

AAFSW Announces New Award:

The Secretary of State Pin for Outstanding Volunteerism

Foreign Service Day 1991 will mark the first annual presentation of awards under a new program—the Secretary of State Pin for Outstanding Volunteerism. Five awards will be given annually, one for each geographic bureau.

The program builds upon the post awards program. Many posts already have an awards program which recognizes volunteer activities; other posts do not have a program for this type of award. Our purpose is to encourage every post to recognize the exemplary volunteer work being done.

After post awards are given (in March), posts may nominate one candidate from among the award winners to be post candi-

dates for the Secretary's pin. Nominations will be sent to AAFSW. Our panel will read all nominations and narrow the field. A group of nominations will then go to a panel with one member each from the relevant geographic bureau, AAFSW, FLO and OBC. This panel will narrow the candidates to two or three, sending those names on to the office of the Secretary of State where final selection will be made. The announcement of the five winners (one from each geographic bureau) will be made as part of Foreign Service Day.

AAFSW is very excited about these awards and wishes to thank Susan Baker, our honorary president, for her desire to recognize volunteers. Mrs. Baker ensured our proposal was seen in a timely manner by the proper departments. We also wish to thank the Director General, Edward Perkins and his staff, the Under Secretary for Management, Ivan Selin, and Secretary Baker for their enthusiastic support.

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ART gives Encore at Boys and Girls Club



Boys and girls at Eastern Branch respond to questions at ART reading.

On Saturday, November 17, members of ART (Authors' Round Table) gave an encore of poetry and story readings at the Eastern Branch Boys and Girls' Club in SE Washington. About 25 children gathered to hear readings by Rosalie Dangelo, Kathleen Doherty, Lee Leonhardy, Ingeborg Miller, and Cindy Saboe. The authors illustrated their readings with "props" including teddy bears, maps, and taupe-colored

squash (well, you had to be there). The boys and girls willingly participated in questions and answers about the stories, and although they were a little shy to tell or read stories of their own, they promised to do so on a future occasion. ART hopes to visit the Club again, not only to entertain the children, but also to promote their literacy skills through friendly participation and encouragement.

New Date for Exciting January Program

Susan King, WJLA News Anchor, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, January 15. Ms. King will give her assessment of the Bush administration mid-way through its first term. See page 7 for details.

Please note the change of day for the January program. It will be held on Tuesday, January 15th.

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