

## *Executive Director's Memo*

By Gil Alford

### **Dues Increase**

At the 1992 meeting in Destin, FL, the board of directors approved an increase of \$1 per year in dues, to be made effective by the Executive Director upon the depletion of published promotional material quoting the \$15 dues. That material is now depleted. Effective immediately the annual dues will be \$16 per year. New members will pay \$21 to cover \$5 initial registration plus \$16 for the first year dues. This is only the second dues increase since the Association was founded, and it is the first in four years.

With the postal service planning an increase in postage, and considering that about one third of the AAFA expenditures are for postage, it is very probable another increase will come out of the Richmond meeting.

### **AAFA State Representatives News**

#### **WEST VIRGINIA**

Lynn Davidson Shelley AAFA #484  
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Morgantown, WV 26505-9000  
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Our new State Rep from West Virginia, Lynn Shelley, has taken on this new state job and is she "digging" up Alford's of West Virginia and western Virginia. With her help, along with the several folks working with her, we expect to have lots of answers by the time we get to Richmond.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Robert C. Alford AAFA #041 will be assuming the North Carolina job just as soon as he graduates from college in a few months. Many readers met

Robbie at the meeting in Raleigh in 1990. Robbie has been working on his ancestry most of his life and he and Gil Alford have corresponded for over ten years beginning when Robbie was in his mid-teens. Robbie will graduate later this year, get married, and go to work as a CPA for a well known (national) accounting firm in Raleigh. We are not giving Robbie's address as it will change before he gets all "set up" and we don't need to be bothering him during these next few trying months. He already has the AAFA North Carolina state books and those who come to the meeting in Richmond will be able to meet Robbie and his new bride. Robbie just firmed up some new discoveries about his Alford ancestry and is working on an article for publication about them.

Some of you will remember that Jean Jones Wilson AAFA #291 was our North Carolina state representative in 1990 but due to health reasons she had

to give it up. We still appreciate all she did to make the 1990 Raleigh meeting a success.

## New Addresses

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Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Dovie Jean Alford AAFA #110  
1103 Dalles Avenue #1602  
Stafford, TX 77477-7521

Lori Alford AAFA #293  
635 West Baker Street, Apt M201  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Randall L. Alford AAFA #052  
917 Plymouth Court, NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32905-4563

Robert E. Alford AAFA #462  
106 Royce Street  
Houma, LA 70364-1067

Vesta G. Bowden AAFA #537  
7300 N. Mona Lisa  
Tucson, AZ 85741

## Earthquake!

When the big earthquake struck the Los Angeles, CA, area earlier this year AAFA sent letters to all members, active and inactive, in the surrounding area. Recognizing that things might be a bit hectic, we sent a stamped self-addressed post card on which to respond. Most of those contacted responded. It was assumed that those who did not respond were just not interested rather than in serious trouble. Here are some of the comments received:

"Aside from a rude awakening we are just fine.....Would I consider moving? No Siree! I grew up in earth quake country. A tremor now and then is like a tonic. Your Adrenalin soars for the 10-15 seconds of the quake, and then you turn over and go back to sleep.

That is of course, if your house is still standing."

"Thank you very much for your concern! I live below Los Angeles and felt the quake but did not experience any damage. You could do one thing for me however. Send me a new renewal notice. I have misplaced mine and I would like to renew! Again, I am very impressed with the Alford association for the thought"

"Many thanks for thinking of us. We got a good shaking but had no damage or breakage. We are about 30 miles from the worst of it. We were in much greater danger from the fires last fall. The Altadena/Sierra Madre fire burned across the mountains about a mile from our foothills home. . . ."

There were a number of other similar responses. One was accidentally sent to a member in the San Diego area. He called to report that all was well with them and wanted to know when AAFA would hold an annual meeting and reunion in California? Well?

## E-Mail Directory

You've probably been reading about Internet and the Super Highway. Those of us who are on a computer service (Prodigy, Compuserve, America-On-Line, etc.) can electronically communicate with each other by crossing over on Internet, so we need to maintain a directory of E-Mail addresses. Send your computer service ID or Internet

address to AAFA Secretary Max Alford, whose address is below.

Known addresses are below. If you use Internet, add @COMPUSERVE.COM to the Compuserve address and convert the comma in the numbered address to a period; add @PRODIGY.COM to the Prodigy address. For example, Gil Alford can be reached via Internet with 72154.1610@COMPUSERVE.COM or MCRT47A@PRODIGY.COM.

## ADDRESSES

*Gil Alford (Executive Director):*

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*Max Alford (Secretary):*

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Prodigy—HTJM70A

*Robbie Alford (NC rep):*

Compuserve—74740,3356

*Travis Alford, #374:*

Prodigy—VWJF88A

*Willie Alford (Florida Rep):*

Compuserve—74227,3543

*Evelyn Mistich (cemeteries):*

Prodigy—RGDK81A

*Janice Smith (wills):*

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*Pam Thompson (Publications Dir.):*

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## Deaths in Member's Family

We just received a letter from Haidee Reeves AAFA #210 informing us of a death in one of our member's family. Those who were at the 1989 meeting in Houston will remember Paul Murphy AAFA #255, the tall gray haired gentleman, whose wife Lillian was in a wheelchair. Paul lost Lillian last year and it was thought a notice had been published in the quarterly, but apparently a copy of the obituary was not received. On February 11 of this year Paul's daughter Lucy died of heart failure in her sleep. Nelda Murphy Randall AAFA #497 is Paul's sister. ♦

Welcome to  
**22**  
New Members  
This Quarter!