

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 from Ford Foundation alumni. Apologies to people whose letters came after this issue was written, but they will be covered in the next issue.)

Lillian Berg (Grants Processing 1967) moved to Cape Coral, Florida, where she was secretary to two professors at Edison Junior College. Changed careers in 1970 to direct sales in Tupperware and retired in 1981. Then for 10 years volunteered in a nursing home, leading a sing-a-song program. Also worked in community theater and five years ago organized a folk dance group to perform at the State of Israel anniversary celebration. New Hampton 0-110, 13300 SW 1st St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33027.

Ann Marie Castagnetta (International, Legal 1992) is volunteering at the Rusk Institute, learning a new trade as a horticultural therapist, working with physically disabled. 72 Earley St., Bronx, NY 10464-1512.

Charles Di Stefano (Purchasing Service 1983) moved to an adult community in 1984, where he travels, and plays golf. Also vacations in Hilton Head in February. 4-A Berwick St., Whiting, NJ 08759.

Barbara R. Hatton (Education and Culture 1992) became scholar-in-residence at the Southern Education Foundation in Atlanta and then was elected president of South Carolina State University.

Iris L. Harris (Vice President's Office 1980) held several executive assistant positions, with Citicorp, Soabar Graphics, and a Madison Avenue real estate firm. Belongs to the Pace University Adult Center and "Adventures on a Shoestring." Taught a Word Perfect course at Career Institute Development and now is a volunteer with the "Big Apple Greeter" office of the Manhattan Borough President's office. Spends winters in the "beautiful island of Grenada," where she advises her LAFF Society friends to visit. 1533 Union St., Brooklyn, NY 11213.

Helen Horn (Education 1983) has been at the Columbia School of Social Work at the SUNY/Purchase campus, where she takes courses. She and her husband have one grandson, and when she wrote in October was expecting a second. 238 Waverly Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

Louise Keller (Fund for Adult Education) "returned to my first love--public library." Worked for the Detroit Public Library from 1953 until retirement in 1978, then lived in Peoria, Ill. for nine years before moving to a retirement community in 1989. Apt. 387, 1009 Blossom River Way, San Jose, CA 95123.

Marian Krauskopf (National Affairs), deputy personnel director in the New York City Department of Personnel, runs employee training and development programs, the city's Quality of World Life program, and a division that deploys laid off employees to new city job opportunities. 12 West 96 St., New York, NY 10025.

Jane McCarthy (Resources and Environment) continues to do consulting, directs Contract Watch, monitoring New York City's \$7 billion contracting budget, and helps

nonprofit organizations raise money. 29 East 9th St., New York, NY 10003.

Natalie Millner (Communications) has finished a three-year stint at the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and switched to the City's Environmental Protection agency, as public affairs maven. "It's a long leap from culture to sludge, but I now find myself in great demand as a dinner guest, assuming the company has a compelling interest in wastewater treatment plants." 55 East 9th St., 12 G, New York, NY 10003.

Henry Saltzman (National Affairs) reports a circular event: youngest daughter, Dana, is now a student at New York Medical College, where, a long time ago, he made his first early childhood

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Brent Ashabranner (Southeast Asia, 1980). Has spent all his time writing for young adults. His eighteen published books range from immigration to the Northern Cheyenne Indians to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. 15 Spring West, Williamsburg, VA 23188.

Matthew Dagg (New Delhi 1981) went to the International Service for National Agricultural Research, The Hague, where he has tried to strengthen agricultural research management, mainly in Africa (Ethiopia, Namibia, The Gambia, Kenya) with some excursions into Asia, meeting up with Roberto Lenton in Sri Lanka and Rocky Staples in Pakistan. ISNAR, P.O. Box 93375, 2509 AJ The Hague, The Netherlands.

Fred Harvey Harrington (International 1965) had been program advisor in India 1971-1977. Returned to the University of Wisconsin, where he had been president, to resume teaching and research. Was recognized by the Organization of American Historians as one of the century's three most influential trainers of

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Asset Maven

One of the newest alumni, retiring after eleven years, is **John W. English**, vice president and chief investment officer. During his tenure the market value of the Foundation's assets more than doubled, from \$2.5 billion to \$6.3 Billion. English plans to devote himself to charitable activities, primarily through the investment committee of the United Methodist Church, of which he is chairman, and by continuing to serve as trustee of the American Red Cross of Greater New York. Summit, NJ.

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tion grant, to Dr. Martin Deutsch. Crescent Way, Shelter Island, NY 11964.

David R. Smock, footnoting item in issue #4, notes that he has an additional assignment at the U.S. Institute of Peace: Senior Specialist on Africa. 550 M St. NW, Suite 700. Washington, DC 20005.

Robert Tolles (Reports 1989) continues to operate a one-man editorial shop, writing annual reports for such clients as the Russell Sage Foundation, Phelps-Stokes Fund (Will LeMelle '77), and Seedco (Tom Seessel '74). When not at the pc (which generates the mailing labels for this newsletter, incidentally), he works as a part-time tax preparer, teaches English to the foreign born, delves into Civil War history, and repairs furniture. 134 Main St., New Canaan, CT 06840.

Laff International

Ralph W. Cummings (ICRISAT, 1977) returned to Raleigh, NC as emeritus professor at North Carolina State and for five years chaired the Technical Advisory Committee of the CGIR. Then conducted the feasibility study for the International Irrigation Management Institute. Later conducted studies for the World Bank on African agricultural research, and chaired an external review for the International Centre for Research on Agroforestry and the Governing Board of ILCA. Has also consulted in Peru, Ecuador, India, and Indonesia. 813 Rosemont Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607.

Ralph W. Harbison (Bogata, Lagos, Abidjan, 1979) joined the World Bank in several assignments, including founding chief for the Technical Division for Human Resources for the Europe, Middle East and North Africa region. Since 1990, chief of human resources operations for the Central and Southern Europe Departments, responsible for Bank analysis, dialogue and lending (about \$500 million annually) for "social safety net" programs. "Social policy concerns of the 15 republics of the former Soviet Union, blissfully, 'belong' to somebody else," he writes. "We are a little overstretched, geographically and substantively." 8511 Hazelwood Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Werner Kiene (1982) joined the German Technical Assistance Agency (GTZ), where he works to convert ideas and concepts into "sustainable" development. Having led GTZ's efforts in rural development and resource management field, he is now heading GTZ's country group Mauritania/Mahgreb. "I recently met with **Dick Dye**. One of the first questions was: 'Do you still play the guitar and sing?' I told him: 'Yes, at Christmas; however, for the real sound I miss **Bill Carmichael's** chime bells and **McGeorge Bundy's** conducting.'" GTZ. GmbH. Postfach 5180, D-6236 Eschborn GERMANY.



Joyce Lore (Developing Countries Program 1983) left to raise a family and has two daughters, nine and two. Moved to Washingtonville, NY, home of America's oldest winery, Brotherhood: "the wine-tasting tours are wonderful." Thinking of setting up in business selling custom-made handcrafted items such as quilts, wreaths, and painted items. 13 Meadow Lane. Washingtonville, NY 10992.

Robert S. Drysdale (1981) joined the World Bank to work on China and has since been in the Latin America, Africa, and South Asia regions, working on human resources and on country economic programs. Was a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, in 1990 and currently is senior operations advisor to the vice president for South Asia. World Bank, 1818 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20043.

Jerrold Stivers (Asia, West Africa 1972) has worked for Fluor Corp. and Morrison-Knudsen International in the U. S., Mexico, Holland, Scotland, and England. Then five years for Bechtel Corp. in Saudi Arabia, writing and managing contracts for the government. Retired six years ago to Portugal to renovate an old farmhouse and "dabble in consulting to the local expatriate community on how to invest in the U.S. stock market." Apartado 234, 8135 Almacil, Portugal.

Gilbert Levine (1986) has engaged in various professional activities, including contact with Norman Collins (representative in Mexico City) and a return visit to the New Delhi office, where "I was pleased to learn the 'two-tier' system of salaries for the New York-appointed program staff and in the India-recruited staff has been eliminated." 71 Brooktondale Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

A.M. (Abe) Weisblat (International 1959). Joined the Agricultural Development Council, created by John D. Rockefeller III, where he worked until retirement. Then undertook a study of fellowship programs that strengthened the professional capacity of Asian social scientists dealing with agriculture and rural development. He joined the Rutgers University and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing of Cool College, where the study was completed. Titled "Building National Capacity and Social Services: Insights from the Experience in Asia," it is available from Winrock International, Route 3, Box 376, Morrilton, AK 72110-9537. Home address: 431 Wyoming Ave., Milburn, NJ 070741.

The Poverty Front

Alice O'Connor (Human Rights and Governance 1989) left to complete her doctorate at Johns Hopkins, on the urban poor. Now program director at the Social Science Research Council, working on research on the urban underclass and developing an initiative on immigration. Gave a paper at Columbia University last year, including discussion of the Ford Foundation's offering models and expertise for Great Society anti-poverty programs. Hopes alumni who worked on the Great Cities, Gray Areas, Youth Development and later programs will contact her. Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Avenue, New York, NY 101581.

Joy Carol (Education) took a new job last year as director of special projects/new initiatives at the Christian Children's Fund following post as director of the Asia/Pacific Region of Save the Children. 2500 E. Cary St., #522, Richmond, VA 23223.

Double LAFF Meaning

G.H. (Bill) Griffiths (Education) writes of another meaning for LAFF--Life After a Fatal Fire ("Fatal in the sense of wiping out a home and the irreplaceable acquisitions of a lifetime.) The loss included an especially prized retirement gift of FF-issue bookends inscribed with gracious words and the logos of the Fund for Adult Education, the Fund for the Advancement of Education and the FF," with each of which he was identified for some twenty years.

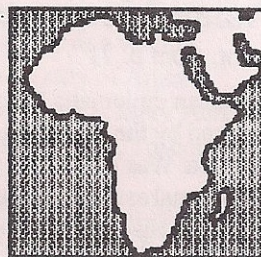
The fire was the Santa Barbara disaster of 1990. "The local fire gods seem to have a fondness for those with FF ties," he writes. "Former Associate Director Robert M. Hutchins lost his home in an earlier Santa Barbara area fire disaster shortly after he brought his Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions there." Griffiths also recalls Sam

Goldwyn speaking of Tuerk House, the Foundation's policy and program center in Pasadena, saying to Paul Hoffman, "Well, if you have to give money away, this is a nice place to do it." 3722 Cedar Vista, Santa Barbara CA 93110.

Another victim of the elements is **Elsie I. Capozzi** (International 1972) who writes (in longhand since her typewriter is no more) that hurricane Andrew drove her and her fellow retirement villagers into a posh Holiday Inn in Delray Beach, Florida, for several months. 505 East Ridge Village Dr., Miami, FL 33157.

Middle East/A-Ffrica

Lilith Haynes (1979) did a two-year stint as a visiting professor at Carleton College. Then, from 1981-1989, in Essen, Germany, "juggled motherhood, corporate spousehood and fulltime teaching English as a Second Language in Essen University, while trying to remain active in linguistics." Returned to a distinguished visiting professorship at the University of Delaware and same in Minnesota, shared between Carleton and St. Olaf's College. Swept back East to be a coordinator of English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages at Babson College. 7 Woodland Hill, Wellseley, MA 02181.



Barbara Lethem Ibrahim (Cairo 1989) has become senior representative for the Population Council's West Asia and North Africa regional office. Before then she conducted research and promotional activities related to Arab philanthropy as a senior research associate at the Center for the Study of Philanthropy at the City University Of New York Graduate Center. Population Council, One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Richard Longhurst (1990) has been freelancing in the international field for the Food and Agricultural Organization, the World Health Organization and UNICEF. From his embryonic work for Ford in Sudan disaster management has come a link with the U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Administration on famine

mitigation activities. He is also connected to London University's Centre for International Child Health. 8 Claremont Terrace; Brighton BN1 6SH. Sussex, UK.

Jeswold W. Salacuse (Lebanon and Sudan 1977) spent a year as a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, working on a study of Arab financial institutions, then joined the Southern Methodist University law school in Dallas, where he was dean from 1980 to 1986. Now dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, where he is also professor of commercial law. "When I am not trying to raise money from institutions like the Ford Foundation, I teach international law and negotiation and recently published a book on the subject, *Making Global Deals* (Houghton Mifflin)." Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, MA 02155.

Apologies to **Cécile De Sweemer-Ba** for misspelling her name in the last issue, and for neglecting to mention that in addition to her work at Johns Hopkins after leaving the Foundation in 1981 she was associate director of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches; regional director in West and Central Africa for the Health Sciences Division of the Canadian aid agency, and, in 1992, visiting professor and researcher in the Faculty of Medicine and other parts of the University of Laval. Centre de Cooperation Internationale pour la Santé et le Developpement. Faculte de Medicine. University de Laval. Quebec G1K 7 P4. Canada.

Goran Hyden (Nairobi, Eastern and Southern Africa 1985) joined Dartmouth College, then University of Florida as a professor of political science. Consults and does research on Africa, working with UNICEF, World Bank, Swedish International Development Authority, and the African Association of Public Administration and Management, among others. 3602 NW 27th Terrace. Gainesville, FL

Typ-oh!

Red-faced regrets to Coordinating Committee member **Basil** (not "Basis") **Whiting** for misspelling his name on the masthead of the last issue of The LAFF

Before the LAFF Society

Although The LAFF Society was founded in 1991, it now turns out that it had a predecessor of sorts. Word comes from **Patricia Dacy** of Pasadena, CA (806 S. Lake Ave.) that a group of Ford alumni (actually, mostly former staff members of the Fund for Adult Education, a Ford spinoff) had been gathering around Christmas for several years. In October, 1990 a dozen of them met and passed the following resolution: "This meeting of former employees of The Ford Foundation and Fund for Adult Education elicited an enthusiastic response and delicious consumption of facts and figures concerning our past career\$ during the fabulou\$ fiftie\$. It was unanimously agreed (motion-seconded-carried) by all present that we should maintain an official record of current whereabouts." There followed a list of the dozen, along with four absentees, their addresses and phone numbers. (Ms. Dacy, by the way, left the Foreign

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Service to join the Foundation as a staff associate. She left when the Foundation moved to New York. Then worked with the advertising firm Ogilvy & Mather in Los Angeles as personnel director and office manager).

This news throws The LAFF Society into another constitutional crisis (see *issue #3, p. 3, Constitutional Issue*). We have mailed invitations to the sixteen persons to join The LAFF Society, in the spirit of responsiveness. But the Fund for Adult Education, while established by the Ford Foundation (along with The Fund for the Advancement of Education and the controversy-racked Fund for the Republic), was separate and self-governing, with its own trustees and staff. Established in 1951 and out of business by 1961, it received \$47.4 million from the Foundation. It promoted

adult discussion groups and efforts to advance interracial understanding. Perhaps its most significant program was pioneering in educational broadcasting. For example it supported monitoring of the content of commercial programs, the results of which helped persuade the Federal Communications Commission to set aside a significant part of the broadcast spectrum for noncommercial broadcasting.

But are FAE alumni eligible for membership in LAFF? *Proprio motu*, the editor has decided yes, but of course he can be overruled by concerned objections by strict constructionists.


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American diplomatic historians. Also honored by the Association of Indians in America. Was consultant to higher educational associations and UN agencies. 1840 Van Hise Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Alvin Johnson (Asia, 1976). After retirement worked part-time for seven years for Ford and the Rockefeller Foundation, World Bank and UNDP in Asia, Africa, and the South Pacific. "After more than 40 years of spreading a wide professional net, my chores are now mini-micro, caring for my wife, Olive, following 1988 heart surgery. This unplanned for 'long term care' is a new experience, but we have learned that some 56 years of mutual sharing and caring has an investment content that is very rewarding." 676 A, Heritage Village, Southbury, CT 06488.

Harrison Parker (Overseas Development 1958) left to take mid-career training at Harvard, then rejoined the Agency for International Development, serving in Indonesia, South Korea and Washington, retiring in 1975. During 12 years in Indonesia, did *wayang golek* (wooden puppet) shows for children. Active now in local affairs, including service as Selectmen, and on the Boards of planning and assessment. Wrote a 490-page history, *Hawley, Massachusetts--The First Fifty Years, 1770-1820*. Singing Brook Farm, Hawley, MA 01339.



Environmental Odyssey

In a 7,000-word article to be published in the magazine *Environment*, **Marshall Robinson** has described the Foundation's conservation and



environmental programs for more than four decades since the early 1950s. Before he left the Foundation to become president of the Russell Sage Foundation, Robinson was vice president in charge of Resources and Environment. Ford's involvement began with support of the Paley Commission, which was concerned with "the wise use of natural resources." Thereafter major support went to Resources for the Future. Ford's next major step were grants in the 1960s to land preservation organizations, e.g., the Nature Conservancy and Save-the-Redwoods. The Resources and Environment unit began with research and the training of new scientists on the complexity and interactions of the human environment. The first director, **Gordon Harrison**, defined conservation "in a way that went beyond land and nature; now it was energy, water, air minerals, marine resources, wildlife arable soil and, finally, space (land)," Robinson writes. Before the environmental movement picked up full steam, the Foundation encouraged research "on the dark side of the environmental puzzle: the pollutants, wastes, effluent, contaminants, noise, and trash." The program expanded to help governmental organizations and citizens to work out agreements on controversial environmental projects. There followed environmental education grants and the Foundation's entry into the controversial area of assisting legal efforts on environmental issues, notably the Environmental Defense Fund and the new Natural Resources Defense Council. Finally the Foundation tackled the energy issue,

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principally through its own Energy Research Project, a highly visible and controversial effort.

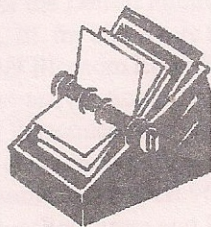
“What, then, was the real role of the Ford Foundation in the wide ranging, multidimensional, popular American environmental revolution?” Robinson asks. The answer, he says, lies in Harrison’s statement: “The extent to which there are now environmental research programs, and a general stirring of interest in the scientific community, is clearly due to the spreading recognition that people are in trouble. We know of no way in which to measure our own role, no sound reason to claim credit for what is now going on that promises social benefits or to take blame for not having got in sooner with more. The important point is certainly that progress in managing the environmental is going to come when and as society is roused to the need.” What happened after all that, Robinson asks? “The environmental movement waxed during the 1970s. Then waned in the 1980s, which is a different tale, one with fewer heroes, more villains and a very different vision of tomorrow.”

Dues Update

A note from **James W. Armsey** (Education) encloses “\$25 to help you stay afloat, if not exactly prosperous. Mark me up for paid for '93 or however you calculate such things.” The LAFF Society’s annual dues (or call it contribution) are \$5, but several alumni have sent checks for larger amounts to cover two or more years.

As the balance sheet (*see page 8*) indicates, we are in good financial shape. The date after your name on the mailing label indicates the year for which you are paid up (*e.g., P-93*).

But we are more interested in names and addresses of former Ford staffers than money. We won’t pass up money, but names and addresses



(along with a note about your post-Ford activities) would bring even greater gratitude.

Note our new mailing address--The LAFF Society, Box 3280, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Jim’s address is Apt. 1202, 101 West Windsor Rd., Urbana, IL 61801.

In Memoriam

Gerald Korzan, April 1988. He served at the University of Aleppo, the Department of Agriculture in Manila, Makerere University, Uganda, and as a visiting professor at the University of Arizona from 1976 to 1982. His wife, Mary Ann, lives at 6791 E. Calle de Plata, Tuscon, AZ 85715.

Haldore Hanson, October 4, 1992, at age 80. Hanson worked for the Foundation and other organizations in Burma, Iran, Nigeria and Pakistan. From 1971 to 1978 he headed the International Wheat and Maize Improvement Center in Mexico. Before joining the Foundation he was a foreign correspondent, covering the Chinese civil war and the invasion of China by Japan. Later a State department official, he was cleared of charges by Senator Joseph McCarthy that he was a Communist sympathizer. Born in Minnesota, he taught school and did freelance writing for publications in China and abroad. He was named a full-time correspondent for the Associated Press in 1937. His book on the Chinese civil war, “Human Endeavor” (Farrar, Rineholt, 1939) was praised as a rare close-up from the remote front lines.

Delores Stanley, who retired from the Foundation in 1976, died July 24, 1992 at the age of 81. Born in Puerto Rico, she came to the U.S. at age 17, and became a union organizer and joined the struggle against Franco in the Spanish Civil War. She had lived in Riverdale, NY for 50 years and was an active member of the

PS 95 Parents Association.

Lilian D. Plante, September, 1992 at the age of 79.

The following is from Richard Magat, with whom she worked for many years in the Office of Reports.

Although “gracious” and “elegant” and “classy” were the right descriptive terms, her family knew her as Lally and her friends and colleagues as Dilly. She was a product of a certain tradition that included St. Agatha’s School on the West Side, winter cruises in the Caribbean, and Katherine Gibbs. Behind the very businesslike and proper office facade was a woman with a great reservoir of humor, a prodigious taste for the theater and reading, and a legendary affection for the man of her life, Bill Plante, a gregarious, hail fellow, man-about-town, art director whom she met when she started working life in an advertising agency. Dilly went on to the staff of Chekov Publishing House, which provided Russian-language editions of books forbidden behind the Iron Curtain. This work stimulated her to undertake Russian language instruction at Columbia University.

While at Chekov, a story broke about several Soviet sailors defecting. While they were interned for several months in Hong Kong, Dilly sent them Chekov books. In time some of the sailors made their way to New York, where they thanked her profusely in person.

At the Ford Foundation Dilly was one of the first members of the Office of Reports staff, now known as the Office of Communications. As one of her colleagues said recently, “mailing lists were her weapon,” and as the task of directing a growing number of Foundation publications grew more complex, Dilly became increasingly adept at targeting diverse audiences. She was also an office manager of sorts, and though as a Gibbs alumna she had trouble adjusting to a new era when time sheets went out of fashion, she was a caring supervisor of

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many younger people and to some a confidante.

Dilly retired in 1978, a few years after Bill's death. The two of them had basked in the camaraderie of The Players Club. Dilly continued going there and took special pleasure in entertaining former colleagues. To the habitues of that special place on Gramercy Park, she continued to be a leading lady, and so she is in our memories.

Black Ink Report

Previous Balance	\$115.36
Income since issue No. 4	
Dues and contributions	435.00
Interest	<u>8.25</u>
	\$558.61
Expenditures	
Postage	167.19
Printing	120.06
Supplies	<u>5.57</u>
	\$292.82
Current Balance	<u>\$265.79</u>

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