

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

(Taken from the anecdotes file as told by Margaret Chase Smith)

In 1967, I was elected by unanimous vote of Republican Senators to be Chairman of the Republican Conference. This made me a part of the Republican Leadership and required my attendance at the Republican Leadership sessions with the President during the Republican Administrations. As top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I was often called upon to attend bi-partisan leadership meetings at the White House when Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrat from Texas, was President. These two positions required me to attend White House meetings with the President from one to three times a week for six years, a privilege but not always desirable. The meetings were usually called for 8:30 a.m. but now and then 5:00 p.m.

President Nixon took this opportunity to invite additional members of the House and Senate to breakfast and set the time at 8:00 in the morning. If it was a large number attending and he had a matter he wanted to get to, then it was held in the large State Dining Room. If it was something very special, he would have only the Chairmen and some one like the Secretary of Defense in the Family Dining Room.

At the large, more party-like, breakfasts such as Christmastime, Mrs. Nixon was present. They were, she especially, charming thoughtful hosts. It was at the Christmas breakfast that I sat second to the President at his right. He leaned over and said, "Margaret, I am going to ask you to say a few words." I did and expressed the appreciation of the guests with special reference to the dignity and charm that the "First Lady, Mrs. Nixon, and you have brought to the White House. You both make us proud of this number one home in our nation."

At one of the small breakfasts in the Family Dining Room I sat at the President's immediate right. General Whalen, Chairman of

President Nixon is shown with MCS and other Congressional leaders on the Capitol steps on April 6,

the Joint Chiefs of Staff was present to bring us up to date on the status of our defense with special emphasis on South Vietnam. This was the time I had turned my chair part way around to see the chart General Whalen was using just by me and had not removed my large white napkin from my lap. A picture was taken, used by the press, and brought in letters asking would it not be more proper for one in my position to wear my dresses a little longer especially when at a Presidential breakfast. The napkin was taken for bare thighs.

One of the last large breakfast meetings I attended in the state dining room with about 100 present, I sat at the right of the Vice President, Spiro Agnew. The President called upon Representative Hale Boggs, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee to make a presentation of tax matters. Congressman Boggs talked on to the apparent annoyance of the President. It was very boring and had little interest for anyone. Had it been evening many of us could have enjoyed a nap but it was early morning and as I let my mind wander on my schedule for the day, Representative Robert Byrd, Democrat from West Virginia, Majority Whip in the Senate, who sat at my right, whispered, "Senator Smith, let me apologize for the speaker's foul language. I am embarrassed as I am sure everyone present is. That remark was most out of place even if you, a lady, were not present." To this I said, "Thank You."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED AT 16TH ANNUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Evelyn Hanlin Shaw and E. Elizabeth Bryden were the first recipients of the Margaret Chase Smith Distinguished Service Awards presented during the library's annual Advisory Committee meetings. Chairman Merton G. Henry presented the awards to both ladies in recognition of their devoted service to both Margaret Chase Smith and the Library.

Evelyn Shaw has been a long-time supporter of the library and has been the benefactor of such programs as the Ada E. Leeke Fellowship Program; the restoration of Senator Smith's 1969 Chevelle automobile; the preservation of the "Washington & You" columns; and the publication of "A Woman for All Seasons." A retired Coast Guard captain, Evelyn has the library's deepest thanks.

E. Elizabeth Bryden, jokingly referring to herself as "Dizzy Lizzie," certainly is not that in the eyes of those who have come to admire her unselfish support of the library and its programs. For many years, Betty came from Washington, DC to spend several weeks at the library working on special projects. Formerly the librarian of the Senate Republican Conference in Washington, she came to know Senator Smith and a life-time friendship was formed.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Welcomed to the Committee at the June 16th and 17th meetings were: Honorable William and Karen Lemke of Westbrook, ME; Cliff Garvey of Saco, ME; Patricia Hill Burnett of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and Dr. Allan & Maryann Nyman of Winslow, ME. These new friends of the library will offer much to the Committee as it serves to perpetuate the memory of Margaret Chase Smith.

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE U. S. SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, JULY 1947, SUPPORTING THE WOMEN'S ARMED SERVICES INTEGRATION ACT

*Colonel Mary A. Hallaren, USA, Retired
Director, Women's Army Corps
5 March 1947 - 3 January 1953*

"Now, we have an opportunity to intelligently plan for our national security. Experts tell us that modern warfare makes us vulnerable in our own backyard. In the future, we won't have to worry about recruiting the women or convincing the men (that women should serve). When a house is on fire, we don't talk about a woman's place in the home. And we don't send her a gilt-edged invitation to help put the fire out. We should best be concerned with her utilization, where she can best fit into the plan for fire prevention and control...what she needs for her own protection, what she needs to do the job...[and] how, by the quickest, most expeditious methods, she can learn the job that needs to be done."

CARTOON BOOK WINNER

Barbara Merrill of Hallowell ME responded to our "search for the answer" trivia question in the July newsletter. Nine books remain to be given away!!! If you still have the July newsletter, you can still be a winner. Good luck!

MARGARET CHASE SMITH ANNUAL AWARD

in the Nation's Capital

The Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial Foundation has presented its first annual award to Dr. William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense, at a ceremony on June 11 in Washington DC. Accepting on behalf of her husband, Lee Perry addressed the audience, calling attention to the "legacy of this 5 foot 2, four-term Congresswoman, and four-term Senator. In the Senate, Senator Smith was known as the Quiet Woman. But, when she espoused a cause, she was articulate and passionate, and everyone listened!"

The Senator Margaret Chase Smith Leadership Award was established to honor leaders who follow in the footsteps of Senator Smith, an extraordinary legislator and patriotic visionary who helped make it possible for women to participate and contribute equally in our nation's armed forces. In tribute to Senator Smith's legacy, this prestigious award distinguishes leaders who help America realize the unique talents of all her citizens by opening doors and removing barriers to women and their full partnership in America's defense. Senator Smith introduced the landmark legislation for the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 that gave women a permanent place in the military for the first time. Yet today, this Act remains the most significant legislation pertaining to women's military service and is the cornerstone for policies and regulations affecting women.

Special guest, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, made the presentation at the Arlington Cemetery WIMSA Memorial.

Above, Mrs. Clinton addresses the audience before making the official presentation to Mrs. Perry. Below, representing the MCS Foundation are Judge Harriet P. Henry & Merton G. Henry, Esquire.

...ONLY ONE SKOWHEGAN

In honor of the 175th anniversary of the creation of Skowhegan, the MCSL is pleased to feature "Only One Skowhegan': Margaret Chase Smith's Hometown." This exhibit of local photographs and memorabilia provides an overview of the town's history, community institutions, and industries. Topics such as the Wabanaki Indians, Arnold Expedition, Skowhegan Fair, Lakewood Theater, Kennebec River log drives, and papermaking are covered. The display also highlights Senator Smith's many connections to the town as well as a wall-size map of Somerset County dating to 1860. Visitors can trace the route of the Canada Road, an important early link between Quebec and Maine; follow the course of the Kennebec River, once the lifeblood for the region's industry; and search the topography to find the former status of their favorite Somerset County landmark or locale.

Business & Professional Women present MCS Scholarship

Laura A. Albin was recently chosen to receive the MCS Scholarship for the 1998-1999 school year. Laura attends the University of Maine in Orono, majoring in cultural anthropology. Congratulations, Laura!

WHAT'S AHEAD IN 1998

Northwood University MCS Fellowship
Program begins September 9

Annual Appreciation Day and Open
House November 1
We'll look forward to seeing you there!

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS HERE IN JULY ⁸

Northwood University's External Degree students (University College) came to Maine for two different sessions during the month of July. In four days, students researched and produced a written and oral presentation on a major aspect of Senator Smith's life and career. In addition, three major lectures on the Cold War, the Shakers, and the White House taping system during Watergate were provided by Dr. Greg Gallant and Dr. David Richards of the MCSL and Dr. Chris Beam of the Bates College Edmund S. Muskie Archives.

Students from the July 14-17th program are: Len Dillon, John David, Kevin Dillon, Nancy Burns, Pat DeCorte, Francis Malek, Jim Macionski, Jan Couturier, Betty Buchanan, Michael Branam, Tammy Brown, Debi Biffle, Jason Carley, Rick Berez, and Professor Tom Luptowski.

Students from the July 28-31 program are: Julie Kowatch, Darcie Hoffman, Delynn Pritchard, Debbie Bellanca, Ann Deback, Dennis Walter, Professor Tom Luptowski, Dave Cowlbeck, Library Asst. Dir. David Richards, Loree Pastine, Kim

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WELCOME, BYRON

The library is pleased to welcome Byron Pooler (pictured left) of East Madison to the staff. Byron is responsible for grounds and building maintenance and comes to us with a diverse background in a variety of fields—insurance and financial planning, photography, carpentry, automobile sales and mechanics, forestry services, and for some time, worked for United Parcel Service making deliveries, coincidentally, to the MCSL! His other duties include supply inventory and assistance during library functions.

Byron currently performs with a “blues” band on weekends at the Buzzard’s Breath in downtown Madison, ME, playing electric bass guitar. Other hobbies include fly fishing, canoeing, football, and skiing.

Byron has a ten-year daughter, Morgan, who is a student in Farmington, ME.

A resident of Maine for most of his life, Byron says he has always admired Senator Smith and is “pleased to be working in such a wonderful environment and helping to maintain the legacy of Skowhegan’s own Margaret Chase Smith.”

MCS DAY HONORS MANY

UPWARD BOUND STUDENTS VISIT

During the annual Margaret Chase Smith Day, seventeen area women were honored for their dedication to the Skowhegan community. Recognized for their contributions were Dottie Small, Robin Moore, Annette Flannery, Mary Simonoff, Jodi Michaud, Rhonda Stark, Diane Barnes, Dorothy Bilodeau, Maxine Russakoff, Thea Hamilton, Alice Leavitt, Corilla Hastings, Shirley Bastien, Shirley Sawyer, Lois Moody, Joyce Chittick, and the late Eleanor Hines. Leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance are (below) members of Girl Scout Troop #696, the troop which honored Senator Smith in 1992 by making her an honorary member.

Sarah Perry, Carrie Williams, Tammi Levesque, Andrea Brackett, Liana Nichols, Amanda Kibbe, Darrulle Waleik, Carrie Obert, Jason Judd, Jen Eastman, and Sarah McLean visit on July 2.

FLORENCE WALKER WELCOMED

Former Skowhegan native, retired teacher, past president of BPW and the Skowhegan Woman’s Club, member of the Maine State Women’s Legislative Council, and long-time friend of Senator Smith, Florence Walker (96) was recently honored with a gathering of friends at the MCSL. Florence currently resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she is pianist and active member of the Cape May Woman’s Club. Pictured left L-R are: Ruth Bess, Florence Walker, Marion Knight (96), and Edith Staples.

**FESSENDEN, HANCOCK, & CAMP SUNSHINE
ARE ESSAY WINNER TOPICS**

In the July newsletter, Erica Varney and Kelly Michaud were featured as first and second place winners in the MCS Public Service and Citizenship Award essay contest. Tied for second place was Nicholas Viens of Waterville High School.

Nicholas writes of William Pitt Fessenden, "Fessenden's strong will and outstanding ability to see morality as a higher priority than societal conformity is a valuable lesson to be learned not only for use in public service but in everyday interactions and decisions, no matter how minor. This idea of citizenship, putting the benefit of your peers, neighborhood, community, or nation ahead of personal interest, certainly parallels all other aspects of life as well. Difficult as it is to push aside selflessness in a society based upon advancement and personal betterment, this example of one of Maine's best and most memorable citizens should not be overlooked for any reason, as we, like Senator Fessenden, remember what being an American citizen should involve."

Kelly Michaud writes of David Hancock, "throughout his life, David worked to improve his hometown of Casco, Maine, and the surrounding Lake Region community. David's devotion and guidance did not stop here. His stewardship beliefs not only made him a wonderful community leader but also a leader in national aspects. In his short fifty-five years, David accomplished a dozen lifetimes of work and service locally, statewide, and nationally."

Erica Varney's essay on Camp Sunshine noted that "volunteers are a very special group of people willing to give from their hearts. Some volunteers serve as counselors, supervisors, and friends to the children, while others provide support for the adults who attend educational workshops and professional counseling sessions. When the permanent campus has been completed, Camp Sunshine will operate twenty to twenty-five weeks a year. This expansion will make it possible to serve families afflicted by a wide range of diseases including cancer, congenital heart disease, Fanconi anemia, pediatric hemophilia, kidney disease, AIDS, juvenile diabetes, and other chronic childhood diseases."

Deadline for 1999 essays is February 15 with an award date of April 30. For more information, contact David Richards at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, 54 Norridgewock Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

Nicholas Viens holds a framed copy of Senator Smith's **Creed** as well as his 2nd place prize of \$200.

SCAVENGER HUNT A SUCCESS

Maine's Canadian neighbors participated in the Chaud-Bec Immersion Program Scavenger Hunt initiated by Adult and Community Education Director Andre Pied. Ten years ago, Andre noticed the large number of Canadians stopping at McDonald's on their way through town. He spoke with the people in St. Georges, Quebec, a town within two hours of Skowhegan, ascertained their interests, and found a way to work together. Dealing with economic development, tourism, and adult education, it is a Sister City program linking St. Georges and St. Marie, Quebec, to Skowhegan and Augusta, Maine. As a part of the educational component of the program, the Chaud-Bec Immersion Program helps Canadians learn English while Skowheganites learn French.

During the past nine years, over 300 people have been involved in the program, attending a week-long June session in Skowhegan and Canada with 25 hours of classroom instruction. Some students may opt for 2 hours of classroom instruction per day and do on-the-job training for the remaining 3 hours in a business associated with their profession when home. An October tourism trip is also part of the program with participants spending a weekend with Canadian and Skowhegan families.

For the scavenger hunt, participants were divided in groups and given a list of stops in Skowhegan. They were instructed to identify themselves in English and return with the answers to questions in an allotted time. On arrival at the MCSL, participants were given specific questions regarding Senator Smith's life and career and found the answers by studying the displays contained within the Library. The MCSL is pleased to be involved in this program and happy to encourage goodwill and education with its neighbors to the north.

SUMMER SUMMIT 1998

Northwood University's National Women's Board Meets

The July 17-19 weekend brought members of the Board to Skowhegan for its annual meeting. Under the direction of National Co-Chairs, Marge and Jack Hohman, members came from around the country to spend time touring Senator Smith's home, viewing the extensive displays, and attending meetings. Discussion topics included the MCS Forum, the 40th anniversary of the NU, Project 40, and the Outstanding Business Leaders program. The agenda also included a Maine shore lobster dinner at a well-known, local restaurant, the Heritage House. It seems impossible to visit Maine without experiencing a delicious lobster dinner with all the fixings.

Pictured above left are Dr. William Bostick, Sharon Snyder, Mary Jane Bostick, & Laura Cianci; above right: NU President David Fry & Dallas Chapter Liaison

MCS School students receive Citizenship Awards

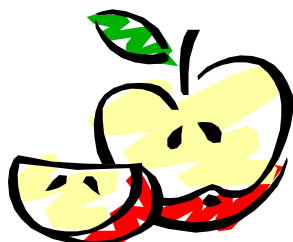
Pictured at right are the eight recipients of the annual Margaret Chase Smith Citizenship Award presented at Skowhegan's elementary school named for Smith. Each student received a \$50 savings bond, a red rose, and an Eisenhower commemorative one dollar coin. Lynnette King of the Library staff made the presentations.

Front row L-R: Shawn Campbell, Brooks Thompson, Stephanie Savio; back row L-R: Chris Coro, Lee Lemieux, Mallory Michaud, Michelle Farley and Marc Denis

10-WEEK FALL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS

Students from Northwood University's three campuses (Michigan, Florida, and Texas) arrived after Labor Day to begin ten weeks of intensive study on the life and career of Margaret Chase Smith. Curriculum expectations include two completed papers on a particular aspect of her career; a weekly roundtable discussion of current events; assigned readings and discussion; as well as weekly cultural field trips throughout the state.

Coming from the Texas campus are: Fabiola Davalos (born in Mexico) and Jose Pablo Calzada of Costa Rica; from Michigan, Valeria Cabrera of Argentina and Kelly Grubaugh of Michigan; from Florida, April Tompkins of New York and Jack Jones from the Sunshine State. (More about the students in future newsletters)



Fellowship students are pictured apple picking at North Star Orchards; busy at work on research projects; posing for a photo at the welcoming dinner at the Heritage House; and alongside Gifford Ice Cream's moose following a visit to the S. Solon Meeting House and lunch at The Shed.

Upcoming field trips include a foliage cruise on the **Katahdin** to Moosehead Lake's Mt. Kineo; a visit to the Victoria Mansion & the Portland Museum of Art; a step back in time at the Norlands Living History Center; a ski run down Sugarloaf Mountain; a tour of Mead Forest & Paper Mill; a shopping spree at L. L. Bean, and a personal meeting with Maine Governor Angus King.