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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Hello to all!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the arrival of spring. I know that I am glad to see things turning green and am enjoying the warmer days.

In February I had the opportunity to visit the RSES Headquarters and had the chance to look through the archived Auxiliary material. It was very interesting to see how the Auxiliary has changed over the years and yet it still holds true to the motto "To Make Life Worthwhile".

In March, Mike and I attended the Southwest Regional Association conference in Fort Worth, Texas. Our arrival in Texas was a little different than I had expected, it was 39 degrees and snowing. I guess we were fortunate we arrived when we did after we landed they cancelled over 120 flights. We went to the Sweet Shop USA Candy factory which was very interesting and of course having chocolate was a bonus. We also went to the stockyards in Fort Worth, there were places to eat, shop and we did see some longhorn cattle. While we were in Fort Worth, Mike and I had the honor of witnessing the marriage of Holly Haggard and George Friedman. The ceremony was at the botanical garden in Fort Worth, fortunately it had warmed up enough that the ceremony could be outside. Jerry and Kathryn Clark were also in attendance. I would like to thank the members of the SWRA for inviting me to attend the conference and thank everyone for the hospitality we were shown.

The week after the SWRA conference, Mike and I attended the Midwest Regional Association conference in St. Joseph, Missouri. We toured the Glore Psychiatric Museum, we saw some very interesting things used in history that made us very glad that medicine and health care has greatly improved over time. We went to a dinner theater where we were entertained by two women portraying 2 women from St Joseph's history. They definitely made

history entertaining to say the least. I had the honor of swearing in the Auxiliary officers for the Midwest Region at the conference.

The first week of April, Mike and I attended the CARSES conference in Laughlin, Nevada. The weather was wonderful, a nice change after what we had been having in the Midwest. We went to the town of Oatman, Arizona where the wild burros come in to town from the mountains. When the mines in the area were closed years ago the burros were released and now roam wild. We went on a dinner boat cruise up the Colorado River, the river is so clear and the area is so beautiful. I had the honor of swearing in the CARSES Auxiliary officers at the banquet, it is a pleasure to be able to be a part of seeing the associations continue to thrive. I would like to thank the members of CARSES for inviting me to attend and thank everyone for the warm welcome we received.,

It has been great to have the opportunity to attend other conferences this year. It has given me the opportunity to meet new people and see how the associations in other regions are making life worthwhile.

As the International Conference is early again this year (September 16-20th), please be thinking about your nominations for the "Take Off the Door" and "To Make Life Worthwhile" awards. You need to have your applications submitted by the end of June. The International Conference is being held at the International Hilton Indianapolis Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. I hope to see you there.

Wishing you all the very best through out the rest of the year

Susan J. Eckstein
RSESA President

FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT:

Dear Fellow Auxiliary Members:

Finally spring seems to have arrived in Missouri. Winter kept hanging on and then all of a sudden it is the middle of spring and we are only 4 1/2 short months away from the Annual Conference in Indianapolis, September 16-20th. WOW!!

Midwest held our Annual Meeting in the middle of March in St. Joseph, MO. The tours, hotel atmosphere, riding a carousel, attending meetings and good food could only be topped by the great time spent with friends. We had one very special evening when about half of those attending the conference spent time with Miss Belle and Calamity Jane. Ask and I'll fill you in on the details and maybe share a photo or two.

A few weeks after the Midwest conference, it was time for us to de-winterize our 5th Wheel and get ready for our first trip. We headed down to Texas to attend the races at the International Speedway. This was our first time to attend a NASCAR event. It was great and twice as nice because we attended it with my cousin who lives in Houston. We have 2 more camping trips planned by the end of May with family and friends and look forward to several other trips during the season.

With the help of Sandy Ralston, we are putting together the Board for next year. We appreciate your suggestions and look forward to seeing what we are doing "To Make Life Worthwhile" for someone in our communities.

An RSESA webpage is getting closer to being a reality. I am anxiously waiting to see the results that come from the work Susan and Holly have done with the International Staff in developing our RSESA webpages. In this fast paced world, this will allow us to share information quicker and more efficiently.

Congratulations to Holly and George!! Blessings to you in your marriage.

To everyone else, remember

Laugh Often, Live Well, Love Much and try "To Make Life Worthwhile".

Denise Ziegelbein
Vice President

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Time is really flying by.

Doesn't seem possible that it is already April and time for an article in the Sight Glass. I am anxious to get to working with flowers but weather has a different idea. In the past two days we have had about 45 inches of rain so just a little wet. Of course after the dry year we had last year it is nice to start with a rain surplus. Hope it does not forget how in the following months. Also, still a few cooler days, but I know the sunshine and warm weather will be here shortly. Guess I can get some housework done while waiting.

I did attend the Midwest Conference in St. Joseph, Missouri in March. Always enjoy visiting friends from the region,. It was a combined trip as I was able to visit family in Kansas after the conference. A special "thanks" goes to Robert and Delories Hensley as without them the trip might not have been possible. They picked me up at the airport in Kansas City for the ride to St. Joseph.

Then on Sunday they took me to Topeka to meet my brother. During my time there they took me to my home town to visit two other brothers, a sister-in-law and brother-in-law. I had to change planes in Chicago and was hoping weather would be fine with no delays. I came home on March 19th and the weather was fine. Then I hear on the news two days later there were many cancellations in Chicago due to snow storms. How lucky can I be.

I am still doing my exercise class three days a week. We have a new instructor, and while she was taking the training I also attended. Several days when she was unable to teach, I taught the class. It is not something that I would want to do all the time, but if it means whether we have the class or not then I don't mind. It is different than just attending. I usually knew what came next, but when you are in front of the class you can't always remember everything. Others in class would help so we got it done and had a good time.

I know great plans are already being made for conference in Indianapolis. I had hoped to have information from Susan but I know she is attending CARSES and busy with work. I did check the RSESA webpage but didn't find anything. Of course I am not too sharp on this computer stuff. I like the e-mails but don't do much on the Internet. I hope everyone is making plans to attend. September sounds like a long way off but it will be here before we realize it.

Bye for now,

Ceel Hudelson
Publicity Director

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OUR SECRETARY WROTE:

I cannot believe it is already May! It seems like just the other day we were in San Antonio enjoying the warm sunshine and the margaritas! Now it's spring and I am longing for the days of summer. It has been a busy year for me so far. I was thrilled to be able to attend the SWRA Conference in Fort Worth in March. We were able to tour Sweet Shop USA and see all of the different chocolate truffles and "Braggs" (aka Turtles) that are made there. Unfortunately, due to a random snow storm, the factory was closed, but we were able to sample several different types of chocolate and make a few purchases to take home. Somehow I even managed to squeeze in a wedding. George and I were

married at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens on Saturday March 8th. Although we tried to keep it quiet, it seems that the joke was on us, everyone already knew. We have to thank Pat and Mac McCarthy and Kathryn and Jerry Clark for showing us true southern hospitality. They surprised us by introducing us as "Mr. and Mrs. Haggard" at the banquet and presenting us with a cake. We were truly touched.

Over the next few months I'll be busy settling into married life and keeping busy at work. I will get to take a week off in May for a cruise to Mexico with George which we are both looking forward to. I will also be collecting your chapter and/ or regional meeting minutes, so don't forget to send them to me.

Hope you all have a safe and happy summer

Holly Friedman
Secretary

FROM OUR TREASURER:

Hello to all from Texas. The weather is crazy this time of year. One day beautiful and warm, the next day storms with high winds and hail. So far, so good at our house. It is hard to believe it is April already. This year is just going by way to fast. Hope all of you are doing well. I know those of you up North are really ready for spring.

Members, it is that time of year again. IF YOU HAVE A STICKER ON YOUR LABEL OF THIS ISSUE OF THE SIGHT GLASS, I HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR DUES FOR 2008 AND THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE SIGHT GLASS!!

Please send in your dues as soon as you can as I will need to close the books by the end of August again as the conference is in the middle of September. The dues are still just \$10.00 per year and you are certainly welcome to send in 2 years at a time if you wish. Please mark your check with names being renewed.

Mac and I are thinking of driving to Indianapolis in September, we just haven't decided yet. I have a lot of stuff to bring to the conference as I go out of office this year. (Rules say I must). I will tell all of you now, in case I forget in the August issue, how much I enjoy this job and getting your cards and letters with your dues each year. I will miss it very much.

I survived our conference for SWRA here in Fort Worth in March. It was good to see all that attended. We didn't have a great turnout but those of us there had a good time. It did ice on the Thursday everyone was coming into town which made for a long, slow drive for some. Thanks to all that attended. Would you believe our group volunteered to do it again in 2011?

Everyone, have a great summer, stay cool and SEND IN YOUR DUES!

Pat McCarthy,
International Treasurer RSESA



filled out, signed and returned to the Secretary, Holly (Haggard) Friedman no later than August 15, 2008.

For individual members -at -large, you must bring your current paid dues card to the meeting. Be sure to arrive for the meeting a few minutes early so you have time to check in at the Auxiliary Credentials Desk. I look forward to seeing everyone in Indianapolis.

Lynn Hoke
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It is time to start thinking about Indianapolis. The 2008 International conference will be here before your know it and now is the time to get your delegate papers filled out and sent in for your chapter. The delegate form is included in this edition of the Sight Glass and must be

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Greetings!

It is May, so this issue is a bit late. Fred and I were on a trip to the Copper Canyon in Mexico, combined motor coach and train. The Copper Canyon is compared to our own Grand

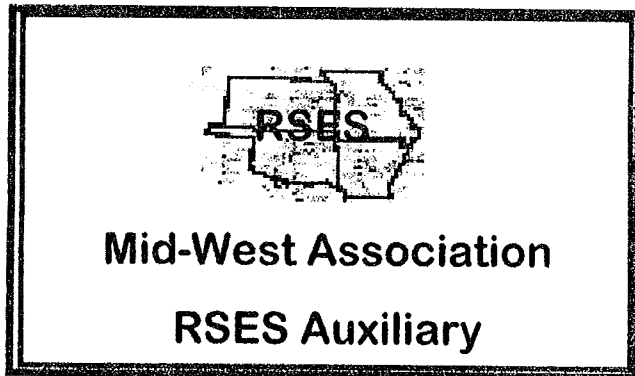
Canyon, it is beautiful and parts are just as breathtaking as Arizona, but it is also quite different. The train ride from Creel to El Fuerte was quite long and gave a good view of the topography of the area. Needless to say it was also good to get back home after 8 days away. Yes, we did bring back the unwanted gift of the area, Montezuma's Revenge.

We had the privilege to act as hosts to both the International President and the International Auxiliary President at the CARSSES annual conference in Laughlin. Al and Marilyn Smith and Susan and Mike Eckstein were an added benefit to all who attended our conference. It was nice to get to know them all a little better.

Be sure to read the Historian's Report in this issue and make note of the Credential form to be completed and sent to Holly. Again, dues are now requested, send these to Pat McCarthy, the addresses are just inside the front cover for your reference.

Bye for now, see you in September.

Linda Townsend, Editor



NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

(New)

Section 1 – A member must have reached the age of eighteen (18) years to:

- 1: Begin membership tenure.
- 2: Vote at chapter meetings, serves as a voting delegate, serve s an alternate delegate, serve as a proxy or vote as a member-at-large.
- 3: Hold office.

Change the current – Section 1 to Section 2

Change the current – Section 2 to Section 3

Change the current – Section 3 to Section 4

Change the current -- Section 4 to Section 5

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Change the current – Section 6 to Section 7

The 2008 Annual Conference is early this year, and any proposed constitutional bylaw changes must be published 60 days prior to the International Conference. These proposed changes will appear in the "Sight Glass" newsletter in the January, April and August 2008 issues.

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