



MATCH *News*

Celebrating the life of Rosemary Brown

By Madonna Larbi



It is with great sadness that we dedicate this issue of *MATCH News* to the memory of Rosemary Brown who passed away on April 28, 2003.

Rosemary was the President of MATCH at the time of her untimely death and had had a longstanding association with the organization as Executive Director, Special ambassador, Fundraiser par excellence, Board Member and finally

as President of the Board.

It was a distinct honour to work with her. For though she was held in high esteem, a recipient of many accolades and recognized the world over, she had the uncanny ability to set whoever she was with at ease. One learned from her, assured that her support was dependable and constant. What was paramount to her was that MATCH remained focused on supporting women in achieving the practical enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms through civil, political, economic and cultural justice by fostering efforts to bring about equality, dignity, opportunity and better living standards for all. Indeed her association with MATCH was natural given her deep understanding of issues women face across the globe and her solidarity with them. Her outstanding life-long public service epitomized this vision.

Rosemary had, and made time for, MATCH despite a grueling schedule. Whenever she was in Ottawa for any other business, she set aside a day for MATCH.

In the office, she caught up on developments at MATCH and always asked about partner groups and how they were faring. If there was any disturbing news about a country where MATCH worked with partner groups, she would call to find out if we had heard from our partners and if not, would remind us to contact them as soon as possible.

Staff members looked forward to her visits because she made time for each and everyone, discussing work and showing interest in their personal well-being. She had a strong rapport with all staff.

When I had the painful duty of calling each Board member in Canada and overseas to inform them of her death, the announcement was received in shock and in silence. A silence that spoke of the loss of a good and much-respected partner in the struggle.

MATCH's fight, together with supporters of this unique organization, will continue as we seek equality and justice for women the world over.

We are grateful for the many phone calls and letters of condolence that were sent to MATCH. Excerpts can be found throughout this newsletter.

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The following memorial statement was written by Rosemary Brown's husband, Dr. Bill Brown, on the day of her funeral. It was distributed broadly:

Hon. Dr. Rosemary Brown, P.C., O.C., O.B.C. In Memoriam

Vancouver, May 5, 2003 - We want to express our profound gratitude to the people of Vancouver, of British Columbia; to our fellow Canadians, to the people of Jamaica and people throughout the world for standing together with us at this time.

Rosemary's life speaks to our best instincts for solidarity. Her life challenges us to be faithful to our selves — to make sure that we do not live hypocritically but live instead in meaningful equality and social justice. This challenge is addressed to all of us, and in particular to those entrusted with governance; it is taken up by the new generations of women in public life today — in politics, in law, in health care, in social work, the labour movement, and media.

Rosemary's life speaks to our inviolable dignity as human beings.

Her life reminds us that no one is disposable — not women, not children, not friends or adversaries, or indeed whole races. Her life calls us to be faithful to the promise of human rights — in our personal lives and as a society — and to bring an end to men's violence against women — at home and throughout the world.

Rosemary died suddenly, but peacefully at home in the presence of her loving husband. All women are not surrounded by such gentleness and tender compassion.

Amina Lawal is sentenced by Nigeria's Sharia courts to be buried up to her neck on June 3rd and stoned to death — exactly two weeks before Rosemary's 73rd birthday.* This ritualized violence of men against women must stop. Women right here at home are often reduced to feeding their children out of foodbanks, and conscripted to provide health care services around the clock to family members. This violence also must stop.

Today's service, celebrated by Bishop Michael Ingham, is a paschal mystery. It is a visible sign of our certainty that death will not have the last word on Rosemary. A new spring time is coming for her, and for all who hunger and thirst for justice. We mourn her loss, but with confidence that we shall see her again because the just do not labour in vain, and they will not sleep forever.

* At the time of publishing, Amina Lawal's appeal to her sentence of death by stoning had been postponed to August 27, 2003. MATCH has participated in the international lobby to save Ms. Lawal's life and is following this tragic story on the Feminist Daily News Wire at www.feminist.org.

Condolences — Rosemary Brown

"One of the highlights of my visit to Canada for MATCH's anniversary celebrations was meeting Rosemary Brown and being given a copy of her book, *On Being Brown*. As I read it, I saw a lot of myself in her — as a woman trying to make a difference in life ..."

Claudette Wilmot

"Today my soul is very sad because a woman who helped me identify my African roots is gone, a woman who made me feel proud of the colour of my skin is gone ... I promise to join with more women and make changes in women's lives as Rosemary did for me."

Natalia Joya



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MATCH is committed, with our Southern sisters, to a feminist vision of development. Such a vision requires the eradication of all forms of injustice, particularly the exploitation and marginalization of women.

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MATCH Loses a Friend



MATCH lost a great friend and supporter in **Freda Paltiel**, who passed away earlier this year. Ms. Paltiel was a health and social policy consultant. She had been a senior policy advisor in the federal government and was Canada's first Coordinator of the Status of Women. She was an advisor to intergovernmental organizations, including the WHO,

UNICEF, and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO). Ms. Paltiel was a visiting lecturer at the Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Public Health and served on the advisory boards of women's health organizations in Israel and Canada.

In 2002, Ms. Paltiel published a book on the wives of Israeli ambassadors to Canada. The book, called *Hand in Hand: A Tribute to Israeli Standard Bearers*, was published and is being distributed with MATCH's support. Ms. Paltiel wrote this book to recognize the contribution of Israeli diplomats' wives to society and to document the context of their contribution, that is Canada-Israel relations.

Ms. Paltiel also participated in MATCH meetings, lending her knowledge and supporting our vision. MATCH mourns her loss and has expressed condolences to her family.

Condolences — Rosemary Brown

"She certainly showed us the way and was a strongly positive inspiration to those who doubted their capacity to change their own lives."

Andre Jacquet

"She will be missed not only within the feminist movement, but much more within the Black community. She was our voice for equality. She was a pioneer and paved the way for many of us ..."

Anne Clarke

"Her loss will be felt by the entire women's movement. It is heartening, though, to think that through MATCH her legacy will live on."

Lakmali Cabral

Citizenship and Identity



While visiting women's groups in Ghana, after the Citizenship and Identity Dialogue in January, Nana Amba Eyiaba, Queen Mother of the Oguaa Traditional Area in Ghana, bestowed a kente stole on the late Rosemary Brown.

In January 2003, MATCH organized a Citizenship and Identity Dialogue in Accra, Ghana. The Dialogue brought together African women and women of African descent from MATCH partner organizations in South America to discuss status of women in their countries and strategies for addressing poverty, eliminating violence, enhancing self-esteem and increasing citizenship and political participation. MATCH's partners in South America had requested this meeting.

It is estimated that one-third of the South American population is of African descent, yet there are few opportunities for people to learn about their African heritage. By becoming fully aware of their origins, MATCH and its partners felt that women would be in a position of strength to define their own identity, their needs and aspirations. They would also learn some practical strategies for improving the lives of women and children in their countries.

The Dialogue was attended by 30 people, including MATCH representatives and Cheryl Kryzaniwsky, the director of education at the Canadian Auto Workers union (CAW). The following paragraphs are taken from Ms. Kryzaniwsky's report on the event:

It was amazing that MATCH International Centre organized this Dialogue. It is so important that women have the opportunity to visit their roots, to share their stories and to strategize about their futures. Women left with knowledge, but more importantly, they left empowered. As the five South American representatives, reported:

"We learned how to better combat racism and sexism and that self-esteem and identity are the most important tools for overcoming discrimination and poverty. The social exclusion of women, especially those of African descent in Latin America, has led to economic disparity. Women were reminded that they must exert their rights of citizenship on behalf of their community. There must be sound policies in place, both

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within the country, as well as within the international community to eliminate poverty of marginalized groups."

The Dialogue included speakers on such topics as: the role of women in politics in Ghana; contributions of Ghanaian women to the National Independence Movement; gender and democracy and human development in the Afroperuvian community; and the women's movement in Canada. The Canadian and Latin American representatives also visited MATCH partners, a women's cooperative, government officials and a batik factory.

The group was hosted by the Gender Centre in Accra, a MATCH partner working towards women's equality. In 2001, the Centre published a national report on Violence Against Women and Children in Ghana, the first of its kind in the country. The report is now being used by the government and outside agencies "to break the silence and challenge the myths of violence against women in Ghana." The study prompted the Ghanaian women to work with foreign donors to open the first long-term shelter in Ghana for abused women and their children. The work of the Gender Centre is well known throughout the country and several organizations we visited told us that the Centre's report on violence legitimized the work they were doing.

MATCH board member Joana Foster also introduced us to the organization she co-founded, the African Women's Development Fund (AWDF). With MATCH's support, the organization established its office two years ago. So far, AWDF has raised more than US\$800,000 and is supporting 90 projects in 29 African countries.

It was a fascinating experience for me to attend the conference and site visits. I learned how the contributions of MATCH and CAW are benefitting women in Africa. I also shared materials from the CAW education department with the representatives of MATCH's South American partners.

Dear readers/MATCH supporters,

The next issue of *MATCH News* will be published in spring 2004. In the meantime, we invite you to visit our Web site for updates on the work of MATCH and our partners or to call us for information:

www.web.ca/~matchint or
(613) 238-1312/toll free: (888) 414-8717.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Report on Programs

The following are brief reports on the projects MATCH supported in developing countries in 2002-03.

AFRICA

Mali

Association pour le Progrès et la Défense des droits de la Femme malienne (APDF)

The APDF trained 25 women in Mopti, who were already active in the organization's work, to provide legal aid and counselling to abused women in each of the region's seven communities.

Mali

The ARAFD (Association Recherche-Action Femme et Développement) in partnership with ASFENK (Association des Enseignantes de Koulikoro)

These two organizations carried out a project to support domestic workers in Koulikoro, Mali. The goal is to protect the girls and young women who work as domestic workers from sexual abuse by providing them with information on their human rights and by providing reproductive health information and counseling to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Togo

Groupe de réflexion et d'action, Femme démocratie et développement (GF2D)

The organization is helping women take an active role in Village Development Committees, where decisions are made about community development. Women from 60 committees were given training this past year in communications and negotiation skills as well as in their decision-making roles.

Malawi

Women's Voice

Women's Voice has been raising awareness about Malawi's Will and Inheritance Act and showing people how to protect the rights of women and children. The organization held two national workshops for women Chiefs to inform them and involve them in their goal.

Ghana

Inter-African Committee (IAC) Against Traditional Practices

The National Committee of the IAC held workshops and launched a radio campaign in the northern part of Ghana to inform people of the harmful effects of female genital mutilation and harmful traditional practices.



Ghana

African Women's Development Fund

This new organization further established itself this past year and funded 66 women's organizations in 11 African countries. The AWDF is supporting the African women's movement, and so far demands for its funds outweigh its capacity.

Ghana

Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre (GSHRDC)

The centre is an important source of information for researchers, students and non-governmental organizations. This past year, the centre expanded its documentation centre and created a database of information on issues relevant to women activists. A staff member received training on documenting human rights violations, including gender violence. She will offer this training to women at other organizations in Ghana.

Tanzania

Tanzania Women Lawyer's Association (TAWLA)

TAWLA has grown stronger, expanding its free legal aid clinics to three cities and training legal aid volunteers. Close to 900 women were assisted, almost half of them new clients. The organization also lobbies for changes to laws that discriminate against women.

ASIA

India

Ahmedabad Women's Action Group

The AWAG offered training on issues of violence against women to social workers, crisis counsellors and coordinators of women's guidance centres. The group also helped the police publish a handbook for officers and crisis counselors on how to treat crimes against women.

India

Rastriya Ekta Mahila Manche (REMM)

REMM is the women's wing of a larger organization *Ekta Parishad* (established in 1991). *Ekta Parishad* is a mass peoples-based organization advocating for the livelihood, rights and self-reliance of small farmers and tribal groups. REMM was formed in 2001 out of recognition that women leaders had not emerged at senior levels of the *Ekta Parishad*. MATCH funds went towards strengthening the leadership abilities of women in REMM and towards the organization's efforts to make women aware of their land rights.

Nepal

SAATHI

SAATHI raised awareness about the effects of violence against women and girls. Street plays were performed, community surveillance groups were established, school-based programs carried out, and volunteers recruited to help victims of violence. The organization also acquired an old police building from the Nepali Government to use as office space. Last November, it opened a six-bed shelter in the building. Micro-credit was extended to 49 women to open such businesses as vegetable shops and newspaper stands.

Nepal

Women's Awareness Centre Nepal (WACN)

WACN helped women establish savings and credit groups and provided training in how to run cooperatives for 30 women. Leadership training was also offered to 30 women, to help them take on leadership roles within their communities and local government. Training on how to make organic pesticides and grow vegetables off season was also offered.

Nepal

Women's Rights Forum Nepal (WRFN)

The organization worked in five areas of the Kavre District to: train women in operating and managing cooperatives; train literacy teachers to teach women to read and write; offer courses in accounting techniques; and train women and girls to cultivate organic products using sustainable agricultural techniques.

Nepal

Women in Need (WIN)

The organization assisted more than 5,000 clients — women and children victims of violence. It also hired a psychologist and counselor, in addition to the lawyers and shelter staff already working for WIN.

Sri Lanka

Lawyers for Human Rights and Development (LHRD)

The women's desk of LHRD promotes and protects the rights of women through awareness raising and capacity building. Women and girls received legal assistance on cases related to sexual violence. An awareness kit on "legal rights against abuse" was produced in several languages. The organization also trained student teachers at Sri Lankan colleges to instill gender sensitivity.



LATIN AMERICA

Chile

Coordinadora Nacional Indianista (CONACIN)

The organization assists Indigenous women, many of whom are domestic workers in Santiago. CONACIN produced a video to raise awareness of the reality of Indigenous domestic workers and the rights and laws in place to protect them. The video will be distributed to labour organizations, politicians interested in Indigenous people's rights and shown at CONACIN events and meetings of domestic workers.

Peru

Asociación Negra de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (ASONEDH)

The women's program of ASONEDH focuses on women's rights, self-esteem and racial identity. More than 100 women participated in workshops on leadership skills, community organizing, self-esteem, history, racism and discrimination.

Jamaica

S-Corner Clinic and Community Development Organization

The organization operates a clinic and outreach programs for people in the poor urban area of Bennettsland. This past year, the clinic increased the number of women getting advice at the pre and post natal clinics. Close to 400 people (two-thirds women) attended health talks and learned about healthy practices. A doctor and clinic staff tended to a variety of health care needs.

Jamaica

Women's Media Watch

The organization has been raising awareness about the causes of sexual and domestic violence against women. MATCH supported gender sensitivity workshops, seminars offered at the University of the West Indies and brought to communities, as well as advocacy work.

Condolences — Rosemary Brown

"I thank God that He arranged for me to be touched by such a blessed and blessing soul."

Grace Abammaku Osei

"Sister Rosemary Brown was an icon in Canadian history, blazing trails in politics, feminism and international solidarity throughout her life."

Buzz Hargrove

Jamaica

Jamaica Women's Political Caucus

The organization prepared women to participate in the October elections. Training was offered on leadership, fundraising, personal presentation skills and management. Of the five trainees who ran for office, one won her seat.

Trinidad and Tobago

MAMATOTO

This new organization helps poor women gain access to professional help for having their babies. Run by nurses and midwives, the group offered workshops on midwifery and met with communities and governmental offices to raise awareness of MAMATOTO and its objectives.

CANADIAN PROGRAM

In October, MATCH Board members **Salma Sobhan** and **Isabel Duque** gave speeches at events organized by MATCH supporters in Regina, Saskatchewan. They spoke at universities and met with women's organizations and government officials, following their participation in the MATCH annual general meeting. Ms. Sobhan explained issues facing Muslim women in South Asia, which resulted in an article being published in *Canadian Dimensions* magazine (see: www.canadiandimension.mb.ca). Ms. Duque told of the declining social and economic situation in South America and the effects on women. Ms. Duque was also interviewed by Radio Canada and a French television station in Regina.

In November, MATCH Executive Director **Madonna Larbi** gave a speech on human rights, globalization, development and women at the University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops, British Columbia. Since then, a MATCH support group has been mobilized in the city.

In Alma, Quebec, MATCH supporter **Marguerite Bergeron-Tremblay** held her 17th annual fundraising event at the women's centre on March 19. As described in the newspaper, *Progrès-Dimanche*, money raised this year was targeted to MATCH partner SAATHI in Nepal. MATCH is grateful for Ms. Bergeron-Tremblay's hard work and raising of awareness and funds.

This past year, MATCH Winnipeg held seven public meetings, four business meetings and a fundraising dinner. The total amount of money raised was \$2,250. MATCH International Centre extends its warm gratitude to the dedicated members of MATCH Winnipeg. The organization also congratulates **Eira (Babs) Friesen**, one of the key women behind the Winnipeg group, who received the Order of Canada on May 9. Well deserved!



MATCH's Board of Directors 2002-2003

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Condolences — Rosemary Brown

"Those of us who were so fortunate to meet Ms. Brown speak of her remarkable courage, kindness and perpetual ambition to do her part in enhancing the lives of women in Canada."

Edda Langworth and Chantelle Olsson Chang

"Rosemary Brown helped to make Canada a more just and caring society ... she will be missed."

Richard Harmston

"Our deepest condolences on the loss of a mentor who gave so much of herself toward the advancement of women."

Marisol Aguas Deumacán

Auditor's Report

To the Members of MATCH International Centre - Centre International MATCH:

We have audited the statement of financial position of MATCH International Centre - Centre International MATCH as at March 31, 2003 and the statement of changes in net assets and the statement of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Centre's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Centre derives revenue from donations, which are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of this revenue was limited to amounts recorded in the books of the Centre and we are not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, deficiency of revenues over expenses, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been required had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donations, as explained in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Centre as at March 31, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

McIntyre & Associates
 Professional Corporation

Chartered Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario
 June 9, 2003



Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position
MATCH International CentreStatement of Revenues and Expenses
MATCH International Centre

	March 31		Year Ended March 31	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 23,657	\$ 5,222		
Contributions receivable	12,914	39,180		
Other receivables	1,598	4,389		
Prepaid expenses	6,330	7,944		
	<u>44,499</u>	<u>56,735</u>		
CAPITAL ASSETS				
	<u>1,693</u>	<u>3,265</u>		
	<u>\$ 46,192</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Bank indebtedness	\$ —	\$ 19,514		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities				
- programs and projects	71,249	68,991		
- other	12,174	13,764		
Deferred revenue				
- program and projects	<u>12,128</u>	<u>—</u>		
	95,551	102,269		
NET ASSETS				
Invested in capital assets	1,693	3,265		
Internally restricted for occupancy reserve	—	6,000		
Unrestricted	<u>(51,052)</u>	<u>(51,534)</u>		
	<u>(49,359)</u>	<u>(42,269)</u>		
	<u>\$ 46,192</u>	<u>\$ 60,000</u>		
Revenues				
CIDA program contributions			\$ 405,872	\$ 418,000
CIDA other contributions			—	15,120
DFAIT contributions			15,000	—
Fundraising			322,046	332,999
Interest			—	1,489
Other			1,266	641
			<u>744,184</u>	<u>768,249</u>
TOTAL REVENUES				
Expenses				
Direct programs				
International			546,357	578,911
Canadian publications			25,294	46,422
			<u>571,651</u>	<u>625,333</u>
Indirect programs				
Support staff costs			35,919	57,572
Operational			29,317	41,678
			<u>65,236</u>	<u>99,250</u>
Total direct and indirect programs				
			636,887	724,583
Core operational				
25th Anniversary			110,117	129,945
Awards			—	35,359
			4,270	5,000
			<u>751,274</u>	<u>894,887</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES				
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES				
			<u>\$ (7,090)</u>	<u>\$(126,638)</u>

You are invited to attend . . .

MATCH International Centre's panel discussion as part of its Annual General Meeting, Saturday, September 27, 2003, Ottawa City Hall: Festival Control Room, 110 Laurier Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

Registration starts at 10 am, followed by presentations at 10:30 on "Women, Media & the New Global Order". The speakers are MATCH board members Urvashi Butalia (Asia) and Judith Wedderburn (Caribbean). A question and answer period will follow and lunch will be served at 12:30 pm.



Fundraising Report

By Terri M. Jones

Once again our heartfelt thanks goes out to all our donors whose ongoing financial assistance makes it possible for MATCH to continue to pursue its goal of supporting women in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America to work for change in their lives and in their societies.

The auditor's report shows that aside from CIDA's generous support, \$337,046 was raised predominantly through foundation proposals and direct mail appeals. In 2002/2003 we had the usual four mail campaigns: March, May, September and Christmas.

Through the years, MATCH has earned the trust and confidence of its donors by continuing to ensure that 80 percent of donations received is sent to our partners with the other 20 percent used to cover administrative costs.

Most charitable organizations, including MATCH, experience fluctuation in their donor base. Sometimes we lose donors because of job loss, death or moving without leaving a forwarding address. We continue our fundraising efforts and also ask you to help us increase the number of donors by passing along *MATCH News* in order to raise awareness of MATCH and to interest anyone who may wish to support our work.

This new fiscal year is shaping up to be one full of promise, yet challenges. The Government of Canada is reducing funding to MATCH and other non-governmental organizations, thereby making our fundraising even more crucial. However, our biggest challenge is trying to overcome the loss of "our Rosemary" and to strive even harder to ensure that the work of MATCH continues to be the "miracle" that Rosemary so often referred to.

Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to MATCH and know that we will continue to pursue our goals aggressively but realistically.

In Brief

The **Coady International Institute** at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia offers several educational programs for community development professionals. Diploma and certificate programs are designed for experienced managers and trainers from development organizations in Canada and other countries. A description of the educational programs may be found on the following Web site: www.stfx.ca/institutes/coady or by writing to:

The Registrar
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MATCH supporters **Joan E. Tinkess** and **Mary Tiner** have published a book about the cooperatives they developed with peasant women in the Dominican Republic between 1971 and 1980. As Ms. Tinkess says, "It turned out to be a grassroots project that succeeded beyond our wildest dreams and 30 years later is stronger than ever!". The Spanish edition, **¡Ni un Paso Atrás!** was published in the Dominican Republic in 2001. The English version, *Not One Step Backwards*, was published in London, Ontario this year. MATCH congratulates Ms. Tinkess and Ms. Tiner and thanks them for sharing a copy of each language version with the organization.

Yes! I Support Women's Efforts

To end violence, poverty, inequality, and injustice globally!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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- \$ 25 \$ 35 \$ 50
 \$ 75 \$100 \$200
 Other \$ _____

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 \$ 50 \$ 75 \$200
 Other \$ _____

Signature _____

(Please enclose an unsigned cheque marked VOID)

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Getting to Know Our Donors



Phyllis Thatcher says she would like to see humans evolve to the point where they are capable of developing civilized societies: "There are many injustices to be eliminated, goals to be altered, attitudes to be examined, and most important, changes to be made in the way women are viewed in society."

"I have been told that the family is the building block of society," says the Ottawa resident and MATCH donor. "If this is so, we need to change the family structure.

Men and women should share equally in the work inside and outside the home."

Ms. Thatcher adds, "We should never return to the world of previous generations. When I was growing up, most parents favoured their sons and instructed their daughters to accept the limited roles considered appropriate for girls."

Ms. Thatcher says she thought this treatment was ridiculous and unfair. A self-described rebel from birth, Ms. Thatcher began working at 17 and supported herself while completing two years of university.

"The position of women in our society has improved to some extent since I was young," she says. "For instance, when I as a young bookkeeper left my job at a very successful investment firm, a man was hired to replace me at twice my salary and given two assistants. I do not think that would happen today, but I understand that women are expected to do the majority of the work involved in looking after children and the house, even if they have full-time employment outside the home."

Ms. Thatcher eventually married and had two girls. When her daughters were six and nine years old, she returned to university and earned her bachelor of science in math and physics. Her husband's career in the civil aviation field required frequent changes of address. The Thatchers lived in Germany, France, Nova Scotia and Montreal.

When her husband was transferred to Ottawa, Ms. Thatcher took a position as a computer trainee with the federal government. She was sent on an IBM course and a few years later opened her own business as a systems analyst and software designer.

"I found this work boring and meaningless," says Ms. Thatcher. "but it paid well and allowed me to have economic independence."

Ms. Thatcher speaks lovingly and admiringly of her daughters' achievements "accomplished all on their own".

She supports MATCH because of its unique approach to helping women improve their quality of life, often helping them start small businesses: "This enhances women's self-respect, which in turn helps them improve their well-being and to plan their families."

She also supports organizations that protect animals: "All living things are important and deserve to be protected from torture and cruelty".

Ms. Thatcher would like to see humans suppress their lust for control: "This lust exists in all of us," she says. "Mothers want to control their children; men want to control women and other men."

She adds: "Like Buffy Sainte-Marie once said, the human race is evolving and we are still in kindergarten. I hope we graduate from kindergarten to some higher grade before we destroy our own species as well as many others." This view is reflected in the following poem she wrote:

Reflections in Looking at the Night Sky by Phyllis Thatcher

*Spinning unsteadily on its axis,
seeking the light from one of the multitude of stars
that pierce the darkness of infinity,
the earth revolves.*

*And on this tiny speck,
for one brief moment of eternity,
we live and fight and kill.*

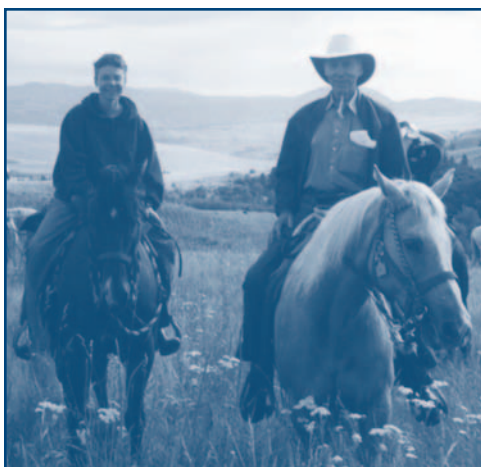
When not contemplating the human condition, Phyllis Thatcher can be found playing tennis, reading, writing or spending time with her family at a cottage built on land, originally owned by her grandfather, on the shore of the Ottawa River.

"Phyllis Thatcher is a role model to any woman encountering barriers to doing what she wants to do," says MATCH Executive Director Madonna Larbi. "We thank her for sharing her story, for her poetry and for her generous donations which assist MATCH's partners in developing countries."

Anne Scholefield of Vancouver, B.C. is an educator who promotes international learning.

"In Vancouver, and in many Canadian cities, more than 50 percent of school-age children speak a language other than English," says Ms. Scholefield. "Their education should reflect that reality."

For most of the past seven years, Ms. Scholefield has been working with the International Teacher Education Module of Simon Fraser University's Professional Development Program (PDP). She and other seconded classroom teachers and faculty members developed a curriculum for 32 student teachers who now have the opportunity to do their introductory teaching semester



Anne Scholefield and her father on holiday near Kamloops, B.C. in 1997.

abroad. Half the group completes beginning practica and seminars in Mexico, while the other half studies and teaches in Trinidad and Tobago.

"We know that the Simon Fraser students have gained so much from this international experience,"

says Ms. Scholefield. "I would also like to find out how the pupils and their communities in the two host countries benefitted from their exposure to Canadian student teachers. We have a responsibility to ensure that the benefits are reciprocal."

Such is the point of investigation for Ms. Scholefield's doctoral dissertation, which she is working on part-time at Simon Fraser University. Her research is also informed by years of experience teaching school, including English as an additional language, in Vancouver and Japan.

A sense of responsibility towards society permeates Ms. Scholefield's discussion of her career and interests: "I was born into the dominant Anglo-Saxon culture in Canada and have had access to privileges just by circumstance. When I "pass" as heterosexual, I have even more privileges, I suppose. In any case, I have always felt that I should share the benefits that come with this circumstance — to be socially responsible to the good fortune of my life."

Ms. Scholefield lives close to the downtown east side of Vancouver, and says she reminds herself everyday when she walks through the neighbourhood that "there is no guarantee that I won't find myself also living on the streets some day."

Certainly, she has been fortunate enough not to have found herself in such a life. When Ms. Scholefield "came out" in the 1970s, people who declared themselves as gay or lesbian could lose their jobs and be thrown in jail or committed to psychiatric hospitals. Many were ostracized by their families and churches. It was illegal for homosexuals to enter the United States at that time, so in order not to be harassed at the border, like many other gays and lesbians, Ms. Scholefield would dress differently than she might otherwise, in order not to get "caught".

Although laws and Canadian society's attitudes have progressed somewhat since the 1970s, Ms. Scholefield

still worries about how a community's beliefs and values are formed. For example, the recent banning of children's books from classrooms in a neighbouring school district, because they portray same sex couples, is an educative decision which, she believes, can teach bigotry: "It's also a decision which stigmatizes children of gays and lesbians. How will these children feel about themselves if their families are never represented or if to be represented in literature is unlawful?"

Ms. Scholefield turns her anger into a motivator: "You can't stay angry all the time or it will burn you up. I believe homophobia and racism can be unlearned and that people can be educated. So I use that anger to fuel the work that has to be done."

So, she dedicates herself to broadening the scope of public education. She has recently accepted a position in a new program at Simon Fraser University — serving as a Faculty Associate for student teachers who are currently para-professionals in the special education stream. These experienced classroom practitioners are studying to certify as teachers while maintaining their jobs with the Vancouver School District. She also attributes her positive attitude to her late mother and to her father, whose motto is "Today, this moment matters." At 85, Mr. Scholefield studied to become a volunteer peer counselor. At 87, he continues his counseling, walks three kilometres a day, travels locally and abroad, and has taken up lawn bowling. Ms. Scholefield says, "He is absolutely exuberant about life!"

Six years ago, father and daughter spent a week on a cattle drive near Kamloops, B.C. They had decided on the "holiday" after watching the movie *High Noon* together and recalling Mr. Scholefield's childhood on an Alberta homestead. Hard work though the riding was, evenings were spent relaxing while Mr. Scholefield recounted stories of his life and of the family. His daughter recorded these recollections in a journal and eventually shared them with her two brothers and sister.

Anne Scholefield enjoys spending time with her family, her partner, Madith, and their friends in Vancouver. They enjoy the great local jazz scene, outdoor recreation, reading and movies.

A MATCH donor since 1991, Ms. Scholefield says she likes the way MATCH's work enables women in developing countries to improve their situation and brings them into an international network of women helping women: "It is almost as if MATCH anticipated how small the world was going to get. With increased travel and immigration, it seems we are all so close to each other now. Connections have been made and we can build on them."

MATCH Executive Director Madonna Larbi thanks Anne Scholefield for her generous support and adds, "It is, indeed, a small world. And enhancing international understanding as Anne Scholefield is doing is so important and so supportive of MATCH's vision."

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