to an Adventist (lay) publication about issues that concerned her as a woman—and her voice was heard!

That was a rarity in the SDA publishing climate six years ago when the *Adventist Woman* first appeared. Congratulations, editors and readers. You have succeeded in creating a forum for all Adventist women!

It's interesting to consider why people do the things they do. Recently I was with Viveca Black and casually mentioned the early days of the *Adventist Woman*. I was stunned with her passionate recounting of how concerned she had been at that time about so many bright, sensitive and Adventist-educated young professionals leaving the church en masse. The strenuous work by many to develop the Association of Adventist Women was sparked by a concern for them—to make a place more or less church connected where they could speak and be heard and feel as human and valid there as they did everywhere else (outside the church doors).

The publication of Dr. Dyer's letter suggests that even long-time, church-employed women need validation and a hearing, too.

The founders of the *Adventist*

*Woman* knew that the "bound hands" of depression and the "outer darkness" of guilt that Jesus described in the parable of the talents tend to be a feminine affliction. I hope the paper will always encourage women to prevent even one talent from getting buried in drudgery or criticism—and help us link arms as a family to work together in seeking the kingdom of God.

Shirley K. Johnson  
Prince Frederick, MD

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## Wagner puts many talents to work as VP

Three of ten Adventist institutions of higher learning in North America have recently appointed women to high level administrative posts. Dr. Lilya Wagner became vice president for institutional advancement at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, in January 1986.

At Loma Linda University Dr. Helen Thompson is vice president for academic administration, as reported in the December 1985 *Adventist Woman*. And at Oakwood College, Dr. Rosa Banks is vice president for planning and development. She was also named Woman of the Year by AAW in 1986 (see December 1986 *Adventist Woman*).

"If there ever was a job in which my varied experience and education could be compiled for usefulness in the Lord's work, I believe this is it," says Dr. Wagner. In addition to being a teacher of writing, speech, and journalism at the college level, she has done public relations for four health-care institutions, taught in Adventist academies, and been a freelance writer. She received her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Florida in 1980. She also studied music, bilingual education, and the social and psychological foundations of education.

She is organist for the College View church. She also plays the flute and has a master's degree in piano performance. She remains proficient on these instruments because she has opportunities to play frequently. In March,



Lilya Wagner

for example, she participated in a two-piano recital with Union's professor of piano, Dr. Ryan Wells.

As a writer, Wagner has had five books published and numerous articles. Her latest book is entitled *Caring Is Not a Spectator Sport* from Pacific Press Publishing Association. "I have a deep concern that we often don't follow Jesus' example enough in caring for the needs of others," Wagner says. Among the ways she personally acts on her concern is to be involved with Lincoln's United Way Campaign.

Her other books include a scholarly work published by Greenwood Press, *Peer Teaching: Historical Perspectives*, and a book about her family's experience of escaping from a Communist-occupied

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## Women in Adventist education

# Modest gains in numbers; limited input in decisions

by Beverly Rumble

An article entitled "Women in Adventist Education Administration," published in 1981 by *The Journal of Adventist Education* surveyed the status of women educators in North America. Comparing the figures in that article with current statistics, women in North America have achieved some very modest gains.

### General Conference and Union Levels

Just as in 1981, however, only one woman—Marion Hartlein—holds an elected position in education at the General Conference level. Likewise, only one director of education at the union conference level is female—Frances Clark, in the Southwestern Union Conference, which encompasses Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and most of New Mexico.

### Higher Education

The only women elected to participate in the collegiate top-level decision-making processes are those who are named to the Board of Higher Education or who are elected to serve as board members of a specific institution. Only four of the members of the Board of Higher Education are women, out of a total of 55.

No college or university in North America has a woman as its president. However, a woman holds the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Andrews University; at Loma Linda University, women serve as vice-president for academic administration, dean of the School of Allied Health Professions, and associate dean of the School of Medicine. Oakwood College

has a female vice president for administration and development; Union College has a woman vice president for institutional advancement; and Columbia Union College's dean of students, Betty Howard, was until recently AAW's president.

Women serve in various "middle management" positions in higher education as well. A number of colleges have women directors of counseling services, coordinators of adult evening programs, registrars, financial aid officers, public relations directors, deans of nursing, directors of health services, and assistants to various officers. At two colleges, women chair the education departments.\*

### Conference Level

Women are well represented as associate and assistant superintendents at the conference level, though, as in 1981, "their role is largely limited to classroom supervision and curriculum development." A few have moved up to the superintendency—five currently hold that position, compared to two in 1981.

### Academy Principals

In 1980-1981 only three of the 86 senior academy principals were women; today, of 91 principals, seven are female.

Despite the modest gains described above, we can still say, as in 1981, that "unless definite changes are made in the mindset of Adventist male administrators, the church will continue to operate without utilizing the talents of its educators who just happen to have been born female."

\*Information on colleges taken from 1986 *SDA Yearbook*.

### Reference

Habada, Patricia, and Beverly Rumble. "Women in Adventist Educational Administration," *The Journal of Adventist Education*, 43:3 (February-March 1981), pp. 12-13, 46-48.

## Please send nominations

Do you know Adventist women who have done special things for the church or their community and thereby extended a witness for Christ? Why not nominate them for the 1987 Women of the Year awards?

"The purpose of the awards is to provide recognition and inspiration to all Adventist women and to encourage women to reach their highest potential for service while providing role models for other women," according to Peggy Harris, AAW coordinator of the annual event.

"Many have made important contributions to the Adventist Church and their communities, and do it often in spite of difficulty or obstacles," Peggy added.

The deadline for entries to be received is July 1, 1987. Awards will be presented at the annual AAW Conference to be held in October in Takoma Park, Maryland.

For official entry blanks write: Peggy Harris, Association of Adventist Women, P. O. Box 3884, Langley Park, MD 20787.

Carolyn Palmer  
Shiloh Academy  
Chicago, Illinois

Inez Shelton  
Peterson-Warren Academy  
Inkster, Michigan

Rosemary Tyrrell  
Bermuda Institute  
Southampton, Bermuda

## Partial directory of women in SDA educational leadership

### General Conference Level (Elected)

Marion Hartlein  
(Associate Director of Education)

### Union Conference Level

Frances Clark  
(Director)  
Southwestern Union Conference  
Burleson, Texas

Frieda Hoffer  
(Associate Director)  
Columbia Union Conference  
Columbia, Maryland

Norwida Marshall  
(Associate Director)  
Southern Union Conference  
Decatur, Georgia

Alyce Pudewell  
(Associate Director)  
Pacific Union Conference  
Westlake Village, California

Janice Saliba  
(Associate Director)  
Canadian Union Conference  
Oshawa, Ontario

### Local Conference Level

Carol Cantu  
(Superintendent)  
Allegheny East Conference  
Pine Forge, Pennsylvania

Shirley Goodridge  
(Superintendent)  
Hawaii Conference  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Jocelyn Johnson  
(Superintendent)  
Northeastern Conference  
St. Albans, New York

Barbara Lewis  
(Superintendent)  
Allegheny West Conference  
Columbus, Ohio

Alice Voorheis  
(Superintendent)  
Gulf States Conference  
Montgomery, Alabama

Carole Anderson  
(Associate Superintendent)  
Northern California Conference  
Pleasant Hills, California

Susan Boggs  
(Associate Superintendent)  
Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
Calhoun, Georgia

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Florida Conference  
Orlando, Florida

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Iowa-Missouri Conference  
West Des Moines, Iowa

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Minnesota Conference  
Maple Grove, Minnesota

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Spokane, Washington

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Southern California Conference  
Glendale, California

Esther Novak  
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Dakota Conference  
Pierre, South Dakota

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Washington Conference  
Bothell, Washington

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(Associate Superintendent)  
Florida Conference  
Orlando, Florida

Patricia Wilcox  
(Associate Superintendent)  
Carolina Conference  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Joan Yeary  
(Associate Superintendent)  
Ohio Conference  
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Ellen Andersson  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
Illinois Conference  
Brookfield, Illinois

Pat Bovey  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
Rocky Mountain Conference  
Denver, Colorado

Andrea Harrington  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
Indiana Conference  
Carmel, Indiana

Martha Havens  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
Southeastern California Conference  
Riverside, California

Lorraine Martin  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
British Columbia Conference  
Abbotsford, British Columbia

Patti Revolinski  
(Assistant Superintendent)  
Michigan Conference  
Lansing, Michigan

### Senior Academy Principals

Joelle Andre  
Greater Boston Academy  
Stoneham, Massachusetts

Karen Ballard  
Mount Ellis Academy  
Bozeman, Montana

Esme Bovell  
Northeastern Academy  
New York, New York

Miriam Kittrell  
Enterprise Academy  
Enterprise, Kansas

## People and Places

### In Midwest

## Three Adventists win poetry awards

Three Adventist women who have never met each other share the honor of being among those winning Golden Awards from the World of Poetry, a Sacramento, California-based organization.

The Mid-American Union *Outlook* in its January 1987 issue included a story about Mildred Olson of Minnesota who had won the Golden Award. By the time the *Adventist Woman* called the *Outlook* office to learn more about it, they had heard from Rosemary Baker in Iowa and Barbara Jensen Olson in Nebraska, also award winners.

In 1986 more than 689,000 poets entered the World of Poetry competition; awards were presented during an Orlando, Florida, convention last August.

**Mildred Olson** of South Haven, Minnesota, is a former special-education teacher in the Hutchinson school system for 10 years and in Wright County schools for 16 years. She first composed poetry as a child but when a magazine rejected her early work, she gave it up. Not until the heartbreak of seeing her home burn down did she venture to write again many years later.

"We had no insurance to speak of, and out of my pain and despair I wrote the poem, 'A Lonely Vigil,'" she says. It has subsequently been published in a World of Poetry book.

## Otilie Stafford made a difference

Otilie F. Stafford, Professor of English at Atlantic Union College, was among 322 educators honored in a special issue of *Change* magazine, a journal of the American Association of Higher Education, as exemplifying those teachers "who have made a difference."

The issue was the culmination of "The Faculty Salute," a joint venture of AAHE, the Carnegie Foundation, and *Change*. Colleges were invited to nominate a faculty member who was outstanding in his or her influence beyond their classrooms and disciplines, thus affecting their colleges—and communities beyond—in memorable ways. (See *Change*, vol. 18, No. 4, July-August 1986). Dr. Stafford has served 34 years on the AUC faculty. She developed and coordinated the Honors and Adult Degree Programs on the campus. She has also been a formative voice in the development of the Association of Adventist Women.

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country during World War II. She adds, "I marvel at how merciful God has been to me, and therefore I feel more fortunate than the average person to have American citizenship."

Exemplifying her continuing quest for knowledge, Wagner is working on a thesis for an M.A. in journalism. Her topic of research is women reporters of World War II.

"I have been able to locate 18 of these women. They are fascinating individuals. Naturally, they have interesting facts to share, given their experience of reporting during a time and place when women were generally not welcome, and sometimes not even tolerated." Locating the subjects of her research, she explains, was much like searching for the proverbial needle in a



Mildred Olson

Mildred and her husband, Carl, were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1952. When she was past 40 she went back to college, eventually graduating from St. Cloud University, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Rosemary Baker** of LeClaire, Iowa, has twice received the Golden Poet Award, in both 1985 and 1986. Writing poetry since 1960, she was declared LeClaire's Poet Laureate by Mayor Betty Smith in 1966.

With talent in both writing and art, Mrs. Baker has worked for the GC Sabbath School Department since 1981 to write, and sometimes illustrate with ink drawings, material for primary-age children.

Active in her home state, Mrs. Baker has had poems published in *Lyrical Iowa*. She has won a number of local, county, district, and state awards for poetry, children's stories, themes, arts and crafts.

One stimulating outlet for her cre-



Rosemary Baker

ativity has been the 27,000-member General Federation of Women's Clubs in Iowa, in which she has been active for 31 years.

Besides working with the church's Vacation Bible Schools, Rosemary and her husband Roy have also led Scout troops. The Bakers became Adventists in 1950 through Voice of Prophecy lessons and are active in the Davenport, Iowa, church.

**Barbara Jensen Olson** had great-grandparents and grandparents who homesteaded in Nebraska where she was born. She received the Golden Award in 1985 and the Silver Award last year for her poetry.

After one year of college she taught



Barbara Jensen Olson

in rural Nebraska schools for 13 years and raised her family. She also taught in Omaha public schools for 25 years, while taking night and summer classes to obtain a B.S. degree from Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, in 1964.

Barbara herself is the oldest in a family of six. She has four children of her own, 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandsons although she is only 62.

She began writing poetry when she was age 10; she and her father used to exchange poetry they had composed, and teachers also encouraged her. But the death of her mother loosed deep feelings that resulted in a poem, "Nobody's Child," which was one of the award winners.

## Chapter news

### Bay Area: Preaching, celebrating, PR

To celebrate its first birthday, the Bay Area Chapter invited Halcyon Westphal-Wilson to speak on January 31. Speaking on "Righteousness by Guilt" she was the guest preacher for the Central Mountain View church. Mrs. Wilson is an associate pastor at the La Sierra Collegiate church and director of the counseling center there.

Her husband, Lee Wilson, who is a chemistry teacher at Loma Linda University, joined her for the afternoon AAW entitled "The Christian Family—Stability in the Midst of Instability."

The chapter also honored Pastor

Wilson's mother, Barbara Osburn-Westphal, who turned 80 that day and whose writing career has spanned five decades. Mrs. Westphal is well known for her 10 books and mission stories from South and Central America.

Though Mountain View residents are acquainted with Adventists because of Pacific Press and the Adventist school system, Bay Area officers wanted them to know about AAW too. Five local newspapers are currently listing AAW and its address in their religion sections along with the area Adventist Church ads.

Bernie Beck  
PR Coordinator

### Michiana: Tapes for sale

The Michiana Chapter has established a tape library that will include sermons, lectures, devotionals, and other presentations about women or by women. These tapes will be sold to the general public.

As an introductory offer, the chapter has Pastor Dwight Nelson's April 4 sermon on the role of women in the church, "Two Party Trap."

This inspiring, Biblically based sermon is an excellent and extensive treatment of the subject, set in the context of Pioneer Memorial church's discussion of ordaining women as local elders.

It may be purchased, along with a 12-page document on "A Statement of Support for the Ministry of Women as Local Elders at PMC" for \$5 postpaid. Send orders to Special Projects, Michiana AAW, P.O. Box 193, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Make checks out to Michiana AAW.

A list of other tapes available may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address. The chapter also welcomes suggestions for tapes to be included in the library.

Stella Greig

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