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Newsletter of the Arkansas-East Bolivia Partners of the Americas  
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## President's message

The international convention in Atlanta was by all measures a success. The Georgia Partnership is to be commended for their arrangements. The facilities for the meeting were excellent. The mixer was held in a natural history museum, which had the Mexican photos on display. One day was spent at the Carter Center. The facilities and grounds there were remarkable.

There were two interesting issues raised at the meeting, the consequence of the recent election on Partner's activities and the desire to make contact with Cuba by some members. The only consensus on the election is that there will be changes in the way that foreign aid is administered. There is a possibility that there may be more funds available for private voluntary groups such as Partners. There was a lot of interest in Partners becoming active in Cuba. The national office is aware of this, but due to the political nature of contact with Cuba they are very cautious.

The interaction with people from other partnerships is by far the most rewarding aspect of the meeting. I am always impressed at the dedication and ingenuity of this group of volunteers. They are so enthusiastic with their work and so very willing to help others. The South Carolina Partnership has found a novel way to travel to Colombia, but I'm not sure that we want to copy it. An air freight company gives them essentially unlimited flights from Miami to

Colombia, but they have to ride with the cargo. Occasionally the cargo might be frozen chickens and the traveler must spend three or four hours at 28 degrees.

The election of the new board members is perhaps the most important event at the annual meeting. Each year there are several excellent candidates running for one or two seats. In the past, the selection required several hand tallied ballots and perhaps an hour to complete the process. This year, for the first time, a computer program was used to select the winners and needed only one ballot. However, it took several hours to determine the winner, and the results had to be verified by hand.

**Laurin Wheeler**

(Editor's note: see below for another report on the Atlanta meeting)

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## Annual Meeting

Fayetteville in the fall was the site of the Annual Meeting for the Arkansas-East Bolivia Partners, on October 7 and 8. Festivities began Friday night with a gala reception at the home of **Bob & Maria Teresa Frans**. Saturday we got down to business at the Fayetteville Hilton with reports from **Desireé Mostajo**, President of the new Partner's group in Trinidad-Beni, and from **Polly Donaldson**, representing the Washington office.

Recent travelers showed us wonderful pictures and brought us up to date on many varied Partner's activities: **Polly**, **Louise Montgomery**, and **Thecia Taylor** described the Reach Out project. **Luane Schroeder**, **Bob Frans**, **Claude Gillette**, and **Wayne**

**Swegle** described their Farmer to Farmer activities in East Bolivia, Luane urging us to "think like a cow!"

We saw pictures of Bolivia's Amoro National Park, visited by **Dan Nolan** through the Sister Forest Program (with our Ouachita National Forest) and **Jeff Allender**, looking into eco-tourism.

**Margaret Clark**, Education Chair, and **Kay Kraeft**, Culture Chair, wrapped up the meeting with reports on travelers to Arkansas from Santa Cruz and Trinidad. Many of the Partners then went to the Walton Arts Center to hear **Vivian** and **Dannice Crespo**, violin students at UAF and from Santa Cruz, play with the North Arkansas Symphony. Others unwound from a stimulating day over dinner on the town.

Special guests for the weekend were **Mauricio Paniagua**, son of **Carlos Paniagua**, President of Partners in Santa Cruz. Mauricio is a student at UCA. **René Salomon**, who is a Director at the Chamber of Agriculture (CAO) in Santa Cruz, was also a guest, traveling to Arkansas especially to attend our meeting!

**Bettie Lu**

**Lancaster**

## El Beni is

Situated in the north and northeast of Bolivia. The capital is the town of Trinidad and was founded in 1556 by Captain Tristán de Tejada and Captain Juan Salinas. It has an average temperature of 26 C. It is situated at a height of 236 m above sea level. In Trinidad there is an average annual rainfall of 1,700 mm.

The town of Trinidad is situated on two important rivers - the Ibare and the Mamoré. The latter is the most

important river in Bolivia, as all the streams on the northeast face of the mountain range flow into it, as do many of the rivers which rise in the mountains of Peru, to the west.

The town of Trinidad is fast becoming modernized. A large number of the streets are paved with bricks made of baked clay, as in this area there is no stone.

The main occupation of the town is cattle raising and, to a lesser extent, agriculture. Roads are being built towards Trinidad - the La Paz to Beni road and the Santa Cruz to Trinidad road. At the moment the two principal means of transport are air and river. One of the most beautiful excursions that can be carried out is the following: by road from the city of Cochabamba to Puerto Villarroel, on the River Ichilo. From Puerto Villarroel by boat to Puerto Almacén (on the River Ibare) and the 8 km from Puerto Almacén to Trinidad by road.

This beautiful town retains features from colonial times, but has, nevertheless, its own character. The Parad Square is adorned with elegant palm trees and leafy trees. Of great importance in this square is the Cathedral, which was begun in 1688. This town, which was a refuge for the Spaniards who wanted to conquer the hostile nature of the tropics, really is an oasis of peace.

from *Discovering Bolivia*  
Hugo Boero Rojo

### Democratic Initiatives

This committee met in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and **Bettie Lu Lancaster** files this report:

Ley de Participación Popular, a new law reorganizing Bolivian government to give more power, responsibility and money to the regional governments, may be the topic of a country-wide seminar in 1995, sponsored by Partners of the Americas, if negotiations with USAID are successful. The law, which sets up OTB's (Basic Territorial Organizations) is not well understood by the Bolivian people. The purpose of the seminar would be to bring together citizens from all over Bolivia to gain an understanding of the fundamental changes it mandates.

After the seminar, each of the three

Bolivian Partnerships, (La Paz-Utah, Cochabamba-North Carolina, and East Bolivia-Arkansas) would then pursue regional projects to implement, monitor, and educate citizens concerning this law.

Our Democratic Initiatives Committee met during the Annual Meeting in October to share ideas and to begin planning our project. **George Vena, Don Voth, Steven Neuse, Jane Scroggs, Desireé Mostajo, Polly Donaldson, and Bettie Lu Lancaster** all shared ideas, which will be incorporated into our plan. The Arkansas committee is working closely with the Trinidad and Santa Cruz committees to determine their needs and decide what resources can be made available from Arkansas. Meanwhile, our cohorts in East Bolivia are busy answering an intensive questionnaire surveying their resources and needs.

Faxes, e-mail, and long-distance telephone lines have been humming as we consult with Bolivia and Washington to forge ahead on this project. Current thinking calls for a group of leaders from East Bolivian civic clubs to spend time in Arkansas observing the many non-partisan ways we educate voters. Back home, they will then be able to utilize some of these techniques in educating Bolivians about their new law. In addition, Arkansans would go to Bolivia to consult with leaders there.

### Reach Out

This committee was also active during the Annual Meeting and one of our state coordinators, **Louise Montgomery** files this report:

Reach Out, the Partner's initiative to spread the word about our projects and about how U.S. foreign aid dollars are spent, came to the Arkansas-East Bolivia Annual Meeting in the form of **Polly Donaldson**, Reach Out national director, and our two state coordinators. **Louise Montgomery**, a Board Member from Fayetteville, and **Thecia Taylor**, long-time Partner from Little Rock, are the state coordinators.

The Arkansas proposal envisions a speakers' bureau in which all members are encouraged to

participate; a media information kit on Partners and an experts' list to be distributed statewide to the media; outreach (as yet undefined) directed toward state officials and a touring photo exhibit. The photo exhibit, if approved by Washington, would be assembled by Partner Bill Parsons, perhaps with the participation of Willie Kenning, a Crucena photographer.

Parsons is considering three approaches to the exhibit: 1) Comparing and contrasting Arkansas and Bolivia (geographic, climatic, cultural, historical, etc.) 2) The transformation of Santa Cruz from a back-country town to a modern metropolis and 3) Focusing on the historical black-and-white photos that Parsons made 30 years ago when he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Santa Cruz. Parsons said he sees the 40-50 photographs as a potential gift from Arkansas to an appropriate institution in Santa Cruz.

Preliminary plans for the exhibit as a part of Reach Out were worked out at the Annual Meeting in Fayetteville, with contributions from **Leah Wilkinson**, who will head a committee to establish exhibit sites for the show, **Jeff Allender, Wayne Swegle**, Taylor and Montgomery. Member **Jane Scroggs** also agreed to work with Wilkinson.

Donaldson, the national Reach Out director, had reacted favorably to the Arkansas proposal when it was submitted several months ago. She asked Montgomery and Taylor to "fine tune" it, specifically to insure that the photo exhibit achieved the Reach Out objective of informing Americans about Partners and the benefits to the United States of foreign aid. As a result of her suggestions, a brochure tying the art to Partners and foreign aid will be designed and written to accompany the photo exhibit. Also, discussion forums will be planned for openings of the exhibit around the state.

Taylor and Montgomery also attended a Reach Out workshop in Atlanta, Nov. 15-17, two days before the International Convention. The workshop continued training begun earlier this year in Albuquerque for western partnerships and in Washington, D.C. for eastern

groups. At the Atlanta workshop, Montgomery led a session on writing press releases about Partners' participation in the workshop.

Donaldson stressed that Reach Out activities should involve all aspects of the Partners program -- publicizing projects, recruiting members, creating and reinforcing linkages with other community agencies. Instead of being a separate "project," Reach Out should be integrated into all Partner activities, she said.

One step Montgomery and Taylor plan to increase membership involvement in spreading the word about Partners is to provide speaking points and manuscripts for speeches that members may give to civic clubs and other groups. In addition, an experts list will be provided to media throughout the state. Members at the Annual Meeting filled out forms to provide information on their areas of expertise. Reach Out will compile a list of members and their areas of special knowledge and send it to newspapers, magazines and other Arkansas media outlets.

Montgomery asked that members who did not attend the Annual Meeting fill in the form below and return it to her so that the experts' list can accurately represent the wide range of experience and special knowledge that Partners members possess.

The Reach Out program contains no funds for international travel; Partnerships are encouraged to use other programs and unrestricted travel grants to accomplish training desirable in the Reach Out plan and to use Reach Out money to help visitors travel around the U.S. side of the Partnership to tell their story.

The Arkansas Chapter will ask the Reach Out program for funds to create and show the photo exhibit as well as funds for creating the other materials envisioned in the proposal. No date has been set for decisions on funding of requests for Reach Out funds, but signals from Washington have been positive on the Arkansas proposal.

Anyone wishing to be a part of one or more of the Reach Out activities described above should contact Montgomery (Tel. 501-442-3931,

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lmontgom@comp.uark.edu, FAX  
501-575-4314).

Please return to Louise F. Montgomery, Journalism Department, 116 Kimpel Hall, U of A, Fayetteville, AR 72701:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel. (Home and office) \_\_\_\_\_  
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On what topics do you have special knowledge? (Think of your education, your work and your avocation(s). You might be an expert in health systems accounting at work and a specialist in computer bulletin boards as a hobby. Please don't be modest!)

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(Editor - just clip the above and send to Louise - she'll appreciate it!)

### Board Meeting

Immediately after the close of the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors went into session. The following are a few notes from that meeting:

Considerable discussion was held on using available travel slots to complete the 1994 program. **Juan Carlos Aguirre**, President of Casa de la Cultura in Trinidad was mentioned as a possibility and was invited (see Culture report below for details). Ways to continue development of the new Trinidad partnership was also discussed.

Member **Miriam Meijer**, Professor of History at UCA has volunteered to be our historian. All members possessing material of archival value should send such to her.

Other items discussed, but for which no action taken included: need for a Chair for Dentistry, in-state tuition for Bolivian students, how to handle unanticipated expenses when traveling, and extravaganza for the next Annual Meeting, and the work of the Nominating Committee.

Dates for Board meetings in 1995 were set as follows: January 28 (see below for another announcement of this meeting - an overnight retreat), April 29, July 29, and October 28 (includes Annual Meeting).

### President Dra. Desiree Mostajo

As noted in the above reports, the President of the new Trinidad-Beni Partnership, **Desiree Mostajo**, was able to attend the Annual Meeting of our partnership. She is an M.D. in Trinidad, specializing in OB/GYN, and spent considerable time in Arkansas visiting other specialists in her area of expertise. She began her visit in Fayetteville, and stayed with **Bettie Lu Lancaster** before the Annual Meeting. She then went to the Central Arkansas area where she was hosted by **Thecia Taylor** and **Wayne Swegle**. She then returned to Fayetteville for a few days before returning to Santa Cruz, and was hosted by **Maria Teresa** and **Bob Frans**. She made many friends in Arkansas during her two-week stay - even interesting several of them to consider joining Partners! She and the Santa Cruz Partners have already established good relationships, so the Arkansas-East Bolivia Partners will be strengthened considerably by this new group. She did not confine her lively enthusiasm to medicine, but became well-acquainted with the work of several of our committees while she was here.

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## 7 Arkansans attend 30th Anniversary Convention focused on Civil Societies

## and Local Solutions to Global Problems

A vision of democracies hemisphere-wide was projected to about 400 people attending the 30th Anniversary International Convention of the Partners of the Americas Nov. 16-19. Seven Arkansans attended the meeting in the Omni Hotel in Atlanta.

Democracies across the Americas -- 730 million people in 33 nations -- seem an attainable goal, said Mark L. Schneider, the plenary keynote speaker. Schneider, assistant administrator for Latin American and the Caribbean for USAID, was in the Peace Corps in El Salvador 1966-1968.

Nurturing "civil societies" across the hemisphere is on the agenda for President Bill Clinton's summit with leaders from South and Central America and the Caribbean in December (just concluded at this writing), Schneider said.

USAID is focused on four major ideas in the Americas, Schneider said:

1. Reaffirmation of USAID's commitment to democratic initiatives and stronger civil societies.
2. Economic prosperity with open markets and private initiatives.
3. Sustainable development, with a healthy, educated and productive workforce.
4. "Free men and women operating within the framework of democratic institutions," as John F. Kennedy envisioned it.

Schneider elaborated on the third point, adding that people should feel that macroeconomic policies are improving their lives and that sustainable development necessitates what he called "an alliance with nature."

Arkansas President **Laurin Wheeler** cast the Partnership's vote in the first hemisphere-wide board vote. Washingtonian **Lacy A. Gude** is the first chair of the board of the Partners of the Americas Board, which replaces the National Association of the Partners of the Americas (NAPA) board and the Inter-American Board. Another winner in the election was **Blanca Laguna de Vera** of La Paz,

president of the La Paz/Utah Partnership and a member of the first North-South board and was Bolivia's sole representative at the convention.

Others attending from Arkansas were Vice President **Margaret Clark**, Central Arkansas Vice President **Kay Kraeft**, Fellows **Leah Wilkinson** and **Dan Gudahl**, and Reach Out Coordinators **Louise Montgomery** and **Thecia Taylor**.

Other convention highlights included presentation of awards at Friday's day-long program at the Carter Presidential Center. The Dumond Peck Hill Volunteer of the Year Awards went to **H. Joe Myers**, Oregon-Costa Rica, winner in the North, and **Dr. Jose Antonio Canton**, Nicaragua-Wisconsin, winner in the South.

The four Volunteer Program Development Awards winners were Kansas-Paraguay for improving food production in Paraguay; Washington-Chile for improving emergency medical response capabilities of paramedics in Chile; Minnesota-Uruguay for improving farm production in Uruguay; and Yucatan-Iowa for youth development programs.

Presentation of another award -- a Service Award to **Jerry Perpich** for his seven years on the NAPA Board -- shared applause at Saturday night's banquet with the merriment that **Dr. James Boren** stirred with his mumbled parody of Washington-style bureaucrat-talk. Boren, a political science professor at Northeast Oklahoma State University, Tallequah, was the first executive director of the Partners of the Alliance. (His brother recently retired from the U.S. Senate to become president of the University of Oklahoma.)

Boren, in between mumbles that baffled interpreters and sent native speakers of English into convulsions of laughter, talked about the birth of Partners. While he was working as deputy director of the USAID mission in Peru in 1964, Boren said, he discovered that a rural community needed to pump water to the village, but no one in the village knew how to do it. It occurred to him, Boren said, that many people in the United States had the knowledge

to help solve such problems.

On a visit to Washington, Boren mentioned the idea of people helping people to officials creating the Alliance for Progress, the JFK initiative to stimulate South American economies. To his surprise, Boren said, the people-to-people idea appealed to the officials, and they asked him to put his ideas on paper. Partners of the Americas is the result.

The Georgia-Pernambuco (Brazil) Partnership hosted the convention and arranged for two internationally known Atlanta programs. The Atlanta Project and Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, to round out the Friday program at the Carter Presidential Center.

### The Atlanta Project; Carter's Awakening Led to Businesses Helping the Poor Find Solutions

An Atlanta program that combines the skills and resources of private firms with poor people's knowledge of what they need -- named The Atlanta Project -- was showcased at the Atlanta partners convention Nov. 16-19 to demonstrate the similarity in North and South problems and solutions.

**Dan E. Sweat**, program director of The Atlanta Project, told of **Jimmy Carter's** awakening to the problems surrounding the Presidential Center. The former president, he said, learned that some homeless people lived "down the hill" from the center, and he realized that he knew almost nothing about the people living in the area. He went down the hill, talked to the homeless and discovered, Sweat said, "that they're just like me except I have more money!"

Once his eyes were opened, Sweat said, Carter realized that some people in Atlanta and America had problems that "rivaled the poorest of the poor" in other countries.

Sweat, who has a history of directing successful social programs in Atlanta, got a call from Carter. The call resulted in The Atlanta Project, a four-year-old effort built on ideas foreign to earlier social work.

"If the United States has x agencies working on problems (drugs and teen pregnancies, for example) and the number of people with problems just keeps growing, something is

wrong," Sweat said.

Sweat and Carter identified poor areas (housing projects) within the city limits of Atlanta, located leaders within the community to determine reasons for problems and solutions, recruited businesses as corporate sponsors of specific housing projects. Companies such as the Marriott Corporation, Coca Cola, Delta Airlines and dozens of others provide an "executive on loan" to the project for a year, bringing problem-solving skills to the executive and allowing the executives a glimpse into the lives of people whose lifestyles are different from theirs.

In addition, thousands of volunteers, about half from the housing projects, are put to work. In one project, volunteers scoured poor neighborhoods to identify youngsters who needed immunizations. Clinics were set up in the neighborhoods, and 17,000 children were vaccinated. Altogether, 7,000 volunteers worked on the project; a celebration at the end of the project brought out 38,000 people.

One of the most important guiding precepts of The Atlanta Project, Sweat said, is that it is not imposed from above. "Top down doesn't work," he said. "The programs come up from the people."

Sweat outlined five key words in the Project:

1. Empowerment: With ownership comes responsibility. Among the programs the Project has initiated are home-ownership programs and cooperative living arrangements that prepare people for ownership.

2. Collaboration: The Project involves 500,000 people, Sweat said.

3. Volunteerism: Leaders living in housing projects recruit their neighbors to work with corporate sponsors and other volunteers.

4. Partnership: Private industry brings knowledge, contacts, resources.

5. Prevention.

Sweat appeared in a Friday morning session at the Presidential Center; **Larry Arney**, executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Atlanta, discussed the group's effort to harness community resources, especially volunteer labor, to solve

housing problems.

Presenting solutions to a Southern problem that parallels another Northern problem were **Carmen Masias**, deputy director of the Centro de Informacion y Educacion para la Prevencion del Abuso de Drogas in Peru, and **Luis Fernando Cruz**, chief executive of a drug-abuse program of the Fundacion Caravajal, Colombia.

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## Culture

This committee has been quite active in 1994 and Chair **Kay Kraeft** offers these items of interest on what they've been doing:

### Contrastes de Mexico

A lovely reception on September 11 marked the opening of the long-awaited Kodak of Mexico photo exhibit *Contrastes de Mexico* which was shown at the Torreyson Library of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway through September 25. Present were students, faculty, towns-people and Partners members, especially honoring **Dr. Don Taylor** to whom the exhibit was dedicated. For those unable to view this remarkable collection of photo-art, it can be described as portraying the widest possible images of Mexico, its land and its people in a truly beautiful way.

### Juan Carlos Aguirre

Juan Carlos, President of Casa de Cultura in Trinidad, arrived in Fayetteville, November 21, thence to UCA in Conway on November 27, and on to Little Rock and Hot Springs December 2. He came to observe artists and art teaching at all levels, including elementary school. He visited museums and galleries, libraries, and several performing arts events. His visit was useful in determining needs at the Trinidad Cultural Center. Kay put together a list of art periodicals that would be useful in Trinidad - they are:

Architectural Record  
P.O. Box 564  
Hightstown NJ 08520-9885  
\$54/12 months

American Artist  
P.O. Box 1944  
Marion OH 43306-2044  
\$26.95/12 months

Graphis, U.S.  
141 Lexington Ave.  
New York NY 10157-1003  
\$125/12 months

the correct time.

Art in America  
P.O. Box 1634  
Riverton NJ 08077-9634  
(No rate listed)

Juan Carlos' address is: P.O. Box 109, Trinidad-Beni, Bolivia. Kay would be glad to assist in coordinating these subscriptions if anyone wants to help out. Her address is: 13 Kensington Drive, Conway AR 72032; tel. - 327-2964.

### **Culture Committee Meetings**

Kay announces that in January, there will be meetings of the Culture Committee, one in Northwest Arkansas, January 14, and one in Central Arkansas, January 21. Times and exact places are to be announced, but if you are interested in either of these meetings, please contact Kay.

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### **Farmer to Farmer**

This program of work, under the Agriculture Committee, has also been quite active in 1994. Co-coordinators **Claude Gillette** and **Bob Frans** announced the plan in 1993, received some training, and set to work to put the program in motion. In 1994, three people traveled from Arkansas to East Bolivia to participate in this program. A little about each of these visits follows.

#### **Luane Schroeder**

Luane's visit was from June 4 to June 19 and she worked in the area of Management Intensive Grazing Feasibility. She was hosted by the **Carlos Paniagua** family, and during her time there, she visited three dairy farms and three beef operations, as well as the CIAT offices and the Saavedra Experiment Station. The concept she spent a considerable amount of time emphasizing was that of being able to control nutrition and production by controlling the stock and monitoring forage quality in the field. She believes that the forages available are quite capable of supplying this nutrition when used at

## Wayne Swegle

Wayne's visit was in the area of agricultural communications - he was in East Bolivia from June 19 to July 3. His was a follow-up to the visit of **Ray Barclay** the year before, and before Farmer to Farmer was underway. Wayne met with various individuals and agencies primarily in Santa Cruz, including ANAPO, CAO, CIAT, and CORDECRUZ. FAO was in the process of training persons involved in agricultural communications during the time he was there, and Wayne indicates a potential collaboration with FAO in future work. Wayne says: "A key to effective communication is developing and maintaining professional working relationships with members of the media and with - - - - other farmers' organizations that reach farmers. It is essential to develop trust, credibility, and mutual respect with them in order to work together most effectively." Wayne was also able to travel to Trinidad and to begin the process of learning the needs of that area.

## Phil Serafini

Phil traveled to East Bolivia from September 26 to October 13, working in "Utilization of Agroforestry for Crop Management and Erosion Control in the Fragile, Sandy Soils of East Bolivia." Phil also visited many individuals and agencies during his tour. He concentrated on the sandy soils and causes for erosion, finding that the root cause was not so much because of intensive cultivation as it was from devastating effects from wind erosion. He reviewed several production practices, making suggestions for improvements. He also reviewed intercropping practices, soil factors, and effects of water erosion on production agriculture. Phil also made valuable contacts with the USAID mission, visiting with friends in the mission from years past, and with the new Trinidad partnership. He developed contacts with agriculturists in Santa Cruz that may lead to commercialization efforts from Arkansas, as well as teaching opportunities in various of the commodity groups having an interest in increasing technological understanding.

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## New Members

We have signed up several new members since our last reporting. They are as follows:

**Steve Bell**, 2327 Mockingbird Lane, Fayetteville AR 72703

**Fawzia Braine**, 2010 Johnston, Conway AR 72032

**Pat & Tim Dexter**, Rt 1, Box 277, Lowell AR 73745

**Manal Fares & Charles Ivie**, 111 Thayer, Little Rock AR 72205

**Diann Glaze**, 324 Center, Conway AR 72032

**Cynthia Lenke**, 2816 Rutledge Ln, Fayetteville AR 72701

**Jose Martinez**, 1602 Green Mountain Dr #281-P, Little Rock AR 72211

**Judy & Bill McDonald**, 9601 Lile Dr #400, Little Rock AR 72205

**Jerry Rose**, 400 W Appleby #41, Fayetteville AR 72703

**Philip & Mary Alice Serafini**, 3305 Summerhill Dr, Fayetteville AR 72703

**Kimberly Smith**, 909 Hall, Fayetteville AR 72701

**Wayne Swegle**, Rt 3, Box 320-5, Morrilton AR 72110

That's quite a list! We're glad you have joined! Please try to relate to your local group and attend as many meetings as you can - you'll find it all worthwhile!

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## Nominations and New Officers

Attached you will find a "ballot" which contains a list of the Officers and Directors-at-Large. We are sorry we had to present the ballot this way, but circumstances prevented us from obtaining more than one candidate for each position. In effect, then, these will be the new officers for 1995. Of course, if you wish to nominate someone, you certainly may do so - be sure you have obtained their prior consent before you return the ballot (to the Executive Director, **Bob Frans**). If you agree with the slate presented here, then you need do

nothing further, nor do you need to return the ballot. The other two Directors-at-Large not listed are for 1995 - they were voted on last year and are **Maria Teresa Frans** and **Bill Parsons**. **Cameron Jones** remains as Past President.

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## Dues for 1995

We have already made a good start on collecting dues for 1995. Due to the persistence of **Bettie Lu Lancaster** and others at the Annual Meeting, several people signed up! However, since there were several that did not attend the Annual Meeting, the opportunity to pay dues was not presented. Therefore, this is the first official call for dues. If you copy of the newsletter has a dues statement attached, that means that we have not received your 1995 dues. Won't you please just take a moment to fill out the form and return it with your check (again, to the Executive Director)? We'll certainly appreciate your attention to this little detail - as has been noted here many times, we could not operate the local partnership without you dues, so IT'S IMPORTANT!!

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## FINAL WORD!!

¡FELIZ NAVIDAD! y un ¡PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO!