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Letter from the Chair

Sitting down to pen my final 'letter from the chair' I have to admit to a sense of delight: I am thrilled and elated that our chair elect, Merrill Singer, is so well qualified for the chair position. And I am overjoyed that, in addition to his vast experience in the realm of anthropology and AIDS research, Merrill has so much motivation and so many ideas for AARG. Because this means that, in addition to getting a new captain for the AARG ship, we also have got ourselves a new motor!

Most of my tenure as chair was spent bailing water and mending cracks in AARG's hull. But, as the recent increase in nominees for open steering committee and officer positions shows (see Ballot, Page xx), AARG's days of floundering at sea are (I hope) behind us. With your support, Merrill will get to spend most of his time making sure not that AARG survives, but that it **thrives**.

Am I setting the bar too high? Can AARG thrive again? The answer depends on you. What are **you** prepared to do to help Merrill and AARG?

For starters, those of you attending the AAA meetings might show your support by attending the business meeting, slated for Thursday, November 29th, 6.15-7:30 pm (room TBA; check your meeting program).

Second, pay your dues. Paying them on time is even better! Dues are due on a yearly basis and the AAA meetings mark the dues cycle, so consider bringing your checkbook to the AARG meeting on the 29th to pay in person.

There are many additional ways to show your support for AARG. Consider volunteering to help run the group either as an officer or a steering committee member. Help out with the service or paper awards. Fundraising is another option. Or you can organize a session for next year's SMA, SfAA, or AAA meetings. The sky's the limit. Take to it, and have lots of fun!

Best regards, and best thoughts for the future,
 Your Chair (outgoing),
 Elisa J. Sobo

Letter from the Editor:

This hefty edition of the Bulletin is largely due to the efforts of our Membership Coordinator, Yasmina Katsulis, in compiling a list of AARG members. Thank you, Yasmina! Feel free to use the membership list to communicate with other members. Also, be sure to take note of the call for stories from PWA's which will aide in dispelling AIDS myths (See below), and don't forget to VOTE! Send your ballot (See page 17) to Elisa Sobo by November 25th. I look forward to seeing many of you at the AARG meeting in Washington this month.

In solidarity,
Janie Simmons

Wanted: Personal Stories from PWA's

Alec Irwin and Joyce Millen of the Institute for Health and Social Justice/ Partners in Health in Boston are planning to publish a book on AIDS with South End Press. They are interested in receiving personal stories from people with AIDS to be published in the forthcoming book. The book is going to be organized around the theme of "ten myths" about global AIDS. Here is a draft of the 10 myths to aid in selecting narratives. Feel free to address questions to Alec Irwin at alecirwin@NYC@aol.com or Joyce Millen at jvmillen@warren.med.harvard.edu.

Ten Myths About the Global AIDS Pandemic:





1. Everyone is equally susceptible to AIDS.
2. AIDS is driven by promiscuous behavior.
3. Prevention measures often fail because people are unwilling to make necessary lifestyle or behavioral changes.
4. Prevention alone can end the AIDS scourge in poor countries.
5. AIDS treatment with antiretroviral drugs won't work in poor countries.
6. AIDS is not the worst problem the world faces. Other issues have to take priority.
7. The only hope of controlling the pandemic comes from drugs produced by the major pharmaceutical companies. To challenge these companies is counterproductive.
- 8: People in wealthy countries have no stake in fighting AIDS in the poor world.
- 9: Even with good intentions, ordinary people in wealthy countries can do little to help fight AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and other poor regions.
- 10: The tide has turned in the AIDS struggle. Vaccines now in development will soon overcome AIDS.

AARG Business Meeting at AAA in Washington Thursday November 29, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome by E. Sobo
- 2) Transfer to New President, Merrill Singer
- 3) Brief Opening Remarks, Merrill Singer
- 4) Election
- 5) The AARG Bulletin
- 6) Introductions (around the room brief introductions and areas of work)
- 7) What shall AARG be? Redefining Our Mission. Accord to our Bylaws, the AARG works to promote anthropological research on AIDS, advocates for AIDS research by anthropologists, and provides a forum to meet and communicate about our work. Is this in fact what AARG does?
- 8) Responsibilities of AARG officers
- 9) Building AARG membership
- 10) New initiatives. A special Journal Issue: Anthropology in an Enduring Epidemic: Contributions in the 3rd Decade of AIDS
- 11) Organizing professional sessions for 2002: AAA/SfAA/ other

Don't forget!

-  Attend the business meeting, Thursday November 29, 6:15-7:30 p.m. at the AAA Meeting.
-  Renew your membership!
-  Submit articles and updates to the *AIDS & Anthropology Bulletin* by December 30th!
-  Submit topics for future

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