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Jackie was a pioneer in Antarctic history and known as “Antarctica’s First Lady,” also the title of her book. At

the last minute, she went along with her husband, Captain Finn Ronne, on his private expedition to the Antarctic. On the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition of 1946-1948, she became the first American woman to set foot in Antarctica, and with the wife of the expedition's chief pilot, became the first women to overwinter in Antarctica. She was the expedition's recorder/historian. They spent 15 months together with 21 other members of the expedition in a small station they had set up on Stonington Island in Marguerite Bay.

She is the namesake of the Ronne Ice Shelf, (second largest on Earth) which was previously called Edith Ronne Land. Her husband, Finn, who discovered and mapped that previously unknown territory during his Expedition, named it in her honor. Jackie returned several times to

Antarctica, including on a Navy-sponsored flight to the South Pole in 1971 (she was the seventh woman at the pole), a 1995 trip back to her former base at Stonington Island as guest lecturer on the expedition cruise ship Explorer, and continued lecturing on cruises for a number of years. She made a total of 15 trips to the Antarctic. She also made a trip to Spitzbergen in the Arctic with her husband Finn, daughter Karen, and nephew Jahn.

She was President of SWG from 1978 to 1981, and during her term, she reached out to members, establishing the Florida Group and the New England Group, now known as the Northeast Region of the At-large Group. In 2002, she was awarded the SWG Outstanding Achievement Award for “a lifetime of living on, studying about, lecturing on, and writing about the continent of Antarctica.”

Jackie was a fellow of The Explorers Club, an honorary board member of The Antarctic Society as well as The American Polar Society, and active in other organizations, including The National Society of

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Enjoying Our NOW

By Marty Talbot



The leaves of spring have turned to the darker greens of summer – all a constant reminder that time is passing, and we

should cherish and enjoy our NOW.

All of SWG feels the loss of **Jackie Ronne** who was an SWG President and a long time participant and advisor at the Council meetings as well as venerable Triennial attendee. She had many friends all over the world, and we all send our sincerest condolences to her daughter Karen Tupek and family.

Our last Council Meeting on May 9th was devoted solely to updating the SWG Constitution to conform with current laws and procedures, including issues of indemnity of members and use of conference calls for Council members’ attendance and voting. These issues have been sent to the voting membership for approval. Please read and return your ballot.

A great big WELCOME to our illustrious new members. Read about them in the NEW MEMBERS section of this issue.

Have a wonderful, adventurous summer and fall and keep healthy,

Marty Talbot, President

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(Those members in the US who are not affiliated with urban Groups in NY, DC, CH, FL, SF-BAY, S CA)

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NORTHEAST REGION

(CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VT)
Reporter **Karen Morin** (PA)
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- **Barbara Goodbody** (ME) continues to be active with the Folk Arts Rajasthan organization and Merasi School in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, India. As a photographer, she is involved in the renaissance of the Maine Photographic Workshops, a non-profit organization based in Rockport, ME, now known as the "Maine Media Workshops." Her latest project is collaborative with Maine's Unity College, Maryland artist Greg Mort and the "Circle of Blue", to encourage Art as an expression of stewardship of the earth and our environment.
- **Janet Williams** (NH) is an ornithologist who retired as a research biologist from the Biology Department of Swarthmore College in 2002. For forty years she and her husband Timothy, a retired Swarthmore Professor of Biology, worked together studying the homing behavior of bats on Trinidad and Texas, and then studying the migrations of land birds over the oceans of the world. Using radar they made observations from islands and ships, as well as from mainland stations. Janet and Tim taught courses together and published numerous scientific papers together. Among their co-taught courses was Ornithology, and Janet taught Field Ornithology and catalogued the College's extensive bird collection.
- **Ann Sayre Wiseman** (MA) was a speaker on "Recurring Dreams and

Their Messages" at the Chicago Conference for the International Association for the Study of Dreams, in June 2009, and at the Lesley University (Camb.) Conference for the International Expressive Art Therapy Association in August 2009. Ann is writing her life adventure stories and a children's book about Brazilian pioneer aviator Santos Dumont, the "Father of Flight."

- **Claudia Asch** (NY), the 2007-2008 recipient of the SWG Pruitt Dissertation Research Grant, continues to work on her dissertation, tentatively titled "A Tale of Three Cities: An Evaluation of Urban World Heritage Management in Mexico." Her research documents the changes effectuated in three Mexican historic centers since being designated as UNESCO sites, and how the World Heritage "Brand" is used to attract tourism. She argues that tourism, as well as the World Heritage designation and "patrimony" more generally are used by the Mexican government to consolidate Mexican nationalism, while at the local scale, the meaning, understanding conceptualization of "World Heritage" remains vague, at best. Claudia is also teaching an advanced undergraduate course, "Latin American Development", as she prepares a chapter of her research on Guanajuato, Mexico, she is also planning to present some of her research at the August, 2009, RGS-IBG conference in Manchester, England.

SOUTH REGION

(AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, NC, SC, TN)
Reporter **Michal LeVasseur** (AL),
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- This was **Martha Sharma's** (SC) 19th year as judge at the national finals of the National Geographic Bee, a competition for students in grades 4-8, held in Washington, DC each May. In mid-July she will

travel to Mexico City where she will be a judge at National Geographic's World Championship, a competition held every other year for teams of students representing countries from around the world.

- President **Marty Talbot** met with **Betty Kaynor** (GA) in Savannah when she and her husband Lee and their crew came for the classic car races in April — where Lee won first in his division and second overall.

MIDWEST REGION

(IL, IO, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
Reporter **Dorothy Drummond** (IN)
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- **Dorothy Drummond** returned home to Terre Haute, IN, in late June after three rewarding trips: to Las Vegas for the AAG meeting and a gorgeous side-trip to Death Valley; to the Baltic region, traveling by bus from Copenhagen through Northern Germany and Poland into Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, crossing the Baltic to Helsinki and Stockholm; and to Williamsburg for a renewal with American foundations. Dorothy is leading a group of educators to central southern Chile for two weeks beginning September 11. Details are on her website, www.dorothydrummond.com/tours
- **E. Joan Miller** (IL) retired from teaching at Illinois State University and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the College of Arts and Sciences. She is working on the second part of her memoirs which covers the decade 1947-1957 in London, England.
- **Sara Beth Keough** (MI), who teaches at Saginaw State University, MI, is studying the role of media (specifically radio and print media) in the migration of Newfoundlanders to Ft. McMurray in Alberta, Canada. She has had manuscripts accepted by the *Journal of Cultural Geography* and *the Journal of Media*

Geography, and she has contributed a chapter to Bell and Johansen's forthcoming book Towards a New Geography of Music. She attended the AAG meeting in Las Vegas in March. She plans trips backpacking in Wyoming and, in December, to visit the Hausa communities in Niger.

INTERIOR WEST REGION

(CO, KS, NM, OK, TX)

Reporter **Ellen Hansen** (KS)

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- **Ellen Hansen** writes that she will teach a course called "People and Cultures of Asia" this summer at Dankook University in Korea, as part of the Dankook's International Summer Program. She will travel to Korea with five students from Emporia State University, where she is Chair of the Department of Social Sciences and Associate Professor of Geography.
- **Susan Planck** (CO) has been chosen by the Geographic Education National Implementation Project (GENIP) Steering Committee to join the committee reviewing the draft content of the second edition of Geography For Life, specifically focusing on revising content standard for the state of Colorado. The committee will review the content of each of the 18 standards by theme and across grade levels for Colorado Schools.

PACIFIC WEST REGION

(AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, OR, WA)

Reporter **Jan Monk** (AZ)

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- **Margaret Fuller** (ID) reports that five Idaho members met at a central location for lunch on Saturday, May 2, in Marsing, at the Sandbar Restaurant. Across the river they could see the lava lizard of Lizard Butte through new, pale green cottonwood leaves. The luncheon was held to introduce **Megan Dixon**, of Caldwell. Others attending were **Evelyne Pickett** of Riggins,

Barbara Ertter, of Boise and U.C. Berkeley, and **Margaret Fuller** and **Betty Derig** of Weiser. The group so much enjoyed learning about each other's projects, they decided to get together each spring and fall from now on. At the fall meeting on October 24 Barbara Ertter will give a presentation on her experiences in Iran. Each of the five plans to bring a prospective member to that meeting.



From left to right: Barbara Ertter, Betty Derig, Margaret Fuller, Megan Dixon, Evelyne Pickett.

- **Joanruth Baumann** (WA) has been working very hard on raising funds to put in a clean water system in Kunya Village, Kenya, (not far from Obama's village). She expects to break ground on the project by fall on the first phase- pumping up from Lake Victoria to area spigots, but must wait until funding is complete after treating water for potability. She has raised \$34,000 of the needed \$50,000, so far, and \$4,000 in scholarships for girls in the village to go to secondary school. She hopes to find sponsors for at least one girl each year for her whole four years.

Joanruth plans to spend September in the Balkans, riding buses through the region with her daughter Lindsey. She would break the 100 country mark on this trip!

- **Wei Li** (AZ) is continuing her research and writing on issues related to international immigration. Among her recent projects is a study of financial institutions and immigration in Canada and the US, for which she has a Canadian Studies Research Grant from the Canadian Embassy. Her book,

Ethnoburb: The New Ethnic Community in Urban America was published by the University of Hawaii Press (2009), and she also has a recent co-authored book chapter "Chinese Week: Building Chinese American community through festivity in Metropolitan Phoenix" in Huping Ling ed. Asian America: Forming New Communities, Expanding Boundaries NJ; Rutgers Press (2009). Wei is also serving as a member of the Census Advisory Committee on the Asian Population, Race and Ethnic Advisory Committees (REAC), U.S. Census Bureau as it plans for the 2010 US Census.

- Two members have moved to the region: **Bente Littlewood**, from the Washington, DC Group, to San Marcos, CA.; and student member **Robin Lewis**, to the University of Arizona, who is in Malaysia on field research for her PhD.
- **Karen Hunt** and **Michele Westmorland** (WA) are continuing to prepare a documentary on their expedition to Papua, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Go to their website for information and a great video on their project. www.headbuntrevisited.com.



CORRESPONDING NEWS

(Members living outside the US in 26 countries. This makes SWG an international organization)

- **Ruth Kark** (Israel), Professor in the Department of Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has published, among many other

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“Washington Never More” features the beautiful watercolors by Lily Spandorf (1915-2000) of no-longer extant Washington, DC, landmarks. Lily’s interpretation of the individuality and beauty of places became a form of historical documentation as she captured the essence of many old buildings which were torn down. Lily’s traditional style set her apart and made her a unique contributor to the Washington art scene. She was a long time member of the DC Group. One of her paintings is on the cover of the spring issue of the Historical Society’s magazine.



The exhibit will be on view until August 23, 2009 at the Historical Society of Washington, 801 K Street NW.

SWG Members Attend AAG Meeting in Las Vegas

They enjoyed an evening reception for SWG attendees Wednesday, March 25th. Present were: **Kim**

Crews, Trudy Suchan, Silva Meybatyan, (DC); Mary Lynne Bird (NY); Judith Tyner, Barbara Gleghorn, Scotty Wuerker, Lilia Illes(S CA); Sara McLafferty (CH), Dorothy Drummond, Megan Dixon, Ellen Hansen, Sya Buryn Kedzior, Sarah Beth Keough, Sara Smith, Erika Wise, Jan Monk (At-Large); Lan-Hung Nora Chiang (Active Corres). Also present were guests: Chris Drake, Carol Campbell, Diana Casey, Theresa Thompson, and Jia Lu.

During the evening, members introduced themselves and discussed their roles in SWG, current projects, and aspirations. Many of the Fellows and former Fellows thanked SWG for the Fellowship and described how the Fellowships were essential to helping them meet their career goals.

SWG plans to host a reception at SWG HQ during the 2010 AAG conference scheduled for April 14-18, 2010, in Washington, DC.

SWG Backstory Stories of Our Foremothers

The second *BACKSTORY* organized by **Ann Hawthorne** and **Megan Rosenfeld** was held at HQ on April 11, and featured the adventures of former presidents **Elizabeth Olds, Carolyn Patterson, and Mary Vance Trent**, as told by San Francisco member **Joanna Biggar**.

in Hong King. Before moving to Washington, DC, in the early 70’s, she also taught English in Bangladesh and Ghana. At 66, Doris embarked on her career as a biographer; her published works include *Amelia Earhart: A Biography* and *Queen Bess: Daredevil Aviator*.

Her life was chronicled in the first *SWG BACKSTORY* presented at HQ by **Megan Rosenfeld** and **Ann Hawthorne**.

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books, *Jewish Women* and has co-authored a publication on “Independence and Entrepreneurship among Arab Muslim Rural and Bedouin Women in Israel.”

This study was based on 19 semi-structured interviews and dealt with both the Islamic and civil law relating to real-estate, as well as the importance of education in empowerment and entrepreneurial activity of the women.

AAG awards to SWG Pruitt Fellows

At the March meeting of the Association of American Geographers **Sara Smith** received the Best Student paper award from the Asia Specialty Group for her dissertation on gender, religious politics and women’s child-bearing in Jannu/Kashmir, India. She will begin as Assistant Professor of Geography at University of North Carolina.

Erika Wise was awarded the Best Student Paper from the Climate Specialty Group for her research on paleoclimatic changes in the Rocky Mountains. She was elected as Junior Scholar member of the Specialty Group’s Board. Erika is beginning as Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Iowa in the fall.

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Arts and Letters and ARCS. She received a special Congressional Medal for American Antarctic Exploration. She was the recipient of a special Achievement Award from Columbian College of George Washington University and dedicated a Polar Section to the National Naval Museum.

A complete biography of Jackie, Finn, the Ronne family and their many travels can be found on Karen’s website www.ronneexplorers.com.

In Memoriam

Doris Rich, 1921-2009



Born in Saginaw, MI, Doris lived for many years in Asia, where she started as a Red Cross field assistant for the U.S. Army in Korea.

From 1949 through 1967, she was a freelance journalist-photographer

Lang-Hung Nora Chiang
(Active Corresponding- Taiwan)

Nora is Professor of Geography at National Taiwan University, as well as Associate Dean in the College of Science in that University.

She received her B.A. from the University of Hong Kong, her M.A. in geography from Indiana University, and her Ph.D. in geography from the University of Hawaii.

She was also, in 2006, a BRCS Visiting Scholar with a Seriously Asia Award from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In 2005, she received a Faculty Research Award, International Council for Canadian Studies (York University, Toronto). In previous years she also received a Visiting Fellowship from the National Science Council, R.O.C., and an Excellence in Research Award at the 10th Pacific Science Inter-Congress.

In 1998, she was granted a visiting fellowship from the National Science Council, R.O.C., to the East Asian Research Institute at Harvard University.

Her recent research has been published in many well-recognized international journals and books on the subjects of transnational migration, feminist geography, sustainable tourism. Her research focuses on women and gender.

She was founding Director of the Population and Gender Studies Center at National Taiwan University and, in 2007, hosted a well attended conference of the IGU Commission of Gender and Geography held in Taiwan.

Julie A. Eadeh (Active-DC) has been a foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State for six years, serving in some of the most demanding and dangerous posts, including Saudi Arabia, Jerusalem, Lebanon (during the 2006 war), and Iraq.

She has been honored as a Presidential Management Fellow, with the State Department Franklin Award, and for four years, with State Department Superior Honor Awards. In 2008 she was American Foreign Service Association Post Representative of the year in Bagdad.

She received a B.S. in history from Eastern Michigan University and an M.A. in Arab Studies and Political Science from Georgetown University.

She was an intern at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center in 1999.

She has served as Foreign Affairs Officer in the US Embassy in Riyadh, Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy Beirut, and as Economic Officer in the US Consulate General in Jerusalem, and recently as Assistant Information Officer in the US Embassy, Baghdad.

She published chapters in the *Encyclopedia of World History-The Contemporary World, 1950 To the Present* on the subjects of Wahabism, the King-Crane Commission, King Abdul Aziz, and the United Arab Emirates.

She speaks Arabic, French and Spanish.

Kaitilin Griffin (Active, NY) is the Park's Librarian in the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

She received a B.A. From Columbia University in Comparative Literature, and an M.A. from the University of Toronto in Medieval Studies.

Previously, she was Project Manager for Parklands (Parkland Acquisition and Jurisdiction) and Environmental Assessment Coordinator at the Parklands Division, Dept. Of Parks and Recreation. She was also a Library Assistant, Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, NY.

She has been a student of landscape and botanical illustration and has a Certificate in Botanical Illustration from the NY Botanical Garden

School, as well as a Merit Scholarship from the Art Students League. She has several Certificates from the NY Botanic Garden in training in gardening.

She has participated in archeological exploration in Egypt, Turkey, Spain and Central America. She has made various trips to study architecture and botanical and landscape subjects in Italy, Scotland, Wales and England.

Her paintings have been exhibited at the Riverside Cafe in Toronto, Ontario, and at the Annex Art Centre, also in Toronto, Ontario.

Lisa Alice Howell (Student- UK) is in Tomlinscote School and Sixth Form College- A Levels.

Lisa is interested in nature conservation and plans to study geography in university in the UK. She participated in a research project about the reintroduction of wild horses in the UK. She was involved in all phases of the project work, including background research, field questionnaire, field work and data analysis. The video that was filmed of this project will be used by Nuffield in school education programs in how to conduct a research project.

Shkulla Khpal (Student- UK) is a candidate for a BSc (2010) in Royal Holloway, University of London.

She came from Afghanistan and is interested in how political systems help or hinder development. She hopes to do a Ph.D. related to the politics of Afghanistan and Central Asia.

Robin Anne Lewis (student- At-Large AZ) is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Geography with a minor in Global Change (in 2010) at the University of Arizona. She previously received her B.A. and M.A. in Geography and a

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B.S. in Botany from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

She has received two Fulbright awards, a Fellowship, sponsored by the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange and U.S. Dept. Of State, and a Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Grant, Consortium for Teaching Indonesian and Malay-Advanced Indonesian Abroad Program, Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, Salatiga Indonesia.

Robin has also received a Pre-Doc Graduate Research Grant from the Social and Behavioral Research Institute and several Graduate Student Travel Awards from the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth and from the Professional Student Council, the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers and from the Department of Geography and Regional Development, University of Arizona.

She has been Teaching Assistant/Grader in the Department of Geography and Regional Development at the University of Arizona. For several years she has been a Student Member of the AAG and the Ecological Society of America.

She has advanced proficiency in the Indonesian language from study in the University, as well as beginning proficiency in Malaysian from self-guided study. She also is proficient in Spanish.

Audrey Meredith Mohan (Student-TX) is a Ph.D. Research Assistant for the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education in the Department of Geography Education at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. She will complete her degree in Geographic Education in 2009, with a dissertation that explores teacher efficacy in geography teacher education and training. She is working on developing a national, K-12 and post-secondary geography education, geography teacher preparation and efficacy, environmental education, and informal geography education. She

has also worked on educational policy initiatives as the Grosvenor Scholar for National Geographic Society, and has worked on the geography curriculum development for the states of Texas and California.

Audrey has had teaching experience at the university level in quantitative methods, and introductory regional geography for college freshmen or beginning geography majors, at Texas State University.

She has published various refereed papers on geography education from conference proceedings. She has also co-authored several books and book chapters on geography education curriculum and made many presentations at workshops and meetings in many U.S. cities, Tunisia and Australia.

Rong (Tracy) Zheng (Student- UK) is a Ph.D. student at Royal Holloway University of London, concentrating on water use in Beijing and Chongqing. She received a M.Sc. with distinction from that Royal Holloway University and a B.A. From Sichuan International Studies University in China.

She plans to return to China to work in an academic department where she can continue to do research as well as teach.

She speaks English, German and her native Chinese.

Annalise Gomersal Blum (Student-CA) is studying at Stanford University and expects to graduate in June 2010 with a BS in Environmental Engineering. She spent summer, 2008, helping with research on water and sanitation in Tanzania, and is also conducting her own research project on this topic in Ecuador this summer. Annalise is interested in working on international development and public health in the future.

SWG TRIENNIAL

**May 19 to May 22, 2011
Boulder, Colorado, USA**

Sallie Greenwood is Chair of the event. Salliegreenwood@aol.com.

We will stay at the Millennium Harvest House Hotel, overlooking the unique beauty of the Rocky Mountains. The hotel sits gracefully upon 16 beautifully landscaped acres and is just 100 yards from the University of Colorado, steps from downtown Boulder and 40 minutes from Denver International Airport. The rates for SWG will be the same for the days of May 18- 24, for those members who wish to extend their trip.

CHICAGO

Ellen Steinberg (VP)

In October 2008, **Carol Meyer** worked at the site of Tell Hamoukar in NE Syria, a joint project of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and Syrian Antiquities Department. Tell Hamoukar is famous for evidence of very early warfare, but it also has a long history (or prehistory) of occupation from the 5th millennium BC to the present. Carol was analyzing stone artifacts to determine usage and trade connections over the millennia.

FLORIDA

Georgia Tasker (VP)

Georgia arranged a tour of the American Orchid Society in Delray on May 24th. The members each brought a dish to share in the picnic area and, afterward were given a guided tour of the grounds and inside the greenhouse to see the remarkable collection of orchids.



From left to right: guest, Gypsy Graves, Donita Enright, Sawsan Khuri, Linda LaRocca, Marilyn Van Valkenburg, Sandy Schultz, Emily Rushin, VP Georgia Tasker, Rosemarie Twinam, guest, and former VP Susanne Kayyali.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

• **Judith Justice** will be reporting for the Bay Area Group. She can be contacted at 85 Fairlawn Drive, Berkeley, CA 94708
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• **Glenda Humiston** received her Ph.D. in Environmental Science,

Policy and Management from the UC Berkeley. The title of her dissertation is “Sustainable Agriculture as S.S. Farm Policy: Opportunities and Threats to Reform.”

• **Arlene Blum**, (Gold Medal 1984) writes

“The City of Berkeley Commission on the Status of Women honored me with an Outstanding Woman of Berkeley Award on April 1, 2009. The best part for me was the speech by my Berkeley Ph.D advisor, Nacho Tinoco, who had nominated me. I had worried that my career path disappointed him, and it was a huge happy surprise to hear him speak of my contributions to science and the world.

For its 100th anniversary, Reed College, where I went to college, is preparing a Reed Festschrift volume of essays with a contribution from one alumna or alumnus from each department. To my amazement, they chose me to represent the Reed Chemistry Department.

I recently learned that I had been honored during National Women’s History Month as a “Woman Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet,” along with others such as Lois Gibbs, Helen Caldicott, and Hilary Clinton.”

• SWG President **Marty Talbot** met with San Francisco Bay Area members in Berkeley CA on March 5th.



From left to right: Arlene Blum, Sandra Nichols, Marty Talbot, Laura Nader, Susan Ervin-Tripp



From left to right; Zeezee Mott, Laurence Talbot, Anita Pearson

Marty is traveling in Europe this July and on her return will be climbing and hiking in the Sierras in California. She plans to meet with members in Albuquerque before returning home to Washington, DC.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ray Sumner (VP)

A meeting was held November 23, 2008, for the group to visit Rock Currier’s Jewel Tunnel. Some of the members met with At-Large members and **Kim Crews** at the AAG meeting in Las Vegas in March. Ray Sumner took her students to the California Geographical Society meeting in Solvang in May. Ray is traveling to Easter Island with a NSF-funded group from California State University Long Beach, followed by leave in Australia for the remainder of the year.

We hope to have a meeting with new scholarship recipients and old friends in January. Suggestions for venues are always welcomed. Please contact rsumner@lbcc.edu.



Left to right: Julienne Gard, (guest) Christy Brenner, Sharon, (guest), Ray Sumner (VP)

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Deadline for the next newsletter is October 31, 2009.

GROUP NEWS

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WASHINGTON DC

Elizabeth Brownstein (VP)

At HQ, on April 4, Elizabeth introduced two SWG Fellowship Awardees, **Kate Driscoll Derickson** and **Jessica Hayes-Conroy**. They shared their research designs and findings as part of the program dedicated to exploring the work of the outstanding young scholars benefiting from the Society's fellowships.

Kate's research focuses on the built environment of the city, and the extent to which changes in waterfront revitalization, highway construction, and other types of redevelopment since WWII reflect the shift from Keynesian economic policies to intensified free market and trade policies and "the devolution of responsibility for social well being from the national scale to the local scale."

Jessica's research seeks to understand how to structure effective nutrition programs in schools that differ

widely in their social environments, based on her stays in two communities, one in rural Nova Scotia, the other in Berkeley, CA, taking into account race, class and gender.

On May 16th the Group took a pontoon boat trip down the Anacostia River, that historic but blighted waterway, with Jim Connolly, Executive Director of the Anacostia Watershed Society. Elizabeth reports that the Society is now a member of Cultural Tourism DC, which on May 2nd sponsored the second annual Passport DC embassy showcase, an event at which various embassies open their doors to allow visitors to experience their respective music, dance, crafts and cuisine.

Pamela Henson, director of the Smithsonian's Institutional History Division, was the keynote speaker at the Sixth Annual Dinner of the Capitol Area Chapter of The Theodore Roosevelt Association held on April 18, 2009. She spoke in detail about TR's 1909-1910 safari, putting it in context with his relationship with the Smithsonian.