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Blast from the past

Attending ASWB's retirement party for PAT OLINGER were DIANNE WILDGRUBE, ASWB's first meeting planner, and former executive director DONNA DeANGELIS and her husband DENNIS. Pictured from left: DIANNE, CHRISTINE BREEDEN, DONNA, DWIGHT HYMANS, PAT, MARY JO MONAHAN, and DENNIS.

World travelers

Board member RICHARD SILVER of Québec reports that he



Display from the Korea gathering

spent two weeks in Berlin during his summer holiday. CHRISTINE BLACK-HUGHES of Minnesota was in South Africa for part of the summer working at the University of Fort Hare as guest lecturer. CEO MARY JO MONAHAN and President M. JENISE COMER represented ASWB at the International Federation of Social Workers conference in Seoul, South Korea, where they continued the discussion about social work practice mobility with a global audience.

Exam Committee member DEBBY JONES of British Columbia was in Tanzania and Kenya on a two-week safari tour this summer, spending a week in each country. DEBBY writes: "My favorite place was the Serengeti in Tanzania. ... Kenya



Debby's Masai tracker asked Debby to wear some of his jewelry.

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was also very lovely and such a cultural experience. We stayed in a safari camp owned and operated by the Masai, located on a huge land conservancy in the Chulu Hills. Our Masai tracker and guide took us to their village and we were able to meet their families and visit inside one of their homes (branches covered in hardened cow dung). ... The Masai are fiercely proud of their heritage and it was really fascinating learning about their culture."

Your name could be featured here! Send all news and pictures to Jayne Wood, newsletter editor, at jwood@aswb.org or call Jayne at 800.225.6880, ext. 3075. We need your input!



Remembering Mila

DONNA DeANGELIS let ASWB know that MILA TECALA passed away in June. MILA's career in social work spanned 50 years, and she was named Social Worker of the Year for the Washington, D.C., chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in 1999 and National Social Worker of the Year in 2000. She was a member of ASWB's Exam Committee, serving on the Clinical subcommittee, for many years and, DONNA reports, also served on at least two practice analysis task forces. Of her close friend, DONNA wrote: "Milagros Ruiz Tecala made a difference. She made a difference in the lives of her sons, her daughters-in-law, her grandchildren, her friends, her clients, her students, and her colleagues. She was esteemed in her profession. ... She made a difference in the lives of others around the world by working with Peace Corp volunteers, consulting in other countries and returning to her country of origin, the Philippines, during times of national disasters and tragedy to help with grief work and to train others to do the same. ... Mila loved her work so much that she worked through

the morning of the day she was admitted to the hospital. Perhaps she gave so much of herself away to others that she didn't have enough left to heal herself. It is difficult to accept that Mila is no longer physically among us. She made a difference in my life and I miss her very much every day."

Feelin' the love

Board members M. JENISE COMER of Missouri, STEVEN PHARRIS of Tennessee, and ANNA LYN WHITT of Mississippi made one of ASWB's famous "road trips to Culpeper" to brainstorm about the future of ASWB's Foundation. While they were here, they stopped at the town's iconic Love sign for a photo op.



Foundation Review and Committee

Tenure and other news

Exam Committee members shared news about their professional lives at the August Exam Committee meeting. LIZ JOHNSTON of California was excited to report that she starts her tenure track at Cal Poly University this fall. BENJAMIN ROSENBERG of New York has started a new job in health information technology.

What's with the weather and ASWB meetings?

Another meeting and another significant weather event! Some members of the Exam Committee and the Board of Directors had flights delayed or put in a holding pattern over the airport in New Orleans because of a tornado that touched down in the city on August 4. There were anecdotal reports that the tornado demolished a crack house that the city had been unsuccessful in closing down. Is that considered "Divine intervention"?

ASWB says good-bye....

TORREY GRAY, Maine

MARGARET LYNCH, New Hampshire

JOHN MAYR, British Columbia

ASWB welcomes new jurisdictional staff members...

ALANA RODRIGUEZ, Rhode Island

ALICE BRADFORD, Texas

KAREN WASYLENKA, Saskatchewan

GREG SEARLS, Wyoming

ALEC STRATFORD, Nova Scotia

DAWN HANNASCH, Alaska

NICOLE WILLIAMS, Delaware

CHELSEA COOLEDGE, acting Registrar in British Columbia