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ALA'S DIARY CONTINUES AS ALUMNI PROJECT



Last year the Alumni Board, on behalf of TWR, presented three projects for consideration as an alumni project. The one receiving the most votes was *Ala's Diary*, a youth program aired weekly in Arabic throughout the Middle East. It appeals to the younger generation through drama, which combines dialogue and music in a modern, attractive way. The drama begins with a problem, presents the cause and its effects and then suggests solutions. Challenges faced by young people are presented — puberty, love, anger and more — all from a biblical perspective. The program has been well-received and has generated a number of letters and emails. We have decided to continue with this project in hopes that more of our alumni will

participate. We want to help make a difference for young people in the Middle East. Please note that alumni gifts to this project will be matched by TWR for our Alumni Fund.

REGIONAL ALUMNI REUNIONS

There has been some interest in having regional alumni reunions. Renata Nachtigall gave us a good taste of how much fun it could be by arranging for a Bonaire reunion at the TWR-Cary Lodge in October, in honor of the visit of Udo and Bernie Lusse. As many as 80 people attended, not only from the Cary area, but from South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and other states as well. Thanks, Renata, for bringing us together. Readers, now it is your turn. Sadly, our anticipated reunion in Arizona last August was cancelled after several people were unable to attend at the last minute. We thank Stan and Karen Hustad for their efforts and willingness to host the event.

Skip and Joan Britton are tentatively planning a reunion in Crossville, TN, for this spring. If you are interested, please contact them so they can begin to make arrangements. Their email address is skipbritton@earthlink.net. Please suggest possible dates that you would be available to attend.

THE TWR ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

The TWR Alumni Advisory Board met in October 2007. Those present were Skip and Joan Britton, Duane and Millie Gow, Rodger Groff, Denny and Pat Hogan, Rob and Linda Lincoln, Denny and Susie Milgate, Jeanne Olson, and Chuck and Barb Roswell. Unable to attend were John and Ann Polloni and Art and Karin Thompson. Duane and Millie Gow and Chuck and Barb Roswell have now completed their terms and have left the board. Replacing them are Rich and Maggie Fuller (who were unable to attend the meetings) and Denny and Pat Hogan. We welcome these couples, and you can read more about them on the next page. Here are some highlights of our meetings and discussions:

1. It has been difficult to get responses from the alumni worldwide to vote on an issue presented. Therefore, the board voted that the alumni are eligible to nominate new board members or to offer suggestions, but the board will make final decisions.
2. Joan Britton was re-elected as chairperson. She will also be the editor for *The Connection*. The board also voted to contribute \$360 to Skip and Joan Britton, to allow them to upgrade their email service.
3. In 2006, the alumni contributed enough to carry over \$2,000 for the expenses in 2007. Our giving in 2007 to the Alumni Fund has not been encouraging. Why do we need money? The funds cover the expenses for printing and mailing *The Connection*. Now that we are sending most issues by email, the costs are much less. The expenses of the yearly board meetings are also included in our costs. TWR has agreed to match up to \$2,000 each year for the TWR Alumni. In 2008 we are planning to publish a new Alumni Directory, which will necessitate production and mailing expenses.
4. *The Connection* will be published three times a year: spring, late summer and late fall. Denny and Susie Milgate are regular assistants and contributors. We are also looking forward to assistance from Rich and Maggie Fuller.
5. Millie Gow has volunteered to send out various cards to alumni for the appropriate events, such as illness, sympathy, and congratulations. Please contact her if you know of someone who should receive a card and has not been mentioned on TWR.net.
6. The board members have lists of alumni and will be contacting many of you to make sure that your contact info is correct before we publish the new directory. Please help us by notifying Jeanne Olson or Denny Milgate if your contact information has changed since 2006. Also, tell them if you have not previously been included in the directory.
7. Rob Lincoln is in charge of our alumni website. In the future, you will find information from *The Connection* repeated on the website, as well as photos and additional information not found in the newsletter. Some of our alumni prefer not to download photos with the e-newsletter, so we are limiting the use of photos in *The Connection* and putting more on the website. We can send you a text-only version of *The Connection* by request. Please contact Denny Milgate if you would prefer a text-only version.

AT LEAST THREE GENERATIONS WITH TWR

At our Alumni Advisory Board meetings we realized that we have families in which there have been or are three generations of TWR workers. Below is the list of those we discovered, but tell us about any others you know.

Dr. Ralph Freed (Mildred) — Dr. Paul Freed and Betty Jane — Jim Freed & Steven Freed
Mrs. Mildred Hogan — Denny and Pat Hogan — Pam Hogan Daniels
Bill and Joan Mial — Sondra and Brad Swanson — Richard Swanson
Duane and Millie Gow — Terry and Tony Tangeman — Benjamin Tangeman
Ole and Ellen Haaland — Joan and Skip Britton — Doug Britton



YOUR NEW TWR ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS

Rich and Maggie Fuller

Rich and Maggie served with TWR for just over 12 years. Rich was in the technical department on Guam for eight years, developing computer skills as well as doing transmitter and studio work. They then transferred to Bonaire, where Rich served as field director for four and a half years. Maggie began working with Project Hannah's *Women of Hope* program when it first started in Guam in 1997. The team of women from Guam were the original writers and voices for *Women of Hope* in English. Maggie was its first host and producer. She continued writing for the program on Bonaire and also served with MemCare by Radio for about three years, also hosting the weekly English programs aired from 800 AM in the Caribbean. Rich and Maggie have two daughters, Elisa and Erica. Elisa graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University in April 2005 with a B.A. in Musical Theater. Erica graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University in April 2007 with a B.A. in Communications. Rich and Maggie live in New Jersey and are actively starting a Christian fellowship there. They are members of Southwood Baptist Church in Woodbury, NJ. Maggie is nursery school director for the church, while Rich is a systems administrator at a local bank.

If you would like to keep in touch with Rich and Maggie, their address is 36 Blanchard Dr., Deptford, NJ 08096, and their phone number is (609) 647-5032.

Denny and Pat Hogan

Denny and Pat began service with TWR on Bonaire in 1966. For 19 years, Denny was in charge of antennas and towers. In the 1970s, Denny went to Sri Lanka four different times for TWR. The first two visits were to change guy wires and a base insulator. Even after retirement in 1986 Denny continued to keep up with TWR work, and five years ago returned to Bonaire to help build two new towers. For the last 15 years Denny has been working with a friend in his construction company, hiring and overseeing subcontractors and supervising the job onsite. Pat has worked with Mid-East Ohio Regional Council for 11 years as a fiscal specialist.

Pat and Denny work in 18 Ohio counties to help individuals with disabilities achieve as much independence as possible. They attend the First Church of the Nazarene and help support several missionaries and organizations. Their daughters Pam and Renee are both married. Pam is an OB nurse in Ohio, and she and her husband Doug have two grown sons, Matthew and Nathan. Renee and her husband Robert have a son, Jonathan, and live in Concord, VA.

If you would like to keep in touch with Denny and Pat, their address is 132 Jonathan Dr., Howard, OH 43028. Their phone number is (740) 392-7017 and their email address is phogan02471@roadrunner.com.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: PAMELA DANIELS

Pamela Daniels, born Pamela Hogan, became a TWR MK in 1967 when her parents were stationed on Bonaire. She graduated from Bonaire Mavo in 1976, going on to graduate from high school in Indiana two years later, and then to attend Taylor University for one year. While attending Biola University as a nursing student, Pam had a unique opportunity: Because she had learned Dutch during her Antillean education, Pam had the privilege of caring for Corrie ten Boom. After graduating, Pam married Doug Daniels. They have two sons, Matthew (20) and Nathan (19). Pam was chairwoman of the local Christian Women's Organization until its closure. She now serves on the board of the Christian Start Academy where the boys attended through 10th grade. Matthew is in his second year at Dordt College in Iowa, majoring in agriculture. Nathan is in his first year at Malone College in Ohio, studying business. Pam works full time as a nurse in the OB department, caring for mothers with new babies. They live on the family's organic dairy farm. The milk from the grass-fed cows is processed into various flavors of cheese and sold primarily at farmers' markets in the area. Doug keeps the cheese business going while the boys have a separate organic hay-baling business where they own their equipment and keep their customers supplied with organic hay requests.

Know an MK? Tell us about them. Send their story to Joan Britton by email to skipbritton@earthlink.net. To read more about Pam Daniels, visit our alumni website.



IN LOVING MEMORY

NORAH FREED

(March 23, 1906-September 22, 2007)

Norah served as a missionary for 76 years, from 1964 to 1995. She began her ministry in Morocco where she served as a hospital nurse, a midwife and a translator. In 1960 she married Dr. Ralph Freed, general director of Trans World Radio, who was living in Monaco. In 1964, Norah became the host of TWR's program *Woman to Woman* and produced 1,682 episodes. Three books were published based on her radio talks. Norah went to be with the Lord she loved and served at the age of 101, in the town of Belfast, Northern Ireland, where she spent the last years of her earthly life. She is survived by step-daughter Ruth Freed Armstrong, and Betty Jane Freed, widow of Dr. Paul Freed, founder of TWR. A poem dedicated to Norah is included at the end of this newsletter.

KARIN SYNNOVE OSTBY THORSEN THOMPSON

(February 17, 1943-October 25, 2007)

Karin and her twin sister Lise Bentsen were born into a large family during WWII in Aurskog, Norway. Due to extreme circumstances in post-WWII Norway, it was decided that the five-year-old twins would go to the Thorsen family in Brooklyn. Karin met Arthur Thompson the next Sunday at Bethelship Norwegian Methodist Church. Karin received her B.S.N. in June 1966, and three weeks later she and Arthur were married. She joined him in his mission work with TWR on Bonaire. They transferred to South Africa, and in December 1972 returned to the US. In 1979, they moved to Westfield, NJ, where Karin taught home care to more than 2,500 home health aides. They joined Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Karin went home to be with the Lord on October 25th of last year. Arthur is a member of the TWR Alumni Advisory Board. In the U.S., Karin is survived by: Arthur, daughters Kristine and Martita, son Karl, sister Lise Bentsen, and eight grandchildren. In Norway, she is survived by: Mother Aslaug Ostby, brothers Egi and Thor, and sisters Laila, Paula and Hanne. Arthur Thompson's address is 408 Birch Pl, Westfield, NJ 07090.

FRANCES ANN WADSWORTH MEYER

(March 6, 1916-November 8, 2007)

While in retirement, Frances, or "Ann," and her husband Franklin Earle Meyer spent eight years on Bonaire, serving with TWR. They made their home in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1959 and were longtime members of West-over Church. Frances was preceded to heaven by Franklin, her devoted husband of 59 years. Ann is survived by her children David, Dan, and Deborah Meyer Bryant. She enjoyed her nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

SUE PINGILLEY

(Died December 22, 2007)

Roy and Sue Pingilley served for several years as short-term missionaries on Bonaire after they retired from their jobs in the US. Roy served in the maintenance department and Sue worked in various areas. Sue battled cancer for a long period. Please pray for her family. Roy's address is 33414 Clifton Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48310-6004.

TUCKER ANNOUNCES END OF TENURE AS TRANS WORLD RADIO'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Sensing that the time is opportune for a leadership transition, David G. Tucker has announced his intention to step down from his role as chief executive officer of Trans World Radio. The TWR Board of Directors, after extensive deliberation, has accepted Tucker's decision and appointed a Search Committee to oversee the board's search for the ministry's next leader. Tucker will retain the title of president through April 30, 2008, and will assume the role of providing counsel to the board over the course of the transition.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to David for his 11 years of dedicated service to TWR, first as chief operating officer and then in the combined role of CEO and president for the last five years," noted Board Chairman Thomas J. Lowell. "As we look to the future, TWR will be seeking an individual who can continue to build on our organization's strong foundation of ministry while crafting a path that will ensure sustained growth and impact around the world for many years to come."

Tucker, 63, is only the third person to hold TWR's top leadership post in the organization's 53-year history. Lowell, who preceded Tucker as CEO and president, will assume interim CEO responsibilities. Day-to-day operational oversight will be provided by the ministry's 10-member Global Leadership Team. Werner Kroemer, international director for Europe, CIS and the Middle East, has been appointed team leader.

In making the announcement, TWR's board cited a number of accomplishments during Tucker's tenure, including: establishment of a new global vision for ministry, known as the Global Strategic Plan; growth in number of languages aired from 160 to more than 200; implementation of a servant leadership model; and the strengthening of partnerships around the world.

"I have very much appreciated working with our board, especially as our new members have brought great energy, vibrancy and passion to the governance of our ministry," Tucker commented. "And one of my great joys and privileges has been to work with our staff and partners in our regions throughout the world and to sense their profound heartbeat for ministry."

He identified a number of global trends as factoring into his decision and the board's ultimate acceptance of his recommendation.

"We live in a world of change and nowhere is change felt more than in the area of communications and technology, creating new mediums, new channels and new opportunities to communicate God's Word around the world," Tucker said. "This, coupled with the continuing acceleration of globalization, significant shifts in Asia with the growing economic powerhouses of China and India, and the maturing and much-strengthened global reshaping of TWR, place the ministry in a unique position to capitalize on these emerging trends."



My Friend Norah

By Duane Gow, written for her 90th birthday, celebrated in 1996

I've always been a collector
As life's highways and byways I've trod
The nuggets and treasures I've gathered
Have brought me nearer to God
But if you apply the world's standards
In trying to measure my wealth
It isn't much of a fortune
Which I've amassed for myself
But among my collection are memories
All the banks upon earth couldn't buy
Of places I've been and things I have seen
And of people I've met passing by
But the memories that are dearest to me
Are of friends that I've made by the way
And the times we have spent, the moments we've shared
That have served to brighten my day
Some of those friends have impressed me
By doing things that I couldn't do
They've reached for the stars, and they've caught them
And I'm better because they've been through
And some of those friends have provided
Lessons I've needed to learn
And from some I've gotten directions
Whenever life's road took a turn
Yes of all my collection what I hold most dear
Are the memories made here and there
And among the memories, the ones I love best
Are of friends and the times we have shared
For I believe the best treasure
When everything's been said and done
Are friends who have come and stood by my side
And cheered me along in life's run
And among all the friends God's allowed me to make
There is one who comes quickly to mind
Who's been an example of a teacher and friend
She has really been one of a kind
And if ever I'm ask to define what is a saint
To explain is quite simple indeed
For all I must do is just point to my friend
And say, "There's one, her name's Norah Freed."

