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NEWS OF THE REGIONS

News will be included in the next issue of the *Quarterly* following receipt. Please mail your news and pictures to your Regional Director (for inclusion in any region newsletter) as well as to your VP, Communications, Luene Corwin at Northwestern Connecticut CC, Park Place, Winsted, CT 06098. FAX to 860-738-6439. E-mail submissions are welcome to Corwin@commnet.edu.



members. The last event of the conference was a theatrical presentation by **Frances McAlpine Sharp** who performed "In Celebration of African-American Women." This moving presentation was filled with poetry, music, literature, and inspired movement to tell the story of women through the ages. Dr. **Mona Martin**, Region I Director, announced that the next Region I conference is being planned for Newport, Rhode Island.

REGION I

Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island

Mona Martin,
Regional Director
860-647-6085

In October, attendees from most of the New England states gathered at Simmons College in Boston for the annual Region I conference. The conference, "Creating an Oasis During a Drought" featured Dr. **Belle S. Whealon** from Central Virginia Community College and Dr. **Elizabeth Coleman** from Bennington College as speakers. In addition there were workshops from which



Region I AAWCC Program Attendees (left to right) **Marcia Jehnings**, Nutmeg Chapter President (MCTC); **Dr. Belle S. Whealon**, President of Central Virginia Community College (speaker); **Marilyn Pedalino**, Member, Cape Cod Community College; **Mona Martin**, AAWCC Region I Director (MCTC); **Eileed Stern**, Nutmeg Chapter Vice President (MCTC); and **Kathleen Sullivan**, Member, Nutmeg Chapter (MCTC)

participants chose, including Strategies for Political and Community Action, Fund Raising in the Public Sector, and Perspectives on Affirmative Action.

One of the highlights of the conference was a trip to the nearby Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum where a tour with docents was provided specifically for AAWCC

Be sure to complete the Membership Survey. See pages 9 and 10.

REGION II

New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico

Alison Noonan,

Regional Director

716-394-3500 x 231

NEW YORK

The Finger Lake Community College Chapter met in December and learned from a faculty member about her findings in a pay equity study at the College. The Chapter will host their second annual AAWCC Scholarship fundraising luncheon on January 3. The goal is to raise \$500 for a deserving female student that will be awarded a scholarship at the College's Scholarship banquet. The group is also planning a financial Management Workshop for women to be held in February.

Since it was approved at the fall AAWCC Board meeting, the Genesee Community College Chapter has been very busy! The Chapter adopted the Domestic Violence Unit of the local YWCA and have collected and donated personal items for women and children as well as some button and fabric folk pins which they sold during the holidays. The Chapter has mounted and prominently displayed three posters featuring modern and historical women's achievements under the title of "Women Who Dared." Information is now on reserve in the library regarding women's issues and equity in education. All members are encouraged to contribute to the folder and to have students use it in their research projects. Students in English classes who are willing to share their experience with domestic violence

are writing papers, telling their stories on audio tape and creating a slide presentation that will be a permanent source for future classes or individual students.

Genesee CC AAWCC member Peggy Curry participated as a panelist on "Women's Success Stories" at Bently College Conference on Women, Business, and Business Education. She discussed "Women Make a Difference."

REGION III

Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware

Judy Snyder, Regional Director
410-455-4436

Newly appointed State Coordinators are hard at work developing strategies for increased activities and participation. Delaware is being coordinated by Dr. **Sue Zawislak**

of Delaware Technical and Community College.

The District of Columbia, work site of many women in higher education, is being coordinated by **Liz Rocklin** of ACCT.

Fran Turcott of Harford CC and **Diane Lane** of Essex CC are sharing

the role in Maryland. Pennsylvania is being co-chaired by Dr. **Robin Musselman** of Lehigh-Carbon in the east and Dr. **Irene Campano** in the west. Dr. **Maxine Singleton** of

Tidewater CC has assumed the role for Virginia, and Dr. **Carole Carpenter** of West Virginia Northern CC is filling the West Virginia role on an interim basis.

MARYLAND

The Catonsville CC Chapter has begun its yearly programming with an afternoon reception. Dr. **Mary Hines**, Dean of Instruction at Dundalk CC, was the thought-provoking speaker; and discussion centered on the theme of developing one's own leadership paradigm.

REGION IV

Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida

Larry Gay Reagan, Regional Director
941-755-1511 x 4301



Columbia State Community College, Tennessee gather monthly for "Lunch bunch getaways," L to R: Louise Katz, Psychology Instructor; Beverly Mitchell, English Instructor; Jane Campbell, Mass Communications Instructor; Linda Belew, Evening Coordinator and Tennessee AAWCC section President

TENNESSEE

Tennessee State Coordinator **Linda Belew's** reported goals for 1996 are to promote and publicize

accomplishments of members in newsletters, personal correspondence, meetings, and other modes of communication; increase AAWCC membership by 100%; hold a minimum of four executive committee meetings at various institutions across the state and invite institutional representatives to each meeting; work with regional coordinators to ensure that a regional conference will be held; work with institutional representatives to ensure that each community college will complete a minimum of two projects; recognize members who have completed at least one leadership program through NILD and encourage more members to participate; work with AAWCC Region IV Director, Dr. **Larry Gay Reagan**, to coordinate the 1997 Region IV conference in Tennessee; attend 1996 Region IV spring conference; and provide news to AAWCC Region IV Director no less than once every three months.

FLORIDA

The annual Region IV conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, Feb. 22-23, 1996, with the theme "Voices of Inclusion: Speaking Our For Equity." Dr. **Jacquelyn Belcher**, President of DeKalb College, GA, will speak on the conference theme. A pre-conference leadership training workshop will feature Dr. **Faye Biles**, President, FAVA Associates, who directed Olympic Educational programs, served as a vice president of development at Kent State and held numerous other leadership positions. Valencia Community College AAWCC Chapter is coordinating the conference. For more information phone (407) 299-5000, ext. 3205.

REGION V

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan
Barbara Cannell, Regional Director 414-297-6836

ILLINOIS

Cheena Wade, an environmental biology instructor at the College of Lake County, has been named 1995 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The award recognizes teaching effectiveness, impact on students, and contributions to the college and community and includes a \$1,000 cash award from the Chrysler Corporation Fund, which sponsors the Illinois award. Wade has received other outstanding teacher awards as well. According to **Gretchen Naff**, CLC's interim president, "Cheena helps students understand how their personal behaviors affect the environment while encouraging them to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility."

REGION VI

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma
Rosario Martinez, Regional Director 713-591-9337

The Alamo Chapter of AAWCC celebrated an ethnic holiday this year on December 14, 1995. Members were treated to music and holiday stories from cultures around the world. The San Antonio Faculty and Staff Choir sang familiar Christmas carols for the gathering in the historic Koehler House on the

San Antonio College campus. **Becky Rubin** told the story of Chanukah and read a story about the lighting of the menorah. **Gloria Jones** demonstrated how to wear and tie an African-American turban. Then she discussed the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, the African-American holiday celebrated from December 26th to January 1st. In conclusion, the chapter members were serenaded by a trio of mariachis singing Mexican-American holiday songs. The meeting was adjourned with good wishes to all for a Happy New Year.

REGION VII

Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri
Cindy Foxhoven, Regional Director 402-461-2456

KANSAS/MISSOURI

The Kansas City Chapter (joining Kansas and Missouri) held a fall meeting after work hours in order to accommodate more members. Two Johnson County Community College staff members provided a program on financial planning. Membership in this chapter is now 84! **Julie Haas**, president, reports that this year's emphasis is on developing a scholarship fund to benefit members and on mentoring new AAWCC members.

NEBRASKA

A new chapter is forming at Western Nebraska Community College. New president **Sally Slama** says "The response from employees and students on starting a chapter has been exciting. Our goals are to support each other and develop professionally as we interact socially and away from our offices." Other officers are

Marcia Miller (Professional Development), **Jennifer Leisy** (Communication), **LuAnne Isaacs** (Finance), and **Dana Anderson** (Public Relations).

The local chapter at Northeast Community College, under the guidance of President **Karen Severson**, recently concluded its second annual Craft and Bake Sale.

The funds from these events have been used to purchase playground equipment and a fence for the Child Care Center.

Central Community College, Hastings Campus, AAWCC Chapter sponsored a brown bag luncheon discussing "Medical Legal Issues" for women. In December a Christmas social event was held for members and guests at the home of Cindy Foxhoven, Region VII Director.

Central Community College, Columbus Campus AAWCC Chapter sponsored "A Spirited Celebration! In recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage." Lieutenant Governor **Kim Kobak** was the keynote speaker. The event was held December 14 in Columbus.

Southeast Community College Chapter is planning for the 1996 AAWCC State Conference to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 17, 18, and 19, 1996. The theme is "Working Women Count." An invitation to attend is extended to all AAWCC members. For information or to offer a program, contact chapter president Laurie Kilzer at (402) 437-2635.

REGION VIII

Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Colorado,
Ann Harris, Regional Director
970-925-7740

UTAH

Elaine Englehardt, Director of the Ethics Center at Utah Valley State College, spent four days in Saipan, Micronesia. She was asked by the Society of Professional Journalists to speak to university students and government and business leaders about the alternatives to a regulated press. She made presentations on Journalism Ethics, The First Amendment, and Fundamentals of Ethics.



Elaine Englehardt, Director, Center for Studies of Ethics and Professor of Humanities and Philosophies at Utah Valley State College

REGION IX

California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii
Fran White, Regional Director
408-274-7900 x6621

CALIFORNIA

November 16th, a meeting of the AAWCC (California) was convened at the Annual Conference of the Community College League of California. Future events and activities of AAWCC were discussed.

Mt. San Jacinto College students have developed the W.I.N.G.S. (Women in Networks Guarantee Success) Club, an organization designed to provide opportunities for women to network and to prepare women for employment, family life, and personal development. Currently, WINGS publishes a monthly newsletter, offers an ongoing scholarship program, and is developing a mentoring program. For more info. about the club, contact Dana Reece Baylard, at 909-672-6752 x2553.



AAWCC Coast Community College Chapter, Region IX, Executive Board for 1995/96: (first row L to R) Linda Mosbrook (District Rep), Nelda White (Coastline Rep), Laurie Arnold (Treasurer), Lanette Bough (Secretary), Arlene Eckstein (V.P. Membership), Margie Buntin (V.P. Programs), Darline Calvert (District Rep). Second row: Noreen Yoshida (GWC Rep), Adeleid (Pony) Stevens (President)

REGION X

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska

Diane Mulligan, Regional

Director 503-977-4191

The first ever Region Ten AAWCC newsletter, "Your AtTENTION Please," was sent to members in late November. The eight-page bulletin included reports on state conferences, plans for future regional events, details about the national AAWCC conference, names in the news, a national AAWCC board report, and leadership training information at NILD.

OREGON

Oregon's ninth annual AAWCC conference was attended by over 230 women. It was held at the Benson Hotel in downtown Portland on November 30 and December 1. The theme was "Women in Community Colleges—Leaders of the Inter-Age." Smaller breakout sessions followed the four keynote speakers. **Bernice Sandler**, Senior Scholar in Residence, National Association for Women in Education, shared her work with women in higher education, focusing on dealing with and creating change. **Mildred Ollee**, Executive Dean at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus, shared her experiences and observations in her presentation "Lessons for Leaders." Following dinner with the Oregon Community College Presidents, **Stephanie Sussman**, Assistant to the President at Mt. Hood Community College, shared her investigation regarding what makes the Oregon Institute for Leadership Development (OILD) such a successful and important program in her presentation "OILD: Integrating Leadership Training and the Workplace." **Joyce Helens**,

Associate Dean, College of Community and Continuing Education, University of Alaska, Anchorage, shared her experiences and observations in "The Lessons of Experience." The conference closed on a very positive note with the third annual appearance of Motherlode, a Northwest folk music group.

WASHINGTON

Washington chose the national AAWCC theme for their fall conference: "It's a Matter of Rights: Access and Equity." It was held November 17 at the Everett Holiday Inn. **Bev O'Laughlin**, President of the Washington State Section, led off the conference with welcoming remarks. The morning session was "The Journey to Women's Suffrage: A 75th Anniversary Celebration" led by **Mildred Andrews**, award-winning author and historical consultant. Late morning focus sessions included: ADA Rights — Implications for the Workplace; Deaf Issues — Consciousness Raising; and Affirmative Action at Risk.

After lunch an open planning session was held to collect feedback about the services and support needed from AAWCC. The day ended with a thought-provoking play which explored multiple perspectives related to gender equity. "The View From Here" was presented by the Gap Theater Company.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN AT CHINA CONFERENCE

Carolyn Desjardins led a group of 45 women to the Non-Governmental Organizations Forum which preceded the United Nations International Conference on Women held in Beijing. Among the community college leaders in the group were Ruth Burgos-Sasscer, president of San Antonio College, TX; Beverly Simone, president of Madison Area Technical College, WI; and Betty Duvall, new director of the Community College Leadership program at Oregon State University. The most potent memories for the group were their opportunities to live in a spirit of sharing and of mutual aid with women from many countries. Among the common interests were involving more women in elective office, the effect on women of the rise of religious fundamentalism, the economic condition of women and education.

AAWCC Establishes Listservs

In order to create better communication links between women in community colleges, three listservs have been established. They are for AAWCC, NILD, and Leaders. For information on the service and how to use it, send the following request in the body of an E-mail message: listproc@pcef.pc.maricopa.edu:HELP. Address the request to listproc@pcef.pc.maricopa.edu

To subscribe follow these steps:

Send> listproc@list.pc.maricopa.edu

Subject> [leave blank]

Message> subscribe listname Firstname Lastname

Potential listnames are aawcc, nild, and leadersf. Note that the entries are case sensitive.

Following is an example message:

subscribe aawcc Diana Cox

You will receive a reply back via E-mail telling you that you have been subscribed to the list you have indicated.

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Send> aawcc@list.pc.maricopa.edu or

nild@list.pc.maricopa.edu or

leadersf@list.pc.maricopa.edu

Women and Families to Benefit From Welfare Pilot

The State of Nebraska is piloting a welfare reform plan that could have far-reaching effects. Senator Ardyce Bohlke has been instrumental in shaping and executing this plan in Douglas and Sarpy Counties, drawing information on the need for valid reform from women and families throughout the state. She hopes the contrast between the present plan and the pilot plan will indicate the necessity for change.

PRESENT PLAN

Child care provided for one year.

Value of family car may prevent person from accessing services.

Medical care available for up to one year after person goes to work.

One parent must be absent, incapacitated, or unemployed before family can receive ADC.

Some income of children counted as resource.

PILOT PLAN

Child care provided for two years.

Value of one car is not counted as resource — allows ADC recipient transportation to job site.

No charge for health coverage for first six months of employment; sliding scale payment after this until the twenty-fourth month.

Will serve two-parent families — recognizes strength of family unit.

Exempts all earned income of children in school, therefore encouraging parents to send children to school.

According to Senator Bohlke, "Nebraska welfare reform provides families an individualized plan for self sufficiency." Clients must work part time after an infant is three months old and full time after the child is six months old. They must ensure that their children attend school. No additional cash payments are given for additional children, though family food stamp allotment is increased as the family grows. There are also stronger sanctions for adults refusing to follow plan guidelines, and the parents of absent minor fathers must assume financial responsibility for their grandchildren. "Irresponsible behavior has consequences."

Senator Bohlke hopes that the pilot project will eventually replace the current plan and allow Nebraska to "dis-mantle a system that destroys self-respect, destroys family units, and does nothing to 'preserve' work ethics and responsibility."

Plan now to attend . . .



A National Conference on Education & Community

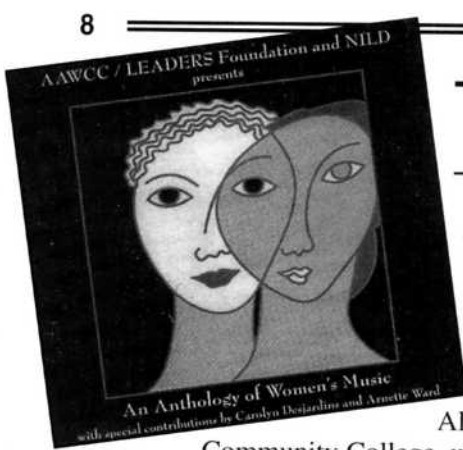
Thursday, June 27,
through
Saturday, June 29
1996

**Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort, Golf Club & Spa
5402 East Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona**

**Sponsored by American Association of Women in Community Colleges,
National Institute for Leadership Development, and AAWCC Leaders Foundation
with support from Maricopa Community College**

The exciting conference "Righting the Standard" is being planned by co-chairs **Tessa Martinez Pollack**, president of Glendale Community College, AZ and **Karen MacArthur**, executive director of the Delta College Foundation, MI. In addition to regular conference sessions, participants will be called upon to create a vision for our society and to participate in discussion sessions leading to a written paper with an agenda for action to redefine the community. "Every facet of community life stands on the courage to engage ourselves, our colleges and our communities in solving local and national problems from which government has retreated," said **Tessa Martinez Pollack**. "This conference will create a forum on current topics impacting women and men leaders in higher education to bridge what we do in community colleges with the continuing and acute needs of the communities we serve," added **Karen MacArthur**.

Two tracks of workshops will be offered. The professional track will include workshops on such topics as competencies for leadership, community building, legal and ethical issues in higher education, new systems models, strategies for political intervention, championing equity, determining organizational mental health, and a redefining of counseling, teaching, and learning. The personal track will highlight such topics as the spiritual quest, esteem and empowerment, interracial issues, inter-generational opportunities, holistic health, gender team building, the power of conscious living and dying, and balancing a life.



WE HEAR WOMEN SINGING

A musical gift of love has been created especially for contributors to the AAWCC/LEADERS Foundation. An Anthology of Women's Music is a collection of songs about joy, friendship, and the courage to change the world. Contributing musicians include Cecily Jane, Carole Etzler Eaglehart, and The Amazing Almost All Girl String Band. A very special interview with Carolyn Desjardins, Executive Director of National Institute for Leadership Development, is featured. Carolyn talks about her hopes, dreams, the future of the planet and much more.

Also featured is the musical talent of Arnette Ward, president of Chandler-Gilbert Community College, who sings her heart out for you. The Anthology is not "for sale" but for a minimum contribution of \$25 to the AAWCC/LEADERS Foundation you will receive a CD or cassette celebrating the place where women's music and leadership comes from . . . the center of our hearts.

Contributions to the AAWCC/LEADERS Foundation provides scholarships for future leaders to attend LEADERS and helps support the efforts of AAWCC to represent women nationally. AAWCC members who help the Foundation by contributing \$25 will receive one copy of the Anthology and may obtain an additional copy for each additional \$25 donation. (It may take 4-6 weeks for delivery.)

Yes, Please accept my \$25 donation to support the AAWCC / LEADERS Foundation and the National Institute for Leadership Development (NILD)

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BOOK ON TAPE REVIEW

Eleanor Roosevelt Volume One 1884-1933

Read by the author: Blanche Wiesen Cook
Publisher: Dove Audio
Number of tapes: 4 tapes, approx. 8 hours



The audio Book, Eleanor Roosevelt, is a gripping insight into the most influential First Lady's public and private life. Eleanor Roosevelt faced many of the same barriers to self actualization that we do today. This may seem surprising since she came from an affluent family and was a niece to President Theodore Roosevelt.

This series of tapes covers an extensive span of time, but unfortunately ends many decades before her death. The author has not begun this book's sequel, and I know many are waiting with baited breath for its publication. The book discusses Eleanor's neglected and abused childhood, her subjugation by her mother-in-law, and her major depression during the beginning of her marriage to FDR. It also discusses her blooming into a model woman while attending private school, her evolving interest with women and politics, and her political partnership with her husband. Her concern for the poor was a great influence on FDR, and many of his outstanding social

reform acts were originally ideas that Eleanor shared with her husband. We know of FDR's extramarital affairs, but this book tastefully reveals the paramours of Eleanor's life.

This book on tape is highly recommended. The reading style of the author is captivating yet calm. This set of tapes will provide many hours of enjoyment during commute time. It also is a tape that can be listened to several times without becoming dull.

Review by Maureen Chalmers,
Northwestern Connecticut
Community-Technical College



American Association for Women in Community Colleges NATIONAL SURVEY

Your responses will help the National Board make AAWCC more responsive to your needs. Please take time to answer the questions and return them today. Your commitment to our organization is appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP

1. What organizational changes (if any) would make AAWCC stronger?

2. What needs does your local AAWCC chapter (if any) have which could be better met by:

a. your state AAWCC section? _____

b. your regional director? _____

c. national director? _____

3. What needs does your state AAWCC section (if any) have which could be better met by:

a. your regional director? _____

b. national AAWCC? _____

4. What personal/professional needs do you have which could be met by:

a. your state AAWCC section? _____

b. your regional director? _____

c. national director? _____

5. What would your recommendations be to increase faculty participation in AAWCC?

6. What would your recommendations be to increase support staff participation in AAWCC?

7. What would your recommendations be to increase student participation in AAWCC? _____

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COMMUNICATIONS

8. What kind of communications would you like to receive from:

- a. your state AAWCC section? _____
- _____
- b. your regional director? _____
- _____
- c. national AAWCC? _____
- _____

9. How can communication be enhanced between members and their chapters, sections, regions, and national AAWCC?

10. How can we help women involved in campus and state AAWCC organizations become more aware of the broader issues which are a high priority for national AAWCC?

11. What methods of communication are available to you through your college? (please check all that apply.)

- Conference calling
- FAX
- Hosting listserv lists
- Internet/e-mail
- Interactive video
- Satellite down-link
- Satellite up-link
- Virtual on-line conferencing
- World Wide Web site

12. Other comments? _____

Please fold survey in thirds, close with tape and mail no later than March 1, 1996.

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FISHER CANDIDATE FOR AACC BOARD

AAWCC members need to take action in order to ensure that AAWCC goals continue to have a voice at AACC Board meetings. For the past three years, AAWCC has been ably represented at AACC by Dr. **Leila Gonzalez Sullivan**, a previous AAWCC president. At its meeting in September, the AAWCC Board endorsed Dr. **Pamila Fisher**, immediate past president of AAWCC, to run for a seat on the AACC Board of Directors in the Council Representative category.

Only chief executive officers can vote on AACC Board candidates. The AAWCC Board urges AAWCC member CEOs to vote for Pam and also urges other members to speak in support of Pam to their CEO. The election ballot will be mailed to all AACC member institutions in mid February. There are seven candidates for two Council

Support Urged by AAWCC Board



(left to right) Dr. Jacquelyn Belcher, Dr. Martha Nesbitt, Dr. Pamila Fisher, Dr. Zerrie Campbell at the 1995 AAWCC Breakfast

Representative seats so active support is essential.

Pam Fisher was president of AAWCC from 1993-1995. Her term of office was notable for development of a strategic plan and for other new directions, such as including a trustee as an at-large member of the AAWCC board.

Many California community college women will cite Pam's role in founding and implementing the annual Asilomar leadership conferences. She has been honored by AAWCC as Woman of the Year, reflecting on her activism in many areas important to women such as welfare reform, affirmative action, and workforce development. She became Chancellor of the Yosemite Community College District in 1992 and is a graduate of one of the colleges in that district. Her energy, enthusiasm, and other activities in which she has served her state and community will be cited in her biography which will be sent to CEOs. According to Diana Cox, current AAWCC President, "We all must reach out to our colleagues and get out the vote for Pam Fisher. I urge you to advocate for her as she has advocated for you. She can be a voice for us on this prestigious board."

Panel on Equal Opportunity in Atlanta at AACC Annual Convention

If you, or others you know, are going to Atlanta in April, the AAWCC forum should be on your list of programs to attend. The program will explore the values and need of maintaining programs that create opportunities for women and minorities to excel as academic, cultural, business, and political leaders. The presenters will address the problems that foster inequality and social strife and propose

alternative solutions to the illusion of equity. Successful programs and strategies will be shared. Panelists are Dr. Eula Saxon Dean, Executive Dean at Verde Valley Campus of Yavapai College, AZ; Dr. Zerrie Campbell, President, Malcolm X College, IL; Dr. Pamila Fisher, Chancellor, Yosemite Community College District, CA; and Dr. Tessa Martinez Pollack, President, Glendale Community College, AZ.

Preconvention Workshops

AACC offers preconvention workshops which are longer than the forums and roundtables held during the convention. They will be held Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 and must be registered for by March 8. Topics include preparing for being a president, interviewing for the presidency, financial planning, work-based learning, and international education. For more specific information call Ansleigh Jones or Carrole Wolin at 202/728-0200 Ext. 261.

BOOK REVIEW



A Woman's Life: The Story of an Ordinary Woman and Her Extraordinary Generation
Susan Cheever, 1994

If you can relate to Woodstock, Kent State and *Dr. Zhivago* and remember the Age of Aquarius, *The Feminine Mystique*, and "Father Knows Best," then you will want to relive that generation in Susan Cheever's book.

We all know about the baby boomers and the rebelliousness and gentrification of their postwar generation. Little thought has been given to the way the women of our generation—the female "boomers"—have had to reshape their lives according to continually changing

conditions. These women were raised and educated by a generation who believed—with plenty of evidence—that marriage was the solution to their problems. Now, because of the divorce rate and increased life expectancy, most of them will be married less than half of their adult lives.

They were taught that a woman's work was her household, husband, and children. Now, more than 80 percent of women with school-aged children have full-time jobs. They have had to find another way to support themselves and their children in a world where the image of an ideal wife and mother is still a woman stays home. They are the women who do the jobs their fathers did at work—and the job their mothers did at home.

These women are our modern heroes. This is a book about them told through the biography of one

ordinary, brave woman. In the myriad details of her life is the collective experience of our generation.

Introduction—Susan Cheever

The author found the representative woman whom she follows from birth to present day. Through this life story, the supportive kernels are those evoked from noted professionals: William Carlos Williams who immortalized "Passaic, NT" where much of the story takes place; Philippe Aries: *Century of Childhood*; Arlie Hochschild: *The Second Shift*; Carol Gilligan: *In a Different Voice* and *Making Connections*; Phyllis Rose: *Parallel Lives*; Phyllis Chesler: *Woman and Madness and Sisterhood Is Powerful*; and Robert and Jane Coles: *Women of Crisis*.

Diana Cox
Amarillo College, Texas

AAWCC /Leaders at AACC	Watch for a separate mailing
<u>Leaders Reception: Sunday, April 14</u> 6:30-8:30 PM Research Library of African American Culture & History	<u>AAWCC breakfast: Monday, April 15</u> Dr. Jacquelyn Belcher, speaker Model Program, Woman & President of the Year Awards
	<u>AAWCC Forum</u> (see page 11)

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