

Letters, we get letters . . .



Foreign Service families, this newsletter is for you. If it is to be of maximum interest and use to you, it needs your input. We welcome any and all suggestions and comments about this issue. Please write to: Community Liaison Section (Liaison), Posting Services Centre, Lester B. Pearson Building, External Affairs, Ottawa K1A 0G2.

We returned home recently from a Christmas visit to our son Donald and his family in Mexico. He is the Commercial Counsellor at the Embassy and we arrived there just in time to experience the earthquakes of last September.

Among the mountain of mail that had accumulated in our absence was a copy of *Liaison*. For those of us who went abroad in the Foreign Service back in the 1920's it is difficult to believe that services to foreign service personnel can be as extensive and thoughtfully conceived as those described in your publication. The contrast with earlier times is striking. My wife and I were particularly interested to read the column on page 10 with the article by Pat Badani (the Community Coordinator in Mexico)....

The point of all this is to express the hope that you will keep us on your mailing list for this interesting publication.

Sincerely,
B.C. Butler, Victoria, B.C.

I just wanted to take a moment to commend *Liaison* on the article dealing with the single FSP. It said it all — representing both the very positive and the few negatives to choosing to go it alone in the foreign service. Thanks for drawing attention to the trials and tribulations, but also thanks for making the article a positive one — now if only the people responsible for the FSDs would acknowledge that single people have unique needs, life would be grand!

Yours sincerely,
Sue Enos, Brussels, NATO

If you want to publish a story about a world event, please check your facts. The earthquake that took place in Mexico occurred on Thursday, September 19, 1985, not October 19. If you look in your 1985 calendar, you will find out that October 19 was a Saturday not a Thursday. I feel you should put an apology in your next issue of *Liaison*. You would not want people to be misled especially when it concerns a world event. A student may want to write a short story about the earthquake and if he got his hand on a copy of *Liaison* which his parents brought home, I am sure he will not get a B as a mark — more likely an E.

From an interested reader.

Editors note: Our apology. It was September 19th, not October 19th. Thank you for your letter.



November 15, 1985 marked the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Consulate General in Strasbourg. On this occasion Consul General Jean-Yves Grenon gave a commemorative medallion to each of the four members of the staff who have worked at the mission since its opening. From left to right: Mireille Gaudias, Jean-Yves Gagnon, Marie Pavan, Jean-Baptiste Goetz and Geneviève Cobos.

Thank you for your *Liaison* magazine. It keeps us closer to home than any other publication we receive. Keep up the good work.

G.B. Morgan
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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