



DIRECCIONES

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

It's autumn in Arkansas! It's the season of changing leaves (gold, red, yellow, brown), changing temperatures (hot to cool), and changing clothes (cotton to wool). It's a time for speeding up activities -- It's a time for checking up on where things are in order to be ready for assessment and accountability. Why? There is the awareness that the year is coming to an end and the Arkansas Chapter's Annual Meeting is on the horizon!

Our chapter has been active - partners visiting Arkansas, partners visiting Santa Cruz, projects being started, projects being strengthened, members being recruited, members being reclaimed, new inquiries and new initiatives for collaboration and cooperation such as the recent meeting of leaders from the three U.S. chapters that are partnered with Bolivia (Arkansas, North Carolina, and Utah), new expansions of contacts with other volunteer efforts, both in the U. S. and Bolivia, that address problems and concerns in Bolivia, and new Arkansas-Crucena friendships being formed and old ones being solidified.

We were very pleased to have Arkansas Partners highlighted in the last two issues of the national newsletter PARTNERS, one article describing the special college tuition waiver program at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, and the article in the

last edition which profiled the Arkansas Partners' work in Farmer to Farmer, Democratic Initiatives, and the project of our Fellow IX, **Jeff Allender**. (Eds. Note - in addition, we were pleased to see **Martha Shackford** mentioned in the "Looking Back" column of ten years ago, highlighting her work with the Suzuki strings program)

We are indeed pleased with the increased enrollment of Bolivian students at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, from 15 last year to 21 for the fall semester of 1997. The University has a new chancellor. In my initial contact with him, he has indicated that he is open to the idea of continuing the scholarship that enables Bolivian students to have a waiver of the out-of-state tuition fee, the strengthening of the memorandum of understanding with the Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra (UPSA), and the drafting of another memorandum of understanding with Nur University.

We are truly pleased that our efforts to improve the interactive nature of communication with our CampaÑeros in Santa Cruz are in the process of realizations. This is the result of the computer we bought through the grant money that was obtained from a \$750 Partners of the Americas Foundation Grant. The Arkansas Partners added \$250 to the grant money for the purchase. We have gotten word from Santa Cruz that the computer has been received. We anticipate being able to communicate in the near future by e-mail with **Aida McKenney** and **Jorge Jadauza** in Santa Cruz. Of course, we were already in touch with the Beni by e-mail (**Roxana Rivero's** e-mail is functioning

again).

We were so pleased to meet **Patricia Caballero**, a member of the Compañeros from Santa Cruz who is in Fayetteville studying at the Spring International Language School and to have **Adenie Chavez-Land Ostria**, a teacher from the Cooperative School in La Paz studying at the University of Arkansas to complete her certification requirements and the granddaughter of a former chief justice of the Supreme Court, join us at a reception given for Jorge Jadauza.

We are excited about our Annual Meeting! It promises to be informative, interesting, exciting, and entertaining! **Kay Kraeft** has arranged a wonderful array of music and song, including Bolivian music by our own member, **Natalia Salazar**. Our national representative, **Anabella Bruch**, will be visiting us. The amusing and entertaining humorist, **James Boren**, will be addressing us. Do plan on coming. Remember, all members are invited and we need your input.

There is further excitement in the air! Your President, **Margaret Clark**, your Vice President, **Kay Kraeft**, and your Executive Director, **Bob Frans** are going to the international meeting in Buenos Aires. Additionally, one of our members, **Stephen Perry**, will be going also to conduct a workshop on the use of technology in partnership programs/projects. We will give a report on the meeting at the first Board Meeting in January and also in the next edition of *Direcciones*.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, or concerns regarding the

work of our Chapter, please send them to any Board Member.

Yours in partnership

Margaret Clark

Annual Meeting

This is just a reminder that our Annual Meeting will be held in Conway October 25 and 26. The main part of the meeting starts at 10:00 am at the Gin Mill in Conway on Saturday, the 25th, continuing throughout the day, ending with the banquet at 7:15 pm. The Board meets the next day at 8:30 am on the campus of UCA, starting with a continental breakfast. All members are welcome to attend this meeting as well. We need a good turn-out for this important meeting, so if you have not yet made your plans to attend, please do so. We'd like to see you there!

International Convention

Again - this is just a reminder that the international convention will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from November 20 to 22. This promises to be a most interesting meeting, with a theme of "Social Responsibility in the Americas." There may still be time to sign up if you are interested. Besides the convention, Buenos Aires is one of the most beautiful cities in all of South America - a great place for the Partners to meet! Interested?

News from Washington

What's new in USAID?

President **Bill Reese** has provided us with an analysis of where USAID is headed in future months, based on an address by USAID Administrator **Brian Atwood**. A thrust of a recent speech of his, in July of this year, reveals that USAID will be "restoring" education

and training initiatives in a new strategic plan being developed by the agency. The following are some other excerpts from his speech that may be of interest to you:

"U.S. institutions of higher education work extensively and increasingly with counterparts in developing countries across an extraordinary range of sectors. USAID participant training and workforce development programs help democratize societies, open up new markets for U.S. goods, and empower countries to apply their own expertise to development problems. ---

"I want to stress that USAID's first priority remains providing boys and girls in all USAID assisted countries with basic educational skills: literacy, numeracy and the problem solving skills. ---

"At the recent 'Tidewater' meeting of development ministers, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, **Enrique Iglesias**, mentioned an IDB study showing that the average Asian worker has nine years of education and training compared to the average Latin American worker's five. He observed that Latin America must move up to seven years to support its current level of economic growth. So you see the connection the experts make between education and economic development. There is no escaping it.

"If countries want to achieve economic and social development, no investment has a higher pay-off than educating girls, in that girls' education has lagged far behind boys. Educating girls contributes to economic growth, to better family health and to stronger and more equal civil societies. Yet girls are too often the last to be reached by expanding education systems. We need to use our leadership role to push our partners to do more.

"Girls' education is a key contributing factor in reducing population growth. The history of Latin America shows that educated women led the demographic transition toward lower birth rates and better cared-for families. Educated young women were the

first to want smaller families and to make effective use of family planning programs. ---

"As this draft plan goes forward for final approval, I will be recommending that education -- human capacity development -- be elevated to the status of an Agency goal along with democracy, economic growth and agricultural development, population/health, environment and humanitarian response. We will call this goal 'Building Human Capacity Through Education and Training.'

"We will at the same time elevate agricultural development as a major goal to be pursued in tandem with the economic growth objective. This area of development has been a USAID mainstay over the years. Given the dependency of most developing countries on agriculture, it was, like education, conspicuous by its absence in our list of goals.---

"I am certain that these steps will be productive. I am equally certain that we have much to learn from all of you about other ways that our partnership can produce real improvements in human capacity around the world. We clearly must broaden our partnerships in the fields of education and training. I am particularly thinking of the growing internationalism that permeates the activities and interests of our nation's universities and private sector institutions at the state and local level. USAID has reached out to corporations, private voluntary groups, foundations and to state and local governments to partner with us in our overseas mission. I know that America's universities and colleges and other training institutions are beginning to do the same.

"It is time for a joint strategy -- a new partnership among federal, local and private agencies interested in and committed to sustainable development. To this end, we will be proposing a high level conference to explore and energize the synergy that can occur when we include U.S. higher education institutions as active partners in international development."

Citizen Diplomats

In another article, from The Denver Post, author **Bruce Finley** puts it this way: "International ventures --- set up through a Kennedy-era program called Partners of the Americas, represent an expanding soft side of U.S. foreign policy. Citizens working for nongovernment groups carry out a practical diplomacy.

"This work 'is diminishing the significance of government-to-government relations,' said **Joseph Duffey**, U.S. Information Agency director, a top-level foreign policy post.

"It is becoming a more important force in the world,' Duffey said. 'Foreign policy as an esoteric enterprise engaged in by "wise men" is being challenged by great movements of people, ideas and associations across borders.' ---

"Meanwhile, in government offices, some traditional statesmen, nostalgic for old-fashioned dinner party diplomacy, are frustrated as citizen diplomats strike out on their own. Government budgets for international diplomacy have been shrinking for a decade. More than 30 U.S. consulates overseas have closed.

"It's just a new context,' said Duffey. --- 'We have to recognize that. There are an awful lot of things better done by private citizens, with some encouragement, than by government with all its stiffness and bureaucracy.'

"When Americans return from work projects abroad, they often talk about their experiences with friends, building awareness of foreign affairs. ---

"Citizen diplomats may not have the negotiating skills of professionals, --- 'but maybe we can have more impact.'" (According to **Francis Wardle**, a citizen diplomat with the Colorado-Minneapolis Gerai, Brazil, Partners of the Americas.

A challenge to Partners

Robert Hollister, Dean of the Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences, Research and Professional Studies at Tufts University, issued these challenges

to Partners at last years' International Convention in Boston: 1) Inclusion -- work harder at diversity; 2) Partnering -- develop real partnerships based on shared responsibility for fundraising, program design, and activity management along with building working relationships and skills; 3) Renewal -- sustain energy and vitality of leadership, recruit tomorrow's leaders, and plan for succession; 4) Public policy -- focus on the public policy and advocacy role by developing skills in legislative and public budgetary process, increasing knowledge about those processes and points of intervention and developing skills in organizing and educating memberships to participate in public debate; 5) Volunteer movement -- increase contributions to support other volunteer initiatives, including helping staffs of other non-profit organizations to involve volunteers at a new level and more effectively help them to elevate and grow, volunteering at the societal level; and 6) Evaluation -- pay more attention to the importance of evaluation by learning and using skills of participatory evaluation and self-evaluation.

Medical Insurance for Travelers

Bill Reese tells us that medical insurance for travelers is now available. This will include medical insurance for all international travelers, northbound and southbound, whose travel is funded by Partners of the Americas and authorized through the Partners of the Americas travel grant application process. This took effect after July 21 of this year. Partners will pay the premium for medical coverage during the specified Partners' business period of the trip. Partners of the Americas will not be able to pay the premium or arrange for medical insurance for Partner volunteers whose travel is self-funded or when the ticket is purchased from another source other than Partners.

Partners of the Americas will also not be able to pay the premium or arrange for medical insurance for any personal portions of a traveler's

itinerary. However, Partners will *enroll* the traveler in the insurance plan for the full travel period (including the personal portion), but the traveler will be responsible for the premium costs of the personal portion of his/her itinerary. Briefly, the plan covers medical costs, medical evaluation and repatriation, accidental death and dismemberment, and other services. A brochure covering this program is available through our partnership representative, **Anabella Bruch**.

Letters from the POA President

When we receive words of praise for our efforts, we believe it is important that all of our members are informed. Hopefully, this letter from **Bill Reese** helps us to feel that our work is noted and appreciated.

August 5, 1997

Dear Margaret and Bob:

Just this month we sent the partnerships the rechartering document. Included were organizational "best practices" from our stronger chapters. Your newsletter *Direcciones* has just arrived - and it certainly is a best practice in every sense of the word.

I commend you and your Board for the ways you use this communication. There is project news, along with information that partnerships need to conduct their business. I am impressed with how you adapt and translate our various missives from Washington, giving this bureaucratic information out to your members. It is the sharing of information by which we empower people to get their work done.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,
Bill

The second letter concerns the donation of paintings by **Jorge Jadauza's** mother to the White House.

August 6, 1997

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Through the good offices of **Carmen Fowler**, the former President of the Arkansas Partners, we are pleased to deliver to you

and President Clinton a very special gift from the Partners in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Partners, **Jorge Jadauza Daza**, visited with us last week and brought with him two paintings by his mother **Dora Daza**.

I remember very fondly the 25th anniversary of the partnership in Little Rock in 1991 when a noted Bolivian artist was in town. One of the paintings ended up in the State House. Now, Bolivian art arrives at the White House.

Enclosed with the two paintings are a handwritten letter by the artist and biographical information.

As you know, this people-to-people program that links American communities with our Latin American and Caribbean counterparts, is alive and well, harnessing the energies and capitalizing on the commitment of private citizens to join in common efforts. Through all these activities, the Partners build better understanding throughout the Americas. These paintings were given very much in that spirit.

Sincerely,
Bill

Do You Know??

Partners of the Americas is a member of InterAction. InterAction is the nation's largest coalition of U.S.-based development, relief and refugee assistance agencies. The coalition's more than 150 members have headquarters in 22 states and the District of Columbia. Tens of millions of Americans contribute to or support these agencies and their efforts in the developing world.

It is located at 1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 801, Washington DC 20036.

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4. It works to preserve U.S. global leadership.
5. It works to improve our economy

---never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Fellows update

Our Fellow representative, **Jeff Allender**, has given us an update on his activities, the most recent of which was the seminar held in Salvador, Brazil, from September 20 to October 4. The theme of the seminar was on youth participation. The theme was appropriate to the setting of the seminar: Salvador is in a poor part of Brazil, where there is a plethora of "street kids," often abandoned and living in the poorer barrios. The thrust of many programs there is work with 13- to 15-year old youngsters on such things as birth control, AIDS prevention, lack of employment, and problem pregnancies.

Approximately half of the Fellows in attendance were working with youth groups as part of their special projects. Jeff's project is also on youth and concentrates on developing better understanding between the youth of Arkansas and East Bolivia. He is working with two different school groups in both areas, developing slide shows which will be shared back and forth between the groups, with the goal of creating better understanding between them. The slide shows will be re-done periodically to sharpen and refine the information. Jeff is working with **Sonia Suarez** in Santa Cruz to identify the youth groups he will be working with there. In Arkansas, he has already identified junior high youth groups in the Conway public school system and in St. Joseph's parochial school.

Jeff has another year to go in his Fellow's term, which includes two more seminars. As part of his Fellows activities, he plans to attend a total Spanish immersion course after Christmas in Honduras.

The three chapters meeting

Our President has provided us with the following report on this meeting held recently in Fayetteville:

A very rewarding, productive, and warm meeting of leaders from the North Carolina, Utah and Arkansas Partners, along with their national representative from the Washington office, **Anabella Bruch**, was held in Fayetteville AR from Friday evening, September 24 through noon on Sunday, September 26. North Carolina was represented by both its President, **Hank Graden**, and its President-Elect, **John Colvard**; Utah was represented by its President-Elect, **Lidia Hoyle**, and her husband and Board Member, **Bob Hoyle**; Arkansas was represented by its President, **Margaret Clark**, its Vice President, **Kay Kraeft**, its Executive Director, **Bob Frans**, its Past President, **Laurin Wheeler**, its Secretary and Education Committee member, **Natalia Salazar**, and one other member of the Education Committee, **Jim Scroggs**. The Northwest Arkansas Partners who served as hosts and hostesses for the out-of-town visitors were **Bettie Lu Lancaster**, **Paul** and **Eunice Noland**, **Jim** and **Jane Scroggs**, and **Laurin** and **Libby Wheeler**.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies by which the three U.S. Chapters partnered with different parts of Bolivia could work cooperatively and collaboratively to draft and offer assistance to Bolivian partners with the implementation of the education reform program currently underway in Bolivia.

Everyone left with a feeling that a lot was accomplished. Members from each of the three chapters have assignments that are to be completed in October. After the draft is completed, it will be sent to the Coordination Board in Bolivia and to the three Bolivian Chapters in Cochabamba, La Paz, and Santa Cruz for their reactions and input. It is hoped and planned that

members of almost all of the 3 partnership groups will be able to meet at the International Meeting in Buenos Aires to finalize the plans, along with deciding to which organizations the proposals should be submitted for potential funding.

Anabella gave a report on the meeting of the three Bolivian chapters in La Paz (which gave rise to the Coordination Board now in place), and described the way by which the Board selects its membership and rotates its leadership and meeting places, and gave some details of various activities that are being planned. In addition to the plans for the draft proposal, which covered, primarily, education, the group identified other areas in which the three groups can work collaboratively, including agriculture, health, economy, culture, rehabilitation, and ecotourism. **Bob Frans** not only encouraged cooperation in the area of agriculture but also gave specific ideas relative to this potential area of concern.

A major decision was made to establish a Coordination Board in Arkansas, that will mirror the group formed as a result of the meeting held in La Paz. Each Chapter will have two members selected by their respective chapters, including where possible, at least one Kellogg Fellow per chapter. This group will have the responsibility of collecting and disseminating relevant information to all chapters, including all travel to and from the South, the different projects being conducted by the chapters, and will serve as liaison with the the Coordinating Board in Bolivia.

The Fayetteville meeting grew out of a series of conversations between Clark and Graden at the International Meeting in Trinidad in 1995, during a leadership training meeting in Washington where they were joined by **Johnny Villazon**, the President of the Cochabamba Partners, and with Anabella Bruch, and at the International Meeting in Boston in 1996, where the group discussion was enlarged to include **Mari Grambling**, a POA Board Member, **Silvia Quiroga** from Cochabamba, and **Roxana Rivero**, a member of the Santa Cruz

Compañeros from Trinidad. After the Boston meeting, Graden, in consultation with Clark and **Doug Lowe**, the President of the Utah Partners, submitted a grant application to the POA which was funded, thereby enabling the leaders of the three U.S. partnership groups to meet.

Visit of the Santa Cruz Executive Director

Jorge Jadauza, the Executive Director of the Compañeros de las Americas, visited both Little Rock and Fayetteville after his leadership training in Washington DC from late July through early August. His Little Rock visit was hosted by **Thecia Taylor**. During the time he spent there he went two days to study children's theater at the Arts Center in Little Rock.

In Fayetteville, he stayed with **Jim and Jane Scroggs**, **Bob Frans**, and **Paul and Eunice Noland**. Arrangements were made for him to observe classes for children in the arts (movement, drama, and the visual arts) at the Walton Arts Center, and to discuss with the directors of the program, including **Laura Goodwin**, daughter of **John and Phoebe Goodwin**, (former members of our partnership), the types of programs scheduled for children throughout the academic year, and the types of training available for public and private school teachers to help them integrate the arts into the curriculum. In response to Jadauza's interest in emergency preparedness, he toured the local emergency medical facility, met with **John Gibson**, the Washington County Director of Emergency Services, met with **Andy Gibbs**, Chair of the Drama Department, and with **Robert Dzur** to discuss modeling, using computers.

He also attended the Arkansas Partners Board Meeting and gave an updated report on the activities of the Compañeros of Santa Cruz. His social agenda in Fayetteville included a reception at the home of

Bob Frans, a luncheon at the Lodge on Whitney Mountain, and attendance at the University of Arkansas' theatrical production of the children's play "Charlotte's Web."

News of Bolivian Women

Several Bolivian women's groups and their activities may be of interest to our readers. They include:

PRO MUJER was founded in La Paz by some 4,000 Bolivian in 1989. It is a fast-growing non-professional volunteer organization supporting programs which empower women to raise themselves and their families out of poverty. It now has over 12,000 women who participate in more than 200 communal banks granting loans from \$50 to 600. The training helps women to develop business plans and the loan fund provides credit to transform plans into realities. The Bolivian Director is **Carmen Velasco** and **Anabella Bruch** is the Secretary of this organization. If you would like to support this tax-deductible program, make checks payable to Pro Mujer and send them, c/o Michael Fieldman and Partners, 345 Hudson St., 13th floor, New York NY 10014.

LA FUNDACION BOLIVIANA PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LA MUJER (FUNBODEN), a private institution headquartered in Santa Cruz, is affiliated with the Women's World Banking (WWB). Its President is **Mercedes Ortiz de Gasser**, one of the women who visited Arkansas Partners in the group funded by the Democratic Initiatives Project.

SAVE THE CHILDREN in Bolivia launched two interventions in the Inquisivi province by addressing women's reproductive health needs through a project called WARMI which was started in 1990, and the WOMAN-CHILD IMPACT program in 1992. WARMI focuses on economic opportunities and education to improve the quality of elementary education in rural areas

by increasing literacy levels and increasing school attendance. The WOMAN-CHILD IMPACT program focuses on neonatal health using a community-based approach in a remote setting with little access to adequate health services.

Another very involved organization is FEDERACION DE MUJERES BOLIVIANAS. Its President is **Maria Cristina de Carazas** from Santa Cruz, another woman who visited Arkansas under the Democratic Initiatives Program. Mujeres Bolivianas is affiliated with Conciencia. **Mercedes Ortiz de Gasser** serves as the Director of Conciencia in Santa Cruz. Information about this organization will be profiled in the next edition of *Direcciones*.

Farmer to Farmer

Phil Serafini, Coordinator of this program, has provided us with participant activities over recent months, along with projected travels in future months as follows:

Dr. Frank Farmer, a rural sociologist from the College of Agriculture and **Dr. Bill Schwab** from the Fulbright College assisted faculty at the Universidad Autonoma 'Gabriel Rene Moreno' (UAGRM) to begin the development of an "impact assessment" team. Their visit was also solicited by the National Association of Oilseed and Wheat Producers (ANAPO) and the Camara Agropecuaria del Oriente (CAO). There is increasing pressure from external donor agencies and the Bolivian government to be able to show the effects of the project interventions in the region. As an outgrowth of this contact, **Donna Pederson**, a graduate student working with Farmer was able to evaluate the rural health delivery system in Bolivia as a part of a comparative study of three countries.

Tom Dierks, a farmer from Stuttgart AR, and **Dr. Tom Evrard**, the former Director of the Northeast Research and Extension Center, assisted rice growers with their

water management and weed control programs. They worked through the Tropical Lowlands Research Organization (CIAT/Bolivia), UAGRM and a rice producers group. The trip fundamentally changed Dierks' impression of the importance of and benefits from working with farmers outside the U.S.

Bob and Nadine Spears, dairy farmers from Farmington AR worked with the Dairy Producers Organization, the milk processing and marketing cooperative and UAGRM. They evaluated the feed resources and practices, milking parlor operations and breeding programs of several producers. They subsequently assisted growers to get semen from high production Holstein stock in the U.S. They gave a lecture to the animal science faculty and students at UAGRM. They will be returning in the spring to give a short course on milking parlor management focused principally on women milking parlor operators.

Maxine Ray, a producer of purebred Angus and from Hoxie Ar, worked with women and other cattle producers in eastern Bolivia on herd management practices and nutrition. She worked through the Cattleman's Association (FEGASACRUZ) and UAGRM. There was a great deal of interest in her views and experience in making hay. There is a critical shortage of feed during the dry period in the winter in Santa Cruz. She also gave a lecture to the animal science students and faculty at UAGRM.

Dr. Paul Noland, a retired animal nutrition professor from the College of Agriculture, assisted UAGRM to design a new swine research facility. Swine production in the region around Santa Cruz is being modernized and this facility is felt to be an important factor in the development of this industry. Feed resources from the newly-opened crop production areas east of Santa Cruz has provided much of the impetus for growth in swine production. His intervention was greatly appreciated by the UAGRM animal science faculty. They felt his practical viewpoint and

experience with designing and managing similar facilities in the U.S. and Panama was most useful.

Visitors with other sponsorship

Phil Serafini, from the office of International Agricultural Programs (IAP) in the College of Agriculture, and **Gene Sullivan**, a specialist in water resource management, worked with ANAPO and CAO to help address water resource problems associated with flooding, drainage and irrigation in the agricultural areas around Santa Cruz. Gene's company, Sullivan and Associates, has received two contracts from the Prefectura of Santa Cruz for water resource consulting activities over the next few months.

Visitors from Bolivia

Guillermo Moscoso and **Carlito Los** from AGRIPAC, a major agricultural input supplier in Santa Cruz, toured the agricultural areas in eastern Arkansas. They were hosted by IAP, Gene Sullivan, **Wayne Wiggins**, a farmer from Jonesboro and a former FTF volunteer, **Bill Gregory**, a farmer and irrigation equipment supplier from Augusta Ar, **Charlie Eldridge**, an agricultural equipment dealer from Augusta, and Marlliss Manufacturing, a manufacturer of seeding equipment in Jonesboro.

Anticipated future travelers

Rob Dzur, a specialist in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), will be supporting UAGRM's Center for Environmental Studies use of GIS technology in their environmental monitoring activities.

Steven Perry, a librarian and specialist in accessing information on the Web, will be helping ANAPO, CAO and other groups on accessing agricultural information from the Web. He will also be giving a workshop on this subject at the International Convention in Buenos Aires.

Paul Noland will be returning to consult with UAGRM about their livestock research program and to lecture at the university.

Frank Farmer will also return to help organize a monitoring and evaluation activity with the faculty

of UAGRM on sheep production in the valleys west of Sant Cruz.

Bob and Nadine Spears will also be returning as noted above.

Profile of an artist

Kay Kraeft provides us information about soprano **Kristin Lewis** of Little Rock, a voice student at UCA, and who was the featured artist in a two-week concert tour of Bolivia, during the month of August. She did solo programs in Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, and La Paz, and delivered lectures and choral workshops in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the legendary African-American contralto **Marian Anderson**.

Sponsors of Ms. Lewis' tour included the United States Information Service Unit of the American Embassy in Bolivia, the Philharmonic Society of La Paz, the Circulo ProMusica of Santa Cruz, the Bolivian-American Centers in all three cities, and the New Acropolis Choral Association of Santa Cruz. Ms. Lewis will be featured as part of the program presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas-East Bolivia Partners on October 25 in Conway.

Bolivian U of A students

We thought you might like to have an update on the Bolivian students attending the University of Arkansas. While these are students in Fayetteville only, we would be pleased to have the names of Bolivian students attending other schools in Arkansas - let us know!

Jorge Bowles, 0073 Pomfret Hall, 718-2497

Arum Han, 300 Hotz Hall, 718-3874

Leila Justiniano, 386 Pomfret Hall, 718-3980

Stephan Kuljis Peres, P.O. Box 358, Fayetteville 72701

Enrique Lavintman, P.O. Box 2521, Fayetteville 72702, 718-3215

Eduardo Lopez, P.O. Box 2822, Fayetteville 72701 or 19 Holcombe Hall, 718-1637

Olga Mercado, 600 W. North St., Fayetteville 72703, 571-2133

Andres, Moreno, 20435 Pomfret Hall, 718-3215

Carlos Moreno, 0398 Pomfret Hall, 718-1403

Casandra Nuñez, P.O. Box 2396, Fayetteville 72702, 718-1729

Miguel O'Connor, 131 Walton Hall, or 1263 Mt. Comfort Rd., #27, Fayetteville 72703, 718-1973 or 444-1973

Gustavo Pereyra, 1263 Mt. Comfort Rd., Fayetteville 72703, 444-9065

Luis A. Ribera, 1764 N. Leverett, #236, Fayetteville 72703

Luis G. Ribera, 20439 Pomfret Hall, 718-2694

Pedro M. Ribera, 1764 N. Leverett #236, Fayetteville 72703, 442-7256

Gustavo Rivero, 0418 Pomfret Hall, 718-3312

Julio Saldana, 1764 N. Leverett #156, Fayetteville 73703

Paula Saldana, 0104 Gibson Hall, 718-3731

Maria Somerstein, 1764 N. Leverett #54, or 555 W. Maple St. Apt. P, Fayetteville 72701, 582-2693

Jose Soruco Henicke, 610-B Wing, Pomfret Hall, 718-3874

Daniela Villanueva, 0333 Gregson Hall, 718-1408

Ana Von Bergen, 1221 Mt. Comfort Rd. #20, Fayetteville 72703, 444-6108

In addition to these students regularly enrolled, there are several enrolled in the Spring International Language Center. They are:

Luis Antelo

Patricia Caballero

Patricia Cors

Alejandra Justiniano

Maira Justiniano

Fernando Mercado

Muriel Ric

Marsha Serrate

Maria Valdivia