



From the
**Foreign Service
Community Association**

**A message from the new
president, Shirley Hadwen**

It is an honour and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as president of the FSCA for the coming year. Together with the new executive, I look forward to progress in all the areas of our mutual concern. The association has contributed a great deal to the quality of life in the foreign service and we intend to continue these efforts in new directions as well as old. We really want your help and support as there is much to be done.

Notices

- **Members:** let us know you are back, especially while you are still in the hotel, so we can pass on to you information which will help ease your return to Ottawa. We can provide new arrivals with a list of neighbourhood contacts who will be happy to provide up-to-date information on housing, schools, baby sitters and local facilities.
- If you are not a member, why not consider becoming one? Membership costs a modest \$12.00 per year. It is open to all persons in the foreign service who serve Canada at home or abroad. Your concerns are our concerns. Tel: 993-5729.
- To celebrate the return of our members from posts abroad and to welcome new recruits to the foreign service, we will again hold our evening Sherry Party and morning Coffee Party in the Crush Lobby of the L.B. Pearson Building.

Sherry Party 5-7 p.m., — September 20
Coffee Party 10-12 noon, — October 5

- The Hospitality Committee offers a regular open house with coffee and cookies (juice for the children) from 10 to 12 noon on the first Tuesday of every month in the FSCA office off the Crush Lobby of the L.B. Pearson Building. Come in and familiarize yourself with our activities.
- The active committees in the FSCA are: *Bulletin* and newsletter, Education, Hospitality, Programme, Publicity, Re-Entry, Spousal Employment. If you would like to participate, please contact the FSCA office. It takes only three people to start an action committee, so if you perceive a foreign service related problem that you feel needs action, find two like-minded persons, bring it to the FSCA and start the "ball rolling".

- **Help wanted.** The position of office co-ordinator will become available November 1st, 1984. Send for information or submit a resumé before September 10, 1984 to: the Secretary, FSCA Office, 125 Sussex Dr., Ottawa, K1A 0G2

**Thumbnail sketches of the
new executive**

Shirley Hadwen, president

Born and educated in Toronto, Shirley graduated from U of T in Anthropology. She has four sons and has served in New York, Oslo, Malaysia, Pakistan and India, the latter three as wife of the Head of Post. Shirley assisted in the establishment of the FSCA and served on the Education Committee in 1975.

Mary MacKinnon, vice-president

Mary graduated from Queen's University in English, French and Psychology. Mary lived and studied in Switzerland, England and France before her husband joined the Department. The MacKinnons have had postings to Tunis and Seoul.

Sylvia Brown, staff vice-president

Sylvia was born and lived her early years in Calgary. Since joining the government service 25 years ago, she has spent 21 years abroad. During a posting to Georgetown, Sylvia adopted two children now aged 9 and 9 1/2 years.

Oonagh MacDowall, treasurer

Oonagh was born in London, England, and spent her childhood there. She has four children. After her son was born, Oonagh's husband spent two years on an expedition to the Antarctic. During that time she wrote articles, made radio broadcasts, and gave lectures. Last summer they returned from Tokyo where her husband was Science Counsellor.

Laurel Pardy, secretary

A reluctant emigré from Nova Scotia, Laurel graduated from Acadian University with a B.Sc. and a B. Ed. After several years of teaching and post-graduate work, Laurel and her husband moved to Ottawa when he joined the Department. They and their two sons have spent 10 of the last 17 years on postings to India, Kenya and the United States.

**Does Your French Need
Learning, Improving
or Perfecting?**

Whatever the situation, classes will be offered free of charge to spouses of rotational personnel starting in September 1984. Classes will be held twice a week, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. provided there is a minimum of 6 persons per class. Oral expression is the emphasis of the course, but comprehension of spoken and written French is also stressed. A placement test will be given to determine the correct starting level for each person.

For further information contact Nicole Coulombe at 593-5428 or write her at the Official Languages Division (ADL), Lester B. Pearson Building, Ottawa, K1A 0G2.

'Tis The Birthday Season

It's the 75th anniversary of the Department of External Affairs (1909-1984), the 40th anniversary of the National Joint Council (1944-1984), the 20th anniversary of PAFSO (Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers) (1964-1984), and soon to be, the 10th anniversary of the FSCA (Foreign Service Community Association). It officially opened its office in October 1975. Undoubtedly there are others that we have missed. Do let us know.

DID YOU KNOW?

— that little boys are more liberated than little girls. Researchers in Indiana say that little girls' activities have remained the same — art projects and house play — but little boys' activities have expanded to include house play too.

— that workaholic women don't benefit to the extent that workaholic men do. After surveying 1,500 men and women, researchers in Texas found that 52% of the workaholic women (those working 50 or more hours a week), remained single compared with 17% of the men. Also, 15% of the women had been divorced compared to 5% of the men. In terms of salary, the men reported that they earned 30% more than their non workaholic contemporaries, whereas the women earned only 13% more. The average salary of the male workaholics was \$55,000 compared to \$29,000 for the females. The conclusion . . . is it worth it?