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Barbara Hale 1924- 2013



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President's Report

On Friday 20th June, I joined with other mourners at Christ Church Anglican church in Claremont where a memorial mass was being held for our esteemed life member Barbara Hale. The ceremony was a moving tribute to someone who has shared so much of her wisdom and talent with our association, and her passing is a personal and professional loss for many individuals and groups. As I read Hilary Silbert's report of the Anniversary Dinner and see the thoughts of the philosopher Martin Buber, I felt that Barbara had truly achieved the purpose for which she may have been brought into this world. She will be sadly missed.

That 90th anniversary dinner, organized by our hard-working Hilary Silbert in her role as 90th Anniversary coordinator and celebrated to the day our association was founded, was held in Hackett Hall 'the old Ref' at UWA on Saturday 23 June and we were delighted to hear our guest speaker Dr Annie Duncan regale us with her journey of the 1968 student unrest to a PhD in Biochemistry and onward success – often in work that supported and represented women's interests. It was particularly poignant for me as I invited my parents, Patricia and Frank Malone to enjoy the occasion on the campus on which they first shared their married life in the early 1950s..

And finally, on a business/education note, I have been reading with interest the Gonski report, and listening to the support from other STAs. I recently sent a letter to our Premier Barnett asking whether education in WA will be worse off if WA does not accept the Federal Government offer. I await his reply. I would like to thank all those from the Graduate Women national level who have kept me informed, especially 'Tricia Blombery, Erica Jolly and Elaine Butler. I thank them for their informed comments.

Felicity Farrelly



Barbara Mary Hale was born in New Zealand on 5 April 1924 to Frederick Bernard and Bertha Chrystabel Grierson Hale. She died in Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands, Western Australia, on 5 June 2013. Her brother, Lance Corporal Peter Bernard Hale, a member of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force was killed in action in Japan in September 1946; he was aged twenty. Barbara was in hospital for only a couple of weeks and until the onset of her last illness was a vital member of Graduate Women (WA), especially as one of the trio of GWWA members writing the history of the last fifty years of AFUW(WA) Inc.

Barbara maintained links with lifelong friends in New Zealand, where she was educated at Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christchurch, and where she gained library qualifications and the degree of Master of Arts in English from the University of New Zealand. Only close friends knew of her generous support for the institutions where she was educated.

Her move to Australia was, by way of ancestry, a return; her several times great grandfather was an early settler in Sydney Town, and some of the family subsequently migrated further to New Zealand. Barbara was a staff member of the University of Western Australia Library from 1961 to 1984, and served as Deputy University Librarian between 1966 and 1984. On study leave from the Library she completed a Master's Degree at the Library School at Sheffield University. During her tenure she was elected by academic staff to serve on the University Senate, the first woman to be so elected.

In retirement she gave extensively of her time to the Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc. She held a variety of positions within the Association, including President, Secretary, and Membership Convener; and after moving to a villa across the road from headquarters she was the member who, without fuss or recognition, held everything together. She was made a Life Member of AFUW(WA) in 1991. Her dry wit, humour and erudition enlivened the Association's literary groups. As federal President during the 1985-88 triennium she led the Australian delegation to the 1986 IFUW Christchurch Conference. During her presidency she nurtured into existence the first Association of AFUW in the Northern Territory and her personal efforts brought into being, under the umbrella of AFUW(WA), a group of women graduates in Broome. As AFUW(WA) prepared for the IFUW Perth conference in 2004 her unmatched knowledge of members' professions and interests enabled the Local Arrangements Committee to marry members' labours with their skills. She was many times a voting delegate to IFUW conferences, travelling with her friend, the late Peg Hutchison of Wellington. Together they would extend the international journey to visit remote bird-watching sites. After Peg's death Barbara flew to New Zealand to acquaint herself with Peg's last days; that was Barbara's last overseas journey.

In 1992 she established the AFUW(WA) Inc Education Trust, which she led from inception, retiring from the chair only few years ago and as Trustee last October. Since then interest on the capital of the Trust, accumulated for over sixty years by memorial donations, bequests, academic gown hire proceeds and members' donations, has been untaxed. The Trust presently administers the funds of six postgraduate bursaries and in 2009 established a Gift Fund under the Tax Office's Scholarship Category, donations to which are tax deductible. Barbara's personal skills were at least matched by her careful management of the Trust funds.

As well as her work within AFUW, Barbara was an active and vigorous member of other University and community groups. These included the Friends of the UWA Library, which she served with distinction as Vice-President for ten years. She served on the St Catherine's College

Council from 1977–1990 and was elected an Honorary Fellow of the College in 2003. The Barbara Hale Sail Training Award, open to St. Catherine's students, was established in 1989. She made a significant contribution to the National Trust of Australia (WA) over many years, especially as a member of its Cultural Environment Committee and Built Environment Working Committee. She was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Trust in 2005. She played a leading role in Birds Australia – WA Group. She was a Charter member of the Zonta Club of Perth when it was formed in December 1971; she was one of the original Club officers as a Director until she became Vice-President from 1974-1976 and President 1976-78. In 2011, on the GW (WA) nomination proposed by Lynda Roberts-Hall, she was awarded the Western Australian Government's 50 year Volunteer Service Badge.

On 21 June 2013 a requiem mass for Barbara was held in Christ Church, Claremont, a beautiful old stone-built parish church. Barbara had no relatives in Western Australia and no immediate relatives in this country; her friends filled the pews of the nave in love as well as sorrow and in the words of one of them: 'the service today was excellent, formal and gracious which was very fitting and gave us a feeling of farewell to her'. In recent weeks her friends have exchanged many emails about their loss and grief. Here are two:

'I am finding this so hard to comprehend - strange, almost like a member of my family had gone. She and I worked closely for a number of years and in the process talked about almost everything under the sun. I can only hope to have as much curiosity about and tolerance of the world and its foibles as she had.'

'[...] over the past week I have remembered Barbara and her generosity of spirit and her acute capacity to read people, and her wicked sense of humour and her sense of responsibility for others ... so much to remember and treasure. I learnt much from her.'

As eulogy during today's service, a member of GWWA read the nomination for the Award of the UWA Chancellor's Medal with which Barbara was presented at a ceremony in Winthrop Hall in 2006. The citation reads:

'For her outstanding contribution over many years to the education of women in Western Australia, particularly through the Australian Federation of University Women.'



Graduate Women WA 90th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 22nd June 2013
Hackett Hall, UWA 7pm

The compliments started to flow from very early into the night! Guests arrived to see an elegantly set up venue complete with bar and buffet and mingled with the diverse group in attendance. The date was carefully selected for the celebration — the actual night Graduate Women was founded 90 years ago.



President Felicity Farrelly, welcomed guests including Warren Kerr, Warden of Convocation of UWA Graduates, Erica Smyth, Chair of SciTech, Carole Theobald from Zonta, Carolyn Gatward, President, UNAA WA, Heather Joppek, President and Julie Ham from Soroptomists International and Madeleine Laming, National President of Graduate Women.



from left, Rhonda Kerr, life-member Dr Lesley Cala, Warren Kerr, Warden of Convocation of UWA graduates, and Hilary Silbert.



Megan Ewing, left, with her daughter Louise

Members and their guests completed the numbers and we scored three mothers and daughters – Felicity Farrelly and her mother Patricia, Sally Male and her mother Lynn Male and Louise Ewing and her mother Megan.

Frank Malone, left and Patricia Malone, right, with their daughter and GW (WA) President Felicity Farrelly



Lynn Male, right, with her daughter Sally Male



This was the third event in three months as part of our 90th anniversary celebrations.

After everyone had enjoyed the delicious buffet, Annie Duncan was invited to address the guests. She was pure entertainment tinged with her unique ability, as she recalled her time as an undergraduate in the 60s with the Vietnam War, to help us relive and reenergize our own motivation and belief in the need for political activism.

Annie reminded us that in the late 60s politicians were considering legislation that would mean that students were liable to be arrested if they gathered together in groups greater than three, and talked about her university years as a student and political activist. She was the first female President of the UWA Chemistry Club and altered the custom of Friday night beer and stripper to tea and chocolate biscuits! She was most surprised twenty years on when the custom of chocolate biscuits was still retained.



Sally Male, left, with special guest speaker Annie Duncan, and our MC for the evening, Hilary Silbert

Annie also shared the many experiences of her life as a scientist in many capacities and her current 'career' working on boards of not-for-profit groups and as an advocate assisting women to make a success of their life.

Sally Male, who delivered the Vote of Thanks, was able to relate to Annie's sadness that still only 17 % of women choose Science and Engineering as they did in her day. Annie who believed we were the lucky ones – from foetus on – reminded us that even in her case, studying the liver of a rat for her PhD, did not narrow the options and opportunities that she has experienced. What a wonderful guest speaker for our celebratory evening and how lucky for Graduate Women WA she agreed to fly from Melbourne to join us at her own expense.



Graduate Women WA were then congratulated officially for their anniversary by President of GW, Madeleine Laming and MC Hilary Silbert concluded the formalities with this thought:

The great Jewish philosopher Martin Buber once said: "Every person born into the world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique....If there had been someone like her in the world, there would have been no need for her to be born."

If our existence is needed, then what we do must count for something. Our use of, and valuing of time, determines whether we achieve the purpose for which we have been brought into this world.



B.Sc.(Hons.) and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from UWA. She has a background in management and fundraising. Annie originally joined the new Scitech Discovery Centre, West Perth, in 1987 as the Education Manager. She then set herself up in a home business using a range of her many skills to earn money, advocate for women in science, and women's issues in general. This in turn led her to take a position with the State Department of Employment and Training where she was the Women's Adviser. She was on the Training Accreditation Council.

At this time also she helped the WA unions encourage more women to enter the workforce and be given recognition of prior learning ie for those without a diploma or degree but usually a wealth of experience on the job. She worked with various unions in this regard and sat on state government boards to enable these changes in state awards to make them more realistic in their acknowledgement of (particularly) women's skills and experience.

She has been a board member of the Women's Economic Development Organisation (WEDO) and was very effective in spreading the word to a whole new range of women and to many potential sponsors.

She took up the role of Director of the National Science and Technology Museum (Questacon) in 1999 having been headhunted from Perth, where she had been Chief Executive Officer of Scitech since 1995. While she was in Canberra she was President of the Family Planning Association and on the Board of the National Portrait Gallery.

Since 2002 whilst living in Melbourne : she has been on the board of the Victorian Schools Innovation Council (chaired by Barry Jones and set up by the Labour government but dissolved some years later); Worawa Aboriginal College in Healesville, Victoria and worked with Our Community.com , a company then run by Rhonda Galbally which provides services of all kinds to Not For Profit organizations. Annie edited and wrote many articles for the journal "Corporate Social Responsibility" aimed to show what OC was doing and disseminating ideas in that area; she joined the board of Scope (Victoria's largest NFP, previously called the Spastic Society and caring for people with cerebral palsy and other disablements). Annie was on that board from 2005 until late 2010; she joined the board of the Melbourne Community Foundation in 2006. MCF acts as an umbrella fund for people who want to set up a charitable foundation but do not want the hassle and cost of administering it, obtaining DGR status, investing the funds etc. MCF also acts as a consultant to the funds under its wing, giving advice on how the money can best be disbursed. It also advises other organizations on the same subject. Annie is still on that board. She joined the board of " Fitted for Work". This organization started some years ago (by Marion Webster and Renata Singer) initially helped women looking for work to obtain clothing which was suitable for interview but has since branched out into helping clients (of whom there are several thousand) in interview and other techniques which might help to gain them work.

Since she began living part time in Daylesford, Victoria in 2010 Annie has become secretary of the Hepburn Springs Swiss Italian Festival committee; become a board member of the Bendigo Science Centre and joined the committee of the Slow Food Movement.

GW (WA) - St Catherine's College Scholarship 2013

I am delighted to introduce Amber Andre as the recipient of the Graduate Women WA St Catherine's College Scholarship 2013. Amber is from Kalgoorlie, in country Western Australia and moved into St Catherine's in 2012. She is in her second of study at UWA, enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce – Accounting and Human Resource Management major.

Amber's sporting interests include UWA Badminton club membership, UWA dance crew and attending the uni gym. Her other interests include dance (since age 3) – jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary, slow modern, acrobatics and even a bit of zorba!

Amber's community service during her high school years included a number of awards such as Girl Guide awards, head Girl Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School, recipient of the Australian Defence Force 2009 Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award, and the Peter Palmer Community Ethos Ward 2011. Amber has continued her contribution to community life at St Catherine's as treasurer of the Student House Committee, member of the Residential Students Department, recipient of a NAAUC 2013 scholarship, WICSA participant and assisting with organising College events.

Amber's aim is to become a CPA; meanwhile she values the myriad of experiences and opportunities St Catherine's College offers its residents both academically such as the tutorials, socially when meeting new people, leadership and teamwork opportunities in House Committee positions, and social responsibility in the range of community service programs College has on offer.

Below is an email from Amber thanking Graduate Women:



Hi Ruth!

I'm just sending you an email to give my huge thanks to you and to the rest of the committee for choosing me for the scholarship this year! It will make a huge difference to me and to my parents both financially and by means of personal development.

This year is going to be an exciting one, (but busy!) and I look forward to what it will bring.

Thank-you again,

Amber Andre

St Catherine's College Student Club | Treasurer

Residential Students' Department | General Member

Ruth Taylor

GW (WA) Representative St Catherine's College Council

Dr Sally Male



*Sally Male BE PhD
Research Associate Professor
UWA School of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering*

Sally Male is the Graduate Women (WA) representative on the committee for the University of Western Australia (UWA) Centenary Trust for Women.

She is a Research Associate Professor in engineering at UWA with honours in electrical engineering and a PhD on competencies required by engineers, both from UWA. Sally has taught electrical engineering at UWA and Curtin University, where she also ran the Women in Computing and Engineering Project for three years. Sally undertakes research on engineering education and women in engineering, in which she has over 20 refereed publications. Currently she is working on a national project to enhance industry engagement in engineering degrees and a project to investigate gender diversity in engineering students' exposure to engineering practice. Through her employment and voluntary roles, Sally has extensive experience in initiatives to improve the status of women in engineering. She has served on the then AFUW(WA) Committee and the WA and national Women in Engineering Committees of Engineers Australia. Sally is the WA Convenor of the Women in Science Enquiry Network and is on advisory groups for the Australian Women in Resources Alliance and the recently launched Women in Oil and Gas.

Sally is appreciative of the opportunity to represent GW(WA) on the UWA Centenary Trust for Women, which raises funds to support female students at UWA. The major event every year is the Centenary Trust for Women Gala Lunch, approaching again July 21, 2013, with guest speaker Dr Sue Gordon. (you will find an invitation in the newsletter)

More 90th Celebrations

Don't Forget



2013 Annual General Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2013

Once again meet our newest group of Award Winners and witness the unveiling of the inaugural President's Honour Board

Spring Breakfast Sunday 8th

September 9-11am A second chance to enjoy a delicious breakfast while listening to *Amazing Women Graduate Presenters* appropriately scheduled in The Roberta Jull Room, (named in honour of our first President) St Catherine's College, Crawley.

AND THE FINAL EVENT FOR THE YEAR WILL BE OUR LONG-AWAITED LAUNCH OF OUR HISTORY. 1973-2013 ON SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2013 FOR HIGH TEA AND GRACIOUS LIVING.



UWA Centenary Trust for Women Lunch

Guest Speaker

Dr Susan Gordon AM

UWA Law Graduate
GST)

Past Chair of the National Indigenous Council

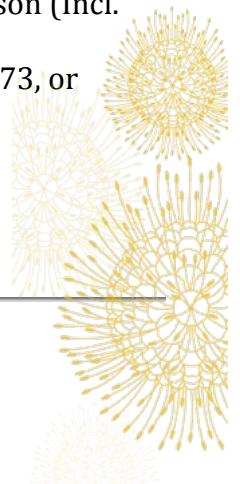
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Monday 8 July 2013

Attendance \$135 per person (Incl.

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Once the information is submitted you will receive a receipt in the mail.

Individual – \$135 per person (incl. GST)
Table of 10 – \$1,350

I am pleased to/unable to accept your invitation.

Please complete the following:

I am inviting guest/s and paying for at \$135 per person to the total sum of \$

- If you wish to be seated at a particular table, please indicate your host's name below.
- If no preference is made, seating will be allocated on your behalf (tables of 10).
- Indicate any access requirements for you or your guest(s).

Please list your and your guest(s) full name as you would like it to appear on the nametag(s).

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Note: Seats at the Lunch are transferable but we regret payment is not refundable.

I wish to contribute to CTW as I am unable to attend:

Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ for the UWA Centenary Trust for Women OR

Please accept my tax deductible pledge of \$ per annum, payable over years to a total gift of \$

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Jane Southwood -1994 winner of the Mary Walters Bursary

Jane Southwood's doctoral thesis was on the writings of the first woman to be elected to the French Academy, Marguerite Yourcenar (1903-1987).

Dr Jane Southwood writes:

It was a wonderful bursary as it enabled me to go and do research in France in the archives of the Marguerite Yourcenar Society in Tours for my PhD on the writer, and also enabled me to set up life-long networks with scholars such as Rémy Poignault, the President of the Marguerite Yourcenar Society, with whom I have a wonderful working relationship.

I have since then published papers on Yourcenar with this Society and participated in their international conferences. My list of publications on the writer would now be a dozen or more and I have created a teaching unit at the University of New England which embraces Yourcenar's autobiographical and semi-autobiographical writing—Writing the Self. At the University of New England I also supervised students doing higher degrees by research who were focusing on various aspects of her work.

Thank you again Graduate Women WA for giving me this valuable bursary that has indeed changed my life.

Warm good wishes,
Dr Jane Southwood
Lecturer in French
University of New England



St Catherine's College introduces the new Chair of Council



St Catherine's College is delighted to announce the appointment of its new Chair of Council, Hon Dr Elizabeth Constable. Liz has had a distinguished career in politics spanning over twenty years, and in September 2011 became the longest serving female State Parliamentarian in Western Australia. In September 2008 she was appointed Minister for Education holding the portfolio until June 2012. She also served as Minister for Tourism for two years and Minister for Women's Interests in 2008-09. Liz is an alumna of Sydney University and the Women's College, a college experience she describes as life changing. She also holds a Masters degree in Education from Harvard and a PhD from the University of Western Australia. In March her contribution to the community was recognised by the University of Western Australia with an Honorary Doctor of Letters. Before entering politics Liz was Deputy Principal of St Hilda's School and a lecturer at UWA. She now returns to UWA as a Vice Chancellor's Fellow.

As Chair of Council Liz takes leadership at a time of transformation and growth as the College increases its physical and financial capacity to assist students overcome barriers to university education. We welcome her expertise and passion for equity of access to higher education.

Murdoch University 90th Anniversary Scholarship

"your support of Verne's research may lead to significant environmental outcomes for dolphin populations"

Jennifer Turner
Manager Faculty Development
Murdoch University

c/o Lynne Saville
31 Wentworth Ave
Coffs Harbour
2450
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Australia
3rd May 2013

To whom it may concern.

I am truly grateful and honoured to be the proud recipient of the Graduate Women (WA) Inc. Scholarship, for my PhD project.

Without the generosity and support of organizations such as yours, I would find myself in a very difficult financial situation this year, to be able to complete my research. This scholarship will allow me to travel from Colombia in South America, to Cambodia in SE Asia, and finalize my research on the critically endangered Mekong River dolphins.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours Sincerely



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Carolyn Polizzotto, Jill Bradshaw Bursary Winner 1988



Carolyn Polizzotto receives her Graduate Women WA 90th Anniversary pin from President Felicity Farrelly.

It's exactly twenty-five years since the Jill Bradshaw Bursary was awarded to me in 1988, and hence a highly appropriate moment at which to pause and reflect on what it meant. Like other recipients of the various awards who have spoken, or written in the newsletter, of its importance in their lives and careers, I too have always considered it a high point; and I look back on it with a fondness and joy which is undiminished since the day I learned I had been chosen to receive it.

At the time, I was hoping to mount an exhibition at the Museum of Childhood on the experiences of children

whose families were part of the Group Settlement Scheme after World War One. By 1988, these children were grandparents; and it was clear their memories needed to be recorded before they were lost. I prepared their oral histories myself but requested assistance for the photographic side of the exhibition: both the reproduction of old photos to exhibition standard and the commissioning of new, present-day portraits of the one-time children whose memories I'd recorded. The exhibition was mounted in 1989 and won a WA Museums Award. The material is now part of the permanent collection at the Museum of Childhood (which I understand has recently re-opened).

Working with and for children became part of my professional writing life after that. In 2003, after five years' collaboration with teenager Sarah Spinks on a book about her cat, who unexpectedly had kittens, *Trumpet's Kittens* came out with Fremantle Arts Centre Press. Sarah was twelve when we started and seventeen by the time the book came out. ('Carolyn, I know you told me it was going to take a long time, but I didn't realize HOW long!') Over the next few years, *Trumpet's Kittens* gradually worked its way on to the age-appropriate reading list of the Premier's Reading Challenge in every state in Australia. Sarah is getting on for thirty now and has children of her own; she is planning further books as a children's author. Marion Duke (who illustrated *Trumpet's Kittens* and designed two of my others with FACP) and I have just had our second book, *The Loon Tree*, accepted by a Melbourne publisher and we have three more in the pipeline. Don't hold your breath, though: our books seem to take us about a decade each!

So that's the professional side of the story for me, but it doesn't really encompass the personal, which I'd like to address briefly in conclusion. I think the Jill Bradshaw Bursary was worth a little over a thousand dollars when I was awarded it. The impact on my life, though, was far in excess of what was - even in those days - a modest rather than a huge amount of money. Because of a mutual friend, the late Trish Crawford, I'd been hearing about Jill for years, and especially about the sadness her unexpected and premature death had brought. So I felt an intense connection with her. At the time I applied for the scholarship, I was making a big change in my life, leaving (part-time) academic employment in order to try my hand at freelance work: unusual then, though more common nowadays. I needed to be able to work from home: as readers of *Pomegranate Season* will know, our second boy was intellectually disabled, and keeping his particular show on the road, once he reached school age, was becoming more demanding. Winning the Jill Bradshaw Bursary made me feel I could take that step into my future, although at the time it was a terribly frightening thing to do. More than that: I felt she had reached out to me from beyond the grave to give me a helping hand. At the Awards Night in May this year, I was aware that others had the same feeling about their grants, too: that they were being given a precious helping hand by other women who knew how hard it can be to pursue your life's work and who knew, also, that it didn't have to be a huge sum of money. Even relatively small amounts can make an enormous difference, especially when they come from other women with a warm hug and the words, 'Well done. We're proud of you.'

In a few weeks I have another important anniversary. Our disabled son, Luke, died in his sleep ten years ago this July. Like Jill Bradshaw's, his was a completely unexpected death; but it has brought me new life. In 2008, I resumed reading in my original research field, seventeenth-century British History, and since then I have begun a number of projects that I am slowly pursuing to (what I hope will be) their completion. It's so much easier now that Early English Books can be accessed online via university libraries. I am a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at UWA

and therefore have worldwide electronic resources available to me. It's so different from the days when I'd have to wait for a rare and expensive research trip to London to be able to look up Thomason Tracts at the British Museum (as it then was). Now I can do it from home at a moment's notice. I look forward to reporting further in this newsletter on the progress of my research - perhaps in another twenty-five years!

Graduate Women WA and Social Media – the new frontier?

Through their connections with AFGW and Economic Security for Women (eS4W), GW (WA) Secretary Jenny Jones and GW (WA) CIR Kathy Mumford had the opportunity to take part in an online seminar that discussed the way in which new social media software such as twitter, linkdin and blogging can be used by organisations such as those mentioned as well as our own Graduate Women WA.

A full report will be sent to the committee, but interestingly, the major message that came across was that using social media is no longer 'optional'. And to help you understand why this may be true, have a look at the 'ice-breaker' video that the seminar presenter Tom Dawkins directed participants to view by clicking on the following hyperlink (or for those who have the newsletter posted, enter/copy the following web address into Explorer, Safari or other browser):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQzsQkMFgHE>

Underpinning the idea of 'non-optional' is the realization that for associations to keep up in terms of membership and committed helpers and campaigners, it is better to stand out and be seen, so that like-minded people find your organization rather than the other way round. And this is particularly true if you are trying to reach younger professionals who are already savvy with this new technology.

Of course, this is not magic. Not every You-Tube message 'goes viral'. It is a tool that needs to be used skillfully, as all tools can be. Significantly, though, the results tend to be exponential, so very slow to begin with, then growing rapidly as different connections link to other connections. It is called a 'web' after all, so imagine that it works that way. The centre is small with the GW (WA) spider poised to hear the slightest tremor from the outer threads!

Graduate Women WA has set off on this technological adventure with our new brighter more interactive website:

www.graduatemenwa.org.au - put it at the top of your 'Favourites', along with AFGW website.

On this website we now are able to let scholarship hopefuls complete the necessary forms, and graduating students to hire their regalia. It is all in its infancy, but we are working towards a better and more streamlined operation.

And don't get stuck in Perth when the world is now your web! Take a look at the AFGW site, or even the IFUW site. Have your say, and join the discussion groups.

Come on. Lets grow our Association, and make it count. We're 90 years old, but let's act like we're 21.

Picture Round-up



from left, Douglas Brown, Lalani Weddikkara, Marcelle Brown and Ranjith Weddikkara

below, from left, Jim Wright, Harry Wood (obscured), Kay Wright and Karen Wood enjoy Annie Duncan's talk and a fun evening.

Below, from left, Erica Smythe, Lynda Roberts-Hall and Madeleine Lamina



Wendy McCallum and husband Bruce with Alison Hayden



Carol Theobald, left, of Zonta International with Karen Bothwell



Below, from left Kay Wright, Frank Malone and Felicity Farrelly.



Annette Black, left, discovers that her sister and Annie Duncan were great buddies in their university days.

