



The LAFF Society

For the women and men engaged in Life after the Ford Foundation

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The LAFFing Parade

Most of the following comes from letters by FF alumni. Apologies to people whose letters came after this issue was written. They will be covered in the next issue.

Judy Barsalon is director of public affairs and development at the Institute of Governmental Affairs at the University of California, Davis. 1720 Westshore St., Davis, CA 95616-5632.

Jane Becker (National Affairs) after two years with the Peace Corps in Poland is living in Prague, working in the Ministry of Health and teaching conversational English to nurses. She has written friends very moving descriptions of visits to Nazi concentration camps. Also described final conferences of 46 of the original 60 Peace Corps volunteers. c/o Pam Tice, 372 Central Park West, New York, NY 10025.

John Bresnan (Asia and Pacific 1982) has been senior research scholar at the East Asian Institute at Columbia University and is director there of the Pacific Basin Studies Program. Published an edited volume on the Philippines and has written *Managing Indonesia: The Modern Political Economy*, to be published by Columbia University Press. In April, he was honored in Japan for his contributions to Pacific relations, as he was stepping down as staff director of the Williamsburg Conference, an annual meeting of notables from around the Pacific. 36 Benedict Pl., Pelham, NY 10803.

Elsie I. Capozzi (International 1972) retired to Key Biscayne, where she did volunteer work in church drives and Sunday School and participated in several sports. 505 East Ridge Village Dr., Miami, FL 33157-8999.

Stephen Cox (Latin America and the Caribbean 1991) moved to Costa Rica and founded Acceso, which provided institutional development services to Central American nonprofits. Also founded and directs the Office of Planning and Development at the Instituto Centroamericano de Administracion de Empresas (INCASE) and is an advisor and trainer to the Arias Foundation and other local organizations. Wife Betsy is consulting and will teach in 1993 in a new master's program in Gender Studies at the University of Costa Rica. "Daughters Katie and Sarah are rapidly becoming *ticas*." PO Box 025216-34, Miami, FL 33102-5216.

Fred E. Crossland (Education 1981) served this year as host for the annual reunion of World War II veterans who served aboard the U.S.S. Rocky Mount, which



managed twelve D-Day invasions in the Pacific. About 180 attended, in Palm Beach. Oldest son is West Coast financial officer for McGraw-Hill. Younger son, who lives in Manassas, Virginia, is with Prudential Insurance and Investments. Fred had several post-Ford consultancies but now is busy extracurricularly with music, stamp collections, travel, theater, concerts, and family. 1244-38 Westerly
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They Also Serve

Although the public may regard the Foundations grantmaking as the "glamorous" side of the business, attention should be paid too, to borrow from Arthur Miller, to the service departments. A recent letter from **Florence Como Knipschild** (Comptroller's Office 1989) reminds us of the point. Providing the addresses of four colleagues (**Ann Relsen**, **Rose Scott**, **Larry Cantwell**, and **Paul Renza**) who, together with herself, represent about 150 years of service, she writes: "We answered many questions, did a lot of research, and solved many problems. I like to think in that way we, too, contributed to the goals of the Ford Foundation." 27 Anapola Lane, Kings Point, NY 11754.

Paul T. Renza (1982) writes, "Since retiring I can't say that I've done anything spectacular, I just feel blessed because I'm still in good health and have a wonderful family and many good friends." 22 Frost Lane, Hartsdale, NY 10630.

Sophie Cavesson (Comptroller 1975) served for almost ten years as a volunteer docent at the Queens Museum

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in Flushing, NY. Gardens (flowers, tomatoes, herbs) and travels to music festivals in Europe, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest. She has also taken Elderhostel courses in several colleges. 52003 72nd St., Maspeth, NY 11378.

Norman MacLeod (Treasurer's Office). "Living in the deep South and enjoying it. I get to the golf course just about every day. Traffic light and fortunately so are taxes." 609 Honeysuckle Lane, Statesboro, GA 30458.

Susan M. Foldes (Comptroller 1983). Volunteered in the Social Services Department of Montgomery County and became vice president of program of a local charitable group. She lost her husband last November. 1501 Interlachen Drive. #707. Silver Springs, MD 20906.

Disborow Hadley (Comptroller 1986) has "done work for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but not painting pictures, for the Brooklyn Academy of Music, but not singing, and (currently) for the New York Historical Society, but not making history, yet." 233 East 69th St., New York, NY 10002.

The Foundation Habit

As noted in earlier issues, some alumni switch to other foundations after leaving Ford. Recently received news of some of them:

Doris Bebb (Overseas Development 1958) joined the Asia Foundation in San Francisco, where she served until 1985 and thereafter on three short-term contracts. Now active in The Commonwealth Club and the American Association of Retired Persons. 8320 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94121.

Stan Gordon (International) left Ford after 20 years to become head of the Herman Goldman Foundation for five years. Moved to Florida in 1977, where he has been busy with local interests. 23053 Westchester Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

William de Spoelberch (International) became executive director of the Aga Khan Foundation and the Aga Khan University Foundation. He has also been a director of the Center for European Policy Studies and the Aga Khan Cultural Trust, 4 Avenue Mostinck, 1150 Brussels, Belgium.

Howard Elliott (International 1978) became Rockefeller Foundation representative for Zaire, as well as director general of the Faculty of Agronomic Studies in Tangambi. Moved to Brazil in 1981 where he was Rockefeller's representative in Salvador Bahia. Moved to The Hague in 1983 to join the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) where he is deputy director general. De Las 18, Wassenaar, Netherlands.

Nancy Zimmerman (1980) is a program officer at the William Penn Foundation in Philadelphia, specializing

in the environment. Last year developed a small project addressing global environmental issues. 2 Macon Dr., Hamilton, NJ.

David R. Hunter (Public Affairs 1959) became head of the Stern Fund, which grew out of a family charitable tradition established by Julius Rosenwald, an organizer of Sears Roebuck and Company and father of Edith Stern. Like the Julius Rosenwald Fund, the Stern Fund determined to have a limited lifetime - 50 years, ending in 1986. The story of the fund and Hunter's role is detailed in a new book, *The Stern Fund: The History of a Progressive Family Foundation* (New York: Institute of Media Analysis, 145 West 4th St.). Philip M. Stern, one of the descendants of the founders, wrote of Hunter, "We used to call him our 'truffle dog,' and [many previously unheralded] little-known groups and people would probably never have been found. . . had Hunter merely sat back in his New York office waiting for applications to come in over the transom." Hunter himself writes, "[The Fund's] impact helped to energize the promotion of democracy, social justice and equality, open and accountable government, weighing in on the side of the little guy, looking to repair or improve the systems that produce the negative and undemocratic aspects of our society. . . . The Stern Fund never backed off from anything for fear of being 'controversial.' On the contrary, sometimes controversy was taken as a positive value, taking care, of course, not to be combative or romantic about it." The book includes several projects that receive their first, or among their first grants, from the Stern Fund, including the Center for Investigative Reporting, Government Accountability Project, the National Farm Workers Service Center, and Stewardesses for Women's Rights. Hunter was the author, in 1964, of *The Slums: Challenge and Response* (The Free Press). 19 Briarcliff Dr., Port Washington, NY 11060.

Diverse Dues



Although annual dues (or contributions) are \$5, The LAFF Society receives a variety of amounts. Some alumni send \$10 to cover spouse's honorary membership. Others send \$10 to cover the following year's dues. A few sanguine souls send \$15 to cover the next two years; that is extremely encouraging because it assumes this newsletter will still be publishing two years hence. It will if 1) readers will send the names of more alumni, and 2) if we continue to get news from alumni of what they've been up to since leaving the Foundation.

In any case, the mailing label on this issue shows whether you are paid up for 1992 (P-92) or 1992 and 1993 (P-93). If P-91 follows your name you're behind in your dues. If *nothing* follows your name, well . . . our finances allow for freebies (or free riders, as the economists put it) . . . for the time being.

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Parkway, State College, PA 16801.

Matthew J. Cullen, Jr. (Public Affairs, International Affairs 1964) became vice-chancellor of the State University of New York system and in 1969 started his own business as a planning and management consultant. Clients have ranged from universities, banks and other companies, community organizations, to professional firms and a television station. Highlights were his work in establishing the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the Master plan for Cleveland State University, and future report for the Regents of Rutgers. Community affairs in Seattle included founding Common Cause and City Fair and serving as co-chair of the Trust Lands Advisory Committee, Hughes Bay, Lopez Island, WA 98261.

Junius Eddy (Arts 1973) recently consulted for the National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools and Teaching, at Teachers College. His focus

was arts segments at an institute for some 30 teachers from Foxfire, the Coalition of Essential Schools and Project Zero. 315 West Main Rd., Little Compton, RI 02837.

William T. Irelan (International 1977) worked as a consultant to the Minister of Finance of Saudi Arabia, as a development specialist with Robert R. Nathan Associates, primarily on Middle East and Africa assignments for USAID and the World Bank. Was president of Georgetown Venture Trading Co., which encouraged collaborative projects between private U.S. and Third World firms. Since the mid-1980s has been a partner in a Georgetown law firm, specializing in work with private foundations, educational and other nonprofit organizations, principally on international programs. Clients include the Hitachi Foundation, headed by Ford alumnus **Delwin A. Roy**, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and an anti-drug organization. International consulting jobs have included a project to preserve the rain forests of the Amazon.

Suite 300, The Flour Mill, 1000 Potomac St., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Arlene Feder Juter (National Affairs 1979) received an MBA in finance from New York University, then worked part-time as a management consultant to the Small Business Administration and the Human Resources Administration. Later became employee benefits consultant at Lehman College in the Bronx, and consulted for Drake Business Schools and Value Line. In 1989 joined County Respiratory, husband's health-care equipment company and helped start a division that provides equipment to help families care for infants and children at home. Son will be bar mitzvah in October. 28 Brite Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Anthony R. Measham (International 1981) joined the World Bank as a health specialist for Latin America and Caribbean and Mid East and North Africa. Since 1988 has been chief, health and nutrition, in the Policy and Research part

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Disaster Prone

Roberto Lenton, director general of the International Irrigation Management Institute (in Sri Lanka) requested (and received) a replacement for issue #3 of the newsletter. "[The newsletter] was damaged by the extensive floods that hit Colombo in late May (caused by 20 inches of rainfall in one evening) -- no LAFFing matter."

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of the Bank. In recent years worked principally in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia and recently undertook his third mission to China. Leisure pursuits include running and travel, especially to country home in Nova Scotia. 4904 Crescent St., Bethesda, MD 20816.

John S. Nagel (Latin America and Caribbean 1977) works on family planning and population control. Has served on boards of the Population Reference Bureau, Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Has been president of Planned Parenthood of Southwest Florida, in Naples and helped found a community foundation. 1160 Gallion Dr., Naples, FL 33940.

Thomas R. Robinson (International) has spent the last several years as an itinerant administrator, e.g., provost at the College of Boca Raton (now Lynn University), Florida, and short-term provost of Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. "Evidently geographical location is high in [my] value system in weighing the worth of an institutional appointment." 6 Peter Cooper Rd., New York, NY 10010.

Henry Saltzman (Education, Public Affairs 1965) became founding executive director of the Bernard Van Leer Foundation, in the Netherlands. From 1968-1980 he worked on New York City

school decentralization, through Mayor John Lindsay's office, in college administration at Pratt Institute and Mills College, and was executive director of the Citizens Committee for Children of New York. Formed his consulting firm in 1980, serving non-profit organizations in fundraising, program development, marketing and board and staff training. The firm specializes in building and endowment campaigns in the U.S. and Latin America. 232 Madison Ave., Suite 602, New York, NY 10016.

Robert Schmid (Education 1972) and his wife, Mary, currently "devoting clumps of time to service on their local crisis intervention hotline and to savoring the sights and sounds of Italy." 33 School St., Hanover, NH 03755.

David W. Seckler works at Winrock International, 1611 North Kent St., Arlington, VA 22209.

Joanne Spadafora (General Counsel, Grants Processing). 20 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028.

Christopher Welna (Latin America 1991) and wife, **Betsy Station** (Mexico City, Brazil, New York 1992). Chris finished his first year of the doctoral program in political science at Duke University earlier this year and Betsy is executive administrator at the Duke Center for International Development. 1317 Norton St., Durham, NC 27701.

Career Highlight

Sol H. Chafkin (National Affairs 1981), who had a reputation as a sober, hard-headed grantmaker, writes: "The most satisfying grant I made was for a colony of rats that, for scientific purposes, had been starved for protein over 20 generations. So I bootlegged \$4,000 to a compliant grantee to buy some nutritionally adequate rat chow and saved their lives. The title of the grant was 'Semiotics and the Polish Questions.' I learned that the rats perked up and put on some weight nicely. As far as I know this leverage worked; the rat colony is now in its 90th generation or else some cat got into the lab." 4465 Douglas Ave. Bronx, NY 10471.

Lone Dissenter

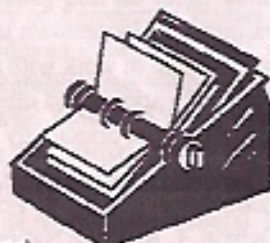
The hundreds of letters The LAFF Society has received since it began over a year ago have ranged in tone from appreciative to highly enthusiastic. But recently the law of averages took its toll. One recipient wrote, "I find all this utterly depressing. Kindly remove my name from your mailing list." It has been.

Nearer to Thee

Careful readers will notice that The LAFF Society has a new post box number - 3280. The Grand Central post office has been under renovation for the last two years, and post boxes have been located in temporary quarters on Lexington Avenue between 47th and 48th Streets. In September renovation was completed and boxes were reassigned, with new numbers, to the old, but spanking new, location, Lexington and 45th... several steps closer to Foundation headquarters on 43rd east of Second Avenue.

Help! Help!

Although The LAFF Society has been warmly received by some 300 alumni we've heard from, we are still laboring under a severe handicap—a shortage of names and addresses. There are an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 living alumni. Please take a few minutes at your Rolodex or address book and let us have names and addresses of former colleagues. Send them to The LAFF Society, Box 3280, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Thanks.



Itching Palms

The Foundation moved its headquarters to New York City in 1953 from Pasadena, California, where it had occupied an estate known to the staff as Itching Palms. Among new LAFF Society members are alumni from that era:

Janet McNeely (Population 1981) first worked there for Clarence Faust, who became vice president of the Foundation's Education Division. From 1981-86 she was executive secretary in the Office of the President, first at Hunter, then Teachers College, Columbia University. She and her husband now spend a lot of time advocating for a single-payer national health program. 2 Tudor City Place, 6K-S. New York, NY 10017.

Mabel L. Muller (1955) moved to New York from Pasadena and served as the Foundation's records manager. Returning to San Francisco, she served as assistant director of the Rosenberg Foundation until 1959. Before leaving to join the law department of Kaiser Industries in Oakland in 1959, she wrote a ten-year evaluation survey of Rosenberg grants. 1301 Golden Rain Rd. #1. Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Quigg Newton (Public Affairs 1956) became president of the University of Colorado, where he served until 1963. He then returned to the foundation world to become president, until 1977, of the Commonwealth Fund. Thereafter he was a fellow at the Behavioral Science Center, Stanford, and a senior consultant to the Kaiser Family Foundation in Palo Alto. Since 1980 he has been of counsel of a Denver law firm. 2552 East Alameda Ave. #85. Denver, CO 80209.

Dyke Brown (Public Affairs 1963) directed the Athenian School in California (where his five grandchildren have attended or are attending) until 1977. Since 1978 he has organized and monitored the Child Development Program at the Hewlett Foundation. 196 Hall Drive, Orinda, CA 94563.

In Memoriam

George F. Gant, February 1990, in Delray Beach, Florida. Gant, who had worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority, was the Foundation's representative in Pakistan and later director of the South and Southeast Asia program. After leaving the Foundation he taught development administration at the University of Wisconsin and wrote a text on the subject.

Ann Noyes, May 1992. She served the Foundation nearly 30 years, most recently as a grants administrator in the Developing Country Programs. Her favorite charity was The American Friends Service Committee. 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003.

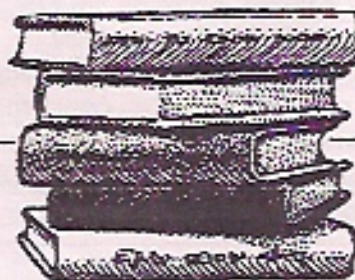
Herbert R. Albrocht, May 1992, age 82. Under a Ford Foundation appointment, he was founding director of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria. He had been president of the North Dakota State University. He retired from the Foundation in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Helen Albrocht, 68 Lake Point Dr., Clarksville, VA 23927.

Harry L. Case, in 1992, in Chapel Hill, NC, age 84. After serving in the Tennessee Valley Authority as personnel director, he joined the Foundation in 1960 and was associate director of South and Southwest Asia programs when he left in 1967.

Longevity Record?

Carl Borgmann (Science and Engineering 1970) suspects that he is the oldest living member of The LAFF Society. "Can anyone beat 87?" he writes. "I am busy at the moment with research on why old age is called a second childhood. I'll be happy to share any findings once the research is completed--if ever." 1540 Bradley Drive, Boulder, CO 80303.

Current Reading



Although The LAFF Society operates independently of the Foundation, we are pleased with this issue to begin to list selected Foundation publications that may be of interest to alumni. They may be obtained without charge from the Office of Communication, Dept. F, Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017.

Violence Against Women: Addressing A Global Problem. A report on a seminar on types of violence against women. Includes discussion of services for battered women and reforms in the criminal system.

Investing for Social Gain: Reflections on Two Decades of Program-Related Investments, which are loans, guarantees, of equity investments that support the same goals as the Foundation's grand programs. Includes nine case histories.

Current Interests of the Ford Foundation 1992 and 1993. A report on the Foundation's programs and plans for the 1992-1993 biennium.

Essential Commodities

The LAFF Society depends mainly on two commodities (money isn't one of them). First, names of Ford Foundation alumni; with some 400, we've scratched the surface, but there are many hundreds more we don't know about. Second, news of what alumni have been up to since they left the Foundation. That includes updates on people who were written up in early issues of the newsletter. Please send both to The LAFF Society, PO Box 3280, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

Out of Africa

J. Roger Carter (International 1974) founded the Britain-Tanzania Society, designed to advance mutual respect and understanding. Has taken part in regional seminars on educational planning in Tanzania and was a member of a Swiss government team studying the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Dar es Salaam. Battle Hill, Austwick, Lancaster LA2 8BW, England.

Piero Bronzi (International 1981) joined IFAD, a United Nations agency financing agricultural development for the poorest farmers of the less developed countries. Worked first as project

Black Ink Report

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Income since issue No. 3	
Dues and contributions	562.16
Interest	4.61
	<u>\$566.77</u>
Expenditures	
Postage	200.99
Printing	226.92
Supplies	22.00
Bank charges	1.50
	<u>\$451.41</u>
Current Balance	\$115.36

controller for the Middle East and North Africa. Now senior evaluation officer for IFAD-financed projects in 28 countries, from China, through Africa, to Belize. Via Guido de Ruggiero 71. 00K42 Rome Italy.

Cecile de Swecmer-Bo. Served the International Development Research Center, a Canadian agency, from 1986 to 1992. Planning to finish two books and acquire fluency in Spanish. c/o Akwasi Aidoo POB 5339. Dakar Senegal.

David R. Smock (1960) became vice president for program development and research at the Institute for International Education, and director of the South African Education Program. Then went to

seminary and was ordained as a Congregational minister and became executive associate to the president of the United Church of Christ. Later was director of International Voluntary Service and currently is senior program officer for grant-making at the U.S. Institute of Peace. He also has a part-time voluntary pastoral position at a Congregational church. 9212 Three Oaks Dr., Silver Springs, MD 20901.

erratum

Issue #3 of The LAFF Society newsletter erred in saying that Robert Edwards had been president of Haverford College. Edwards, who had been president of Carleton College is now president of Bowdoin College. Tom Kessinger is president of Haverford.

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