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Nominated in 1985 as an AAW Woman of the Year, Julia Grow received a plaque of recognition from ASI this summer for "The Home that Love Built." For 37 years she has ministered to handicapped young adults in Pegram, Tenn. Presenting the plaque are Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president and Conn Arnold, ASI executive secretary.

## ASDAN honors lifetime nurses

When Grace Scheresky, president of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN), was named to the organization's Hall of Fame this year, she was completely taken by surprise.

Because the organization does not automatically nominate someone for the honor every year, Grace relied on ASDAN executive director Elizabeth Sterndale's recommendation to "not worry about it" this year. Sterndale was working behind the scenes to name Scheresky and Anna May Vaughan, president-elect of ASDAN, for the award.

Scheresky and Vaughan are the thirty-second and thirty-third individuals to be nominated to the Hall of Fame since ASDAN originated the award in 1970.

After serving as director of nursing service first at Portland Adventist Hospital and then

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Grace Scheresky



Anna May Vaughan

November 28-30 at LLU

## Women of Courage Conference features Lindy Chamberlain

by Bonnie Dwyer

In the six years since the mysterious death of infant Azaria Chamberlain in Australia, her mother Lindy has been involved in judicial review processes to clear herself of murder charges. But now the Adventist minister's wife, whose name is a household word in Australia, is out of jail, and will be in Loma Linda, California, on November 30, to tell her story of courage at the fourth national conference of the Association of Adventist Women.

Mrs. Chamberlain will speak Sunday morning in the University church. She will tell of the long court and appeals process since she was accused and convicted of her daughter's murder. It was during a family outing at Ayers Rock that the young Azaria disappeared, dragged away by a wild dingo. On October 29, 1982, Mrs. Chamberlain was

convicted of murder. Her husband, Michael, was convicted as an accessory. Mrs. Chamberlain served three years in prison, before the current hearings that are now underway to clear her name. She will be the final speaker in a weekend packed with information on "Women of Courage."

The conference will open the Friday after Thanksgiving, with registration at 8 a.m. in the Loma Linda University church. Claremont Theologian Mary Elizabeth Moore will give the keynote address on "Women's Story in History, the Bible, and Church."

Four workshops will be held Friday afternoon on "Personal Life/Professional Life," "Pastoral Prerogatives/Women's Service," "Women Artists/Women Images," and "Planning Change/Strategic Lobbying."

Dr. Helen Thompson, vice president for academic affairs at Loma Linda University, will report Friday afternoon about the United Nation's Women's Conference in Nairobi to which she was a delegate for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Afterward, an agape meal will be served to usher in the Sabbath.

Sabbath activities will include the presentation of a drama on women in early Adventist church history, the awards ceremony for AAW's Women of the Year, and discussions of why the church should ordain women in ministry.

The cost for the weekend is \$30. For registration materials, write to the Inland Empire Chapter of AAW, P.O. Box 180, Bryn Mawr, CA 92318. (Housing costs are separate from the registration fee.)

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## Singer, administrator, youth leader will receive awards

In response to notices in many Adventist publications, the Association of Adventist Women received 30 nominations for the 1986 Women of the Year awards. Led by Peggy Harris, coordinator of AAW special events, a panel of judges has named the recipients for this year and will present the awards on Sabbath, November 29, 2:30 p.m., in the Loma Linda University church.

Nominees considered were: Elizabeth Helen Harder Hardt of Paradise, Calif.; Nancy Bassham, Republic of Singapore; Vera

MacKinnon Groomer of Lansing, Mich.; Carmen Lopez Morales of Riverside, Calif.; Patricia Mauro of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Sheree Parris Nudd, of Burlestone, Texas; Mary Lou Peckman; Julie Doria Sharpe of Americus, GA; Lynn Waihee of Honolulu, Hawaii; Hilah Olena Atwood Griffin of Takoma Park, Md.; Ivera Harris of Rapid City, S.D.; Liz Beck of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Juanita Kretschmar of New Hyde Park, N.Y.; Andrea Steele of Agat, Guam; Grace Ongwela of East Lansing, Mich.; Ardyce Hanow Koobs of

Loma Linda, Calif.; Ramona Richli Clark of Santa Barbara, Calif.; Josephine Cunningham Edwards of Milton Freewater, Oregon; Juanita Lucas of San Antonio, Texas; Betty Ahnberg of Medina, Ohio; E. Irene Coon of Highland, Md.; Ethel P. Stewart of Orlando, Florida; Hazel Sites of Honolulu, Hawaii; Tilitha Taylor of Keene, Texas; Mary Margret Robinette of Stockton, Mo.; Dolores R. Payne of Pittsburgh, Penna.; Winifred Barrows of Grants Pass, Oregon and the three chosen for the awards as listed below.



Del Delker: Church Life



Rosa Banks: Work-Professional



Irene Osborne: Home-Community

Her name is a household word in Adventism. For almost 40 years Del Delker's mellow contralto voice has been a steady and convincing witness for Christ and her church.

Del Delker has participated in a total of 66 recordings, including 28 solo albums in English and four in Spanish, as well as two children's albums. In addition to numerous

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"Excellence" is the word that people most frequently seem to use when describing Dr. Rosa T. Banks, Oakwood College Vice President for Planning and Development.

She has made significant contributions on behalf of Adventist education in Africa, the West Indies, England, and a number of areas in the United States.

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"An energetic, happy, and loving Christian," youth Sabbath School leader, Pathfinder director, mother of four, busy wife of a OB-Gyn doctor. Irene Osborne is a very special lady. Though 70 years old, she remains involved with activities for youth in her church in Avon Park, Florida. Her home is the meeting place for the youth of the com-

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## Keep writing our story

by Betty Howard



The past four years have been exciting, challenging, frustrating, and illuminating. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be president of the Association of Adventist Women since its incorporation in 1982.

Adventist women have always devoted their energy, talent, and money to support the church they love. Without these women, most Sabbath schools would grind to a halt; many offices of conferences or unions or hospitals would be empty; and most Adventist elementary school classrooms would be silent.

In recent years, many local congregations have begun to ordain deaconesses and women elders. Women serve in several churches as associates in pastoral care. A few are among those in academic leadership, or hospital and conference administration. Does this mean that women are being well utilized in the overall structure of the church? Is the church a pyramid that opens wide at the base and narrows at the top? Is there room for women to grow—and reach their potential—in our church?

I leave the office of president wondering if women are being included or excluded in the overall plans of the church. As I say farewell, I feel that my own work with and for Adventist women has been hampered by the fact that I am not "one of the boys." I feel like an outsider searching for the inside story of our church.

Are women a sidebar to the story of Adventism? Ellen White will remain in the headlines of Adventist thought, but for those of us living today, it is hard to recognize her as a role model.

Where are role models for us? Is it possible that women have been allowed to become part of the church institution but never a part of its tradition? Are Adventist women an auxiliary or a part of the main body? These are questions which cannot be easily answered in the autumn of 1986.

While many questions are unanswered, some certainties remain.

Adventist women are here to stay. We may be groping for our role. We may be segregated. We may be a sidebar in the current story of the church. Yet I am confident that someday the rest of the story will be written. The story of the depth that women's skills give to this church. The story of new heights that Adventism may reach when women's talents are fully utilized. The story of the breadth that women can add to the message and mission of Adventism as the church reaches out with a message of inclusive salvation.

The story may not be written quickly, but Adventist women will not go away during the creative and frustrating times ahead.

I leave this position with confidence that incoming president, Nancy Marter, is a capable and creative leader who will enable Adventist women to write the rest of the story.

### From the pulpit

## Helping—the best witness

by Margo Pitrone



The youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of today are mostly out of the church. Some studies indicate that only about 20 percent of the young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are active in their church. Seeing this, Gordon Weidemann, the senior pastor at my local church, invited me to work with him for the summer as pastoral assistant. He asked me to visit the inactive youth.

I envisioned Bible studies and opportunities to turn the church upside down by my love for God and witness for Him. But as I visited in home after home, I saw Adventist youth struggling with drugs, abortion, homosexuality, and physical and sexual abuse. The work seemed overwhelming. How could I talk about Christ and living a Christian life when they did not even have the ability to understand me because they were burned-out by drugs and other problems?

Most religious conversations or attempts to study the Bible that I initiated were disastrous or misunderstood. Several of the young people felt I was visiting just to make them come back to church. Almost all had left the church because of what they felt was a rigid and unloving attitude by its members. How could they be reached with the church's loving message in spite of the failings of individuals or groups of members? I came home many evenings discouraged. I desperately wanted to let them know that Jesus, not religion, will revitalize and save us. How could I minister to them?

After praying and studying all I could find in Scripture and *The Desire of Ages* on how Christ worked with people, I realized Christ has given us an example of how to draw people to Him. First, we must make sure our lives are in harmony with God's; second, we must meet people's physical needs; third, we must let them know we love and accept them just as they are; and fourth, we must introduce them to Christ. As Christ introduced the people of His day to God, this brought conversion.

This summer I did not give Bible studies, lead X amount of individuals to baptism or hold a Revelation Seminar, though I would have enjoyed the opportunity to do so. The pastor encouraged me not to worry about bringing people into the church but to just love and assist our young people in whatever way they might need. At summer's end two young people are in drug rehabilitation programs, two are in counseling for homosexuality, one young woman has left her abusive boyfriend, and has gone through detoxification and is now active in AA. Not exactly impressive results for a summer ministerial job, yet it is the work our church needs to do in bringing back its youth.

These young people knew I was from the church, representing the church, and praying for them, but I was able to tell them that the church was concerned for their physical as well as their spiritual welfare, and that I was not visiting to convert them.

I believe that if we love them, accept them, and pray for the Holy Spirit to be seen in our lives and to work in their lives, young people will return to the church. I know. Of those listed above, three have just asked for Bible studies and three are now attending church again!

*Margo Mattson Pitrone graduated from Andrews University with majors in social work and religion, and has studied at the SDA Theological Seminary. She is currently an M.Div. student at Princeton, not far from her home in Pennsylvania.*

### Book review

## Inside Eve and others

by Norma Osborn

*Eve's Version* by Nova Schubert Bair, Paula Bledsoe Britt, Pauline Durrett Robertson, Margaret Firth-England Scott, Mildred Crabtree Speer. Paramount Publishing Company, Amarillo, TX. \$10.

We know Eve ate the apple and passed it on to Adam. We have heard how Esther risked her life for her country. We admire Naomi as she taught Ruth the goodness of loyalty and devotion.

But do we know Eve's heartache when Cain was banished? Can we understand Esther's uncertainty as she wondered if she were a pawn of Jewish destiny? How much anguish did Naomi experience in remembering her own dead son as she groomed Ruth for Boaz?

*Eve's Version* provides insight to the Bible by portraying its stories from a woman's point of view. We glimpse the Flood as Noah's wife witnessed it. In the king's harem we hear Vashti's side. We cry with Hagar over being sent into the wilderness to raise her son alone, knowing that Ishmael would grow up not having a father. We may even identify with the preacher's wife who tried to make her children the models her husband Ezekiel and the congregation expected.

Five Christian women pooled their efforts, joined in prayer, extensive Bible study, and

### Letters

#### What about you?

Readers' responses, comments, and opinions are welcome in the pages of *The Adventist Woman*. Please address your letters to the Editor, 4686 Greenfield, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

#### Don't reprint book

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to realize while reading the June/July 1986 issue of *The Adventist Woman* that the Association of Adventist Women has urged the Review and Herald Publishing Association to consider reprinting *Notable Women of Spirit* by John Beach. I agree with Richard Coffen's implicitly stated view that the proposed book on women will be much more significant.

Having given much consideration to the matter, I think that *Notable Women of Spirit* reflects an absence of thorough scholarship. Since the book was published in 1976 by the Southern Publishing Association, it seems also to lack sensitivity to women's issues, for the early 1970s were a period when the role of American and Adventist women was being reassessed. In 1972 Pacific Press and Merikay Silver were agonizing over equal wages for women employees. In 1973 Adventists in New England were demanding equal treatment for women. Beach did not demonstrate any real sensitivity to the fundamental human-rights issues that were a point of some controversy in the Adventist Church.

The book was at least partially inspired by Beach's church history professor, C. Mervyn Maxwell. Beach was assisted in locating research material by Hedwig Jemison of the White Estate, Andrews University. Interestingly, both Maxwell and Jemison are opposed to the ordination of women to the gospel ministry.

In the appendix Beach included "A Summary of Significant Women in Denominational History." Although he listed only persons who were deceased, he found no room for the outstanding preacher and woman pastor, Jessie Weiss Curtiss; the successful evangelist Lulu Wightman (who was licensed as a minister in 1897, six years before her husband); or the highly successful licensed minister in New Zealand, Dr. Margaret Caro. Huldah Jot, welfare leader in the West German Union and Central European Division, was omitted as was the outstanding Afro-American doctor, Lottie Blake. Yet he found room for Clarissa Bonfoey whose claim to fame was her job as housekeeper for Ellen G. White.

## EVE'S VERSION

150 Women of the Bible  
Speak Through Modern Poets



Illustrated by  
Judith Hale Jellema

Edited and Designed by  
Pauline Durrett Robertson

Paramount Publishing Company

literary creativity to speak for the Bible's women. Thus we have a collection of 150 poems that are not just another book of poetry. Each is textually documented—and often sends the reader back to reread the story with fresh insight.

The book lends itself not just to private reading but to group devotions, readers' theater, class discussions, and sermons. It is well-indexed and tastefully illustrated by a woman artist.

The Metro Washington AAW Chapter is selling the book to raise funds for the 1987 Conference for \$10.50 (includes postage) and believes you will enjoy this readable, inspirational volume. (For ordering information see the "Chapter News" section on p. 4.)

The book also notes some women who were outstanding female administrators and workers, but who are listed primarily for supportive roles. Adelia Patten Van Horn and Minerva Jane Chapman have been identified as General Conference treasurers. On the other hand, Ellen Lane—the first Adventist woman to hold a ministerial license and a successful evangelist who outshone her husband—is listed merely as the assistant secretary of the Tract and Missionary Society. Jenny Thayer is listed as editor, departmental secretary, and missionary, but Beach failed to indicate that she had been secretary-treasurer of three unions in the Southern Asia Division. That Anna Knight was a missionary and founder of schools in the South is only partially correct, for she also served as associate secretary (director) of the home missionary, MV, and education departments of the Southeastern and later Southern Union Conference.

Information on some of these persons was available to Beach in the 1966 edition of the *SDA Encyclopedia*.

One impression of Beach's book, because it omits reference to any women of the 1960s and 70s, is that all notable women lived in the past.

In my view *Notable Women of Spirit* does not accurately depict the historical role of women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and should never be reprinted.

Ian Green  
Trinidad and Tobago  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Deadlines for the next issues of *The Adventist Woman* is December 11.

Mail your copy at least 5 days in advance of the deadline to have it in Berrien Springs on time. The editor schedules the Friday and Sunday after the deadline to put the material together. Send regular mail to: 4686 Greenfield, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Use an air express service if you mail later in the week of the deadline. Address this type of delivery to Kit Watts, c/o James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

# AAW conference highlights

Women of Courage Conference  
Preliminary Schedule  
November 28-30, 1986  
Loma Linda, California

Friday, Nov. 28

- 8:00 AAW officers' breakfast
- 8:00 REGISTRATION—University Church
- 9:30 Opening Welcomes  
Keynote Address by  
Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore
- 1:00 Workshops (One-hour sessions to be repeated at 2 p.m.)

"Personal Life/Professional Life"  
by Jan Hackleman of the Inland Counties Family Learning Center

"Pastoral Prerogatives/Women's Service" by Madelynn Haldeman, Assistant Professor of New Testament, LLU

"Women Artists/Women Images" by Ellen Phelan, Art Consultant, San Diego City School

"Planning Change/Strategic Lobbying" by Dr. Pat Habada, Textbook editor, Education Department, General Conference of SDA

- 3:15 "All the Women of the World" Report by Dr. Helen Thompson on U.N. Conference

6:00 Agape Meal

Sabbath, Nov. 29

- 8:30 "When God Calls" A Chancel Reading. Loma Linda University Church Worship

10:00 "Methodist Witness/Adventist Testimony" Sabbath school by Louis Venden, Jan Daffern, and Charles Sandefur with Methodist guests

11:00 Repeat 8:30 a.m. Church worship

2:30 Awards Ceremony—AAW Women of the Year

2:45 "Church, Why You Should Open Your Doors to Your Daughters" by Joyce Hopp, Dean, School of Allied Health, LLU

4:45 Vespers—"Women's Stories From Scriptures" Enactment by Rosalie Branigan

8:00 Party

Sunday, Nov. 30

8:00 Business Session

10:30 "My Story" by Lindy Chamberlain

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## DEL DELKER

From front page

appearances at camp meetings and concerts in the U.S., Del's music ministry for the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast has also taken her to South America, Europe, the Far East, the Caribbean, and the Middle East, where thousands of people have been moved by her witness in song. Though in a constant flurry of activity, Del always keeps in mind her dedication to communicating through music the good news of God's love.

Painful congenital conditions have required four operations on Del's hip and knee. Despite this, her unfailing optimism and trust in God have kept her going. She has a keen sense of humor and always reaches for the best in whatever she does, whether perfecting a solo in one of the 13 or 14 languages she has learned, serving as secretary in the Voice of Prophecy Music Department, or preparing ensemble work with The Hymnsingers.

Is it the exhilaration of travel or the adulation of her audiences that thrills her? On the contrary, she cites as the most rewarding part of her work the privilege of "having people tell you that they've accepted your invitation to meet Jesus."

## ROSA BANKS

From front page

While in South Africa, Dr. Banks wrote a proposal to organize a teacher training program at Bethel College and presented it before the government. The proposal was accepted.

At Oakwood College, her name was among those proposed for college president after Dr. Calvin Rock became General Conference Vice President. She revised the college's faculty, staff, administration, and student handbooks, making them into workable and orderly tools to better assist the president, board members, and administration of the college.

Dr. Banks' excellence also extends to community service. She has served as Program Committee chair for the United Negro College Fund, Chamber of Commerce representative, and has worked with the United Way and Dorcas Society.

She has been involved in a number of professional organizations such as National Business Education Association, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, American Association of University Women, American Management Association, Delta Pi Epsilon, and others.

Perhaps the most impressive trait of this truly remarkable woman is her unstinted dedication to her goals and assignments. She is an indefatigable worker of vision and courage, a loyal team member and enlightened educator. The combination of God-given talents, high intellectual acumen, and firm tenacity in seeing a project through make her an outstanding, successful professional.

## IRENE OSBORNE

From front page

munity, a haven where troubled young people can come for advice and fellowship. Both her table and her heart are always open to youth.

A woman of boundless energy, Irene is often found leading youth groups on canoeing expeditions and backpacking trips. Recently, she led her youth group in a special project to rebuild the treehouses at the youth camp.

Irene has given untold hours to young people, witnessing to them from her own experience of the "Abundant Life" with Jesus as Friend. She doesn't have a long list of references—her credits are in the form of lives now lived as pastors, nurses, teachers, and other productive citizens and church members.

She hasn't written any books—she hasn't had time. For 20 years she has served her church as Earliteen and Youth Sabbath school leader, Pathfinder director, and beloved confidant. Though she has sometimes been criticized for doing "too much" for youth, she has



Pastors Leslie Bumgardner and Monte Sahlin conducted a Lab I Training Program at Sligo church, Takoma Park, Md, in early September to help church members reach out to those who feel uncomfortable or unwelcome in the church's fellowship.

## Pastoral team teaches members to reclaim the 'bored in the Lord'

by Beverly Rumble

Former Adventists may number as many as 2.1 million in North America, or about three and a half for every active member, if surveys in several conferences represent an accurate view, division-wide. To reverse this alarming statistic, the church needs to understand why people leave, and what can be done about it.

Leslie Bumgardner, an associate pastor at the Worthington, Ohio, church, is the only female Adventist minister who is credentialed in a special program to reach inactive members. Along with Monte Sahlin, an administrator from the Ohio Conference, she recently conducted a seminar and training program for Sligo church in Takoma Park, Md.

Lab I Training Program, as it is called, is a 40-hour experience designed by Dr. John Savage based on his doctoral dissertation and book, *The Apathetic and Bored Church Member*. Together, pastors and lay persons study theological and biblical material, methods of developing a visitation program in their local church, and procedures for preventing dropout. Participants also learn better communication skills. Special emphasis is given to listening so that participants may become sensitive, astute observers. As they practice they find their spiritual awareness increases.

Leslie, a theology graduate of Walla Walla College, completed her L.E.A.D. (religious Leadership, Education, and Development) training under Dr. Savage in 1985 and has conducted four Lab Schools since. In the Worthington church she supervises lay visitation ministry.

Leslie and Monte pointed out to the Sligo Lab participants that many former members feel uncomfortable and unwelcome. While they may still believe in church doctrines, they are alienated from Christian fellowship. Amazingly, many leave because no one cares about them, the team pastors note. When members stop attending church most thought somebody would ask why. But in 9 out of 10 cases, no one has visited or shown any interest.

Lab I, designed to run for four weekends, combines a small unit of lecture with extensive small-group participation, reflection, and role-playing. Participants visit inactive members and learn to be less defensive when talking to people with strong negative feelings about the church.

Leslie and Monte hope to help the church develop skills to reclaim lost members. Perhaps participants will share in the happy ending of the classic dropout story—the prodigal son.

## HALL OF FAME

From front page

at Hinsdale Hospital, Scheresky is now vice-president for professional services at Adventist Health System/North. She is past-president of a local chapter of the American Organization of Nurse Executives and past-chairman of the Oregon State Board of Nursing, and a board member and president of ASDAN. She has published many articles and coauthored two devotional books for hospital staff.

Vaughan spent 18 years as a missionary nurse in Africa. Her approach was "figure out what to do—then do it." "Doing it" included starting a midwifery course and helping deliver more than 600 babies; caring for babies in her own home, which villagers gave her when the mothers died—and finding permanent parents for them; working in a leper colony; and founding a church and a school.

When she returned to the United States

faithfully persevered, involving young people in efforts to decorate a room for their Sabbath school classes, as well as community activities like cleaning people's yards, painting houses for the elderly, organizing singing bands, and visiting missing members.

Despite years of physical suffering due to knee and leg surgeries, this remarkable woman remains an outstanding example of a vivacious, enthusiastic, caring Christian.

she founded the nurses' training program at Kettering College where she has worked for the past 16 years. For the last six years until her July 4 retirement, she had been vice-president for nursing at Kettering Medical Center. Her retirement plans include research, writing, travel, and ASDAN development.

### Previous recipients

Nurses are named to the ASDAN Hall of Fame for outstanding contributions to Seventh-day Adventist nursing. Names submitted by members are selected by board members according to their contribution throughout life to nursing and the improvement of health care through nursing; their demonstrated leadership in nursing outside of their job appointments; and through professional writing, research, and/or major public addresses.

The other 31 women who have received this award since 1970 are: Kathryn Jensen Nelson, Elizabeth Redelstein, Edythe T. James Martin, Mary Colby Monteith, Muriel Howe, Amanda Sloane, Emma Binder, Gertrude Green, D. Lois Burnett, Jessie Tupper Walton, Franke Flowers Cobban, Veda Sue Marsh, Maxine Atteberry, R. Maureen Maxwell, Metta I. Hudson, Elva Heald, Charlotte Ross, Mazie A. Herin, Dorothy M. Martin, Ruth Monroe, Lucille Lewis, Alice E. Smith, Ruth M. White, Maxine Blome, L. Frances Pride, Marilyn Smith, Enola Davis, Wilma Leazer, Edna Behner, Esther James, and Rilla Taylor.

## Bermuda chooses woman treasurer

by Shirley Burton

Marian Zummach-Bakker, a 60-year-old grandmother, has been elected treasurer of the Bermuda Conference.

Serving the past four as the mission accountant, Mrs. Bakker was selected by the executive committee after the constituency voted that their mission should become a self-supporting conference in early summer. She is serving with the first Bermudian to be elected president, Edward L. Richardson.

"We are pleased with what she's already accomplished in Bermuda," says Dale Beaulieu, treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference, of which Bermuda is a part.

"Mrs. Bakker has an excellent knowledge of accounting and an unusual ability to get along with everybody," Beaulieu continued. "While still the accountant she changed the entire conference system to the fund accounting system initiated by the General Conference.

"Although the deadline for our conferences is January 1987, she had Bermuda's in place by January 1986."

Surprised that she is the only woman treasurer in the North American Division, Mrs. Bakker feels no great pioneering burden. "I just want to do what is best for the work," she says.

"The work" includes managing the Adventist Book Center and implementing manager of the conference's 12 properties. Bermuda has 2,250 members.

Following graduation from Union College in 1952, Mrs. Bakker taught at Kamagambo High School and Teacher's College in Kisii, Kenya, where she met and married P. Daniel



Marian Zummach-Bakker

Bakker. They continued their missionary years in East Africa, serving in both Uganda and Nairobi before returning to the United States in 1967.

While her husband pastored in New England, Mrs. Bakker became the accountant at Pine Tree Academy and pursued graduate education at the University of Maine.

Mrs. Bakker feels she has her president's confidence. "He treats me like the real administrator that the treasurer of a conference is," she says. "Of course, I learned how to work with men, growing up in a family with six brothers. I also had four sisters there in Minnesota, so our whole family learned to do team work."

Always a person of prayer, she finds "more than ever before" seeking the Lord for skill and wisdom to do His work is an important ingredient of her expanded responsibilities.

Shirley Burton is News Director for the General Conference Communication Department in Washington, D.C.

## HOWARD SPELLING BEE 1986



Marla Regazzi, seventh-grader from Berrien Springs, Mich., was one of 176 regional winners of the Scripps-Howard spelling contest who went to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., last April. She made it into the fifth of nine rounds, losing out with the word *balustrade*. Now she is in intensive study two hours a day, including work in Latin and Greek, to prepare for the 1987 event. The contestants met President Reagan and toured the nation's capital as special guests.

• Hepsi Singh was voted vice-president of administrative services for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, on September 4. She is the first woman to hold a vice-president-level position there.

In 1974 she began work at the R&H as a secretary. In 1982 she became administrative assistant in the finance department; in 1983 she accepted the position of assistant controller. She appeared in a photo published in *AW* this summer along with six other women managers at the R&H, after she was promoted in February to be controller. In addition to that responsibility she will now oversee public relations, the cafeteria, pastoral services, and research and development.

• Seventeen-year-old Wendy Kay Chung, member of the Miami, Florida, Temple church, and first in her class of 847 at Miami Killian senior high school, has won a \$20,000 scholarship in the 45th Westinghouse Science Talent Search. Wendy's project was on the behavior of Caribbean fruit flies, which attack many varieties of fruit, including grapefruit and mangoes. She attempted to determine at which of four stages of ripeness the fruit is most likely to be attacked.

• Nancy Gerard, Carol Blackwell, Sandy Eubanks, Roma Armbruster, Martha Maddux, and Betty Kossick were recently ordained as the first women elders at the New Haven church in Overland Park, Kansas, near Kansas City.

## Metro Washington: Visibility, projects

The menu of programs for our chapter this year promises to be outstanding. Planned by Mary Haloviak, program chairman, along with Charmaine Bainum, Shari Chamberlain, Sue Oms, and Linda Tatum, they are outlined in a new brochure—a quality piece of work with a quality line-up. We're growing in membership, visibility, and influence because of the hard work of our executive committee and the quiet but effective efforts of individual members.

Our location in the nation's capital and near the General Conference headquarters may mean you will visit our area sometime. Please join us for fellowship, inspiration, and encouragement. We have a program every month except December. Feel free to call me for information at (301) 270-9479.

Our coming programs are not the only excitement in the air. Pat Habada has already laid groundwork for the fifth national AAW conference to be held in Takoma Park in October 1987.

For that event, we already have two fund-raising projects we hope you will support. *Eve's Version* is a book of poetry that tells stories from the Bible through the eyes of

women. We are selling it for \$10.50 and welcome orders. You'll enjoy it yourself and will find it a meaningful gift for friends. Send your order to Norma Osborn, 803 Jackson Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. (Make checks out to Metro Chapter, AAW).

You can also order an outstanding Christmas-music cassette tape, "Cantilene," for \$8.00 at the same address. This is performed by young French Adventists under the direction of Joelle Gouel. Those who attended the 1985 AAW conference at Atlantic Union College heard it and were impressed with its beauty and quality.

Bev Habada continues to explore other fund-raising options for us that will help us extend our outreach on behalf of Adventist women.

Our public-relations committee—Linda Tatum, Bev Rumble, and Linda Creek—have a system for supplying information about our meetings to appropriate media and church so that as many as possible hear of us and attend meetings. Vera Capman, treasurer, keeps the books balanced and spends many hours keeping our group organized.

—Norma Osborn, President

## Bay Area: Camp meeting outreach

Soquel camp meeting has been one of the great traditions of California Adventists for generations. While other conferences adjusted to high-tech life-styles by changing to weekend regional meetings, Central Californians continued their parents' and grandparents' tradition of "pitching their tents" for 10 full days of inspiration and camaraderie. Less than an hour's drive from Silicon Valley, Soquel campground stands as a monument to Adventists' love of community and faith in their abiding hope for Jesus' return.

This year one of the movers and shakers of the newly formed Bay Area Chapter, Bernie Beck, sought a place for an AAW presence at camp meeting. With Karyl Dupée, the chapter's general coordinator, she worked with local conference officials to obtain a time and place for a meeting, notices and announcements in camp meeting media, and space to display an exhibit, brochures, and books. It all came together.

Karen Kotoske, a Palo Alto Adventist and founder of Amistad Foundation (meaning "friendship" in Spanish), presented in film and narration the story of how medical and material aid is brought to impoverished Huichol Indians of the remote Mexican Sierras. Karen has galvanized scores of people to meet this need in a direct, practical way. Though this is not the object of her efforts,

Karen has also created leadership and team spirit, a model of Christian leadership we feel AAW holds up to the church and community. The ministers' room where the AAW meeting took place seats about 50. Every seat was filled and people stood on the sides.

Karen Kotoske's kind of leadership is that type depicted in the Adventist Woman exhibit honoring the service of outstanding Adventist women. The exhibit had prime space in the main auditorium. That it was there at all was due to combined efforts of its owner, Viveca Black, and Nancy Marter who had it flown in from Washington, D.C. overnight, and Bernie Beck and Jan Neidigh who erected it Friday, August 1, before the first Sabbath of camp meeting.

Also in record time, Bernie orchestrated the creation of an introductory brochure for the Bay Area Chapter. Placed alongside the exhibit, more than 400 camp meeting attendees picked it up.

The Adventist Book Center on the campgrounds loaned AAW a number of books by and/or about women leaders to display along with a book list of recommended reading provided by the Bay Area Chapter. The 100 copies of this list were quickly picked up as well.

—Loma Tobler



Betty C. Ahnberg, better known to millions of radio listeners as "Aunt Sue" of Your Story Hour, died September 15 in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1950 she joined the broadcast as a character actress; in 1952 she became cohost and co-narrator. In June, 1986 Andrews University granted her an honorary degree, doctor of humane letters. She was keynote speaker for the AAW Awards Brunch at the 1985 GC and one of the 1973 Camp Mohaven participants.

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