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A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

Another year has sped by since the publication of Volume 26. Thanks to Andrea Duranti and Matteo Tuveri, it included our wonderful sunshine-filled 18th international conference held in Cagliari, Sardinia June 23-26, 2010, where we had presenters from Ireland, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Greece, Turkey, Spain, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, and, bien sûr, Italy, France, and the USA. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships formed as we enjoyed intellectual, artistic, and gastronomical stimulation together and got some healthy exercise on those hills.

As we go to press, we are looking forward to our upcoming 19th international conference, which is being masterfully organized by Professor Bonnie Mann at the University of Oregon in Eugene, where we will be gathering from June 15th to 18th. Plans are currently in the offing for Oslo in 2012 and Barcelona in 2013. We are truly international, and very proud of it.

January 2011 found some of us in Los Angeles at the Modern Language Association's 126th convention, at which we had two sessions on the program. One dealt with multi-centuried connections between Beauvoir and Nelson Algren, Virginia Woolf, and Plato, while the second session, entitled "Simone de Beauvoir and Women of a Certain Age," covered the stages of girlhood, maturity, and aging. Both provoked lively discussion which was carried on beyond the confines of the meeting rooms. The Society will have one session, entitled "Echoes of Simone de Beauvoir in Christiane Rochefort, García Marquez, and the Kitchen," at the upcoming MLA convention in Seattle in January 2012.

Newsletters full of information about Beauvoir events and the scholarly activities of our very busy and productive members were mailed out in November 2010 and March 2011. Many thanks to all of our members who keep me informed of items of interest for those publications.

Sadly, we have lost four valuable members of the Society since the publication of the last volume of this journal. Pauline Newman Gordon Yellin, one of our very first members and a member of the Advisory Board since its inception, died June 1, 2010 in Los Angeles. Prolific author and long time honorary Society member Dominique Desanti died in Paris on April 8, 2011. A shock to all, Hazel Rowley died suddenly and unexpectedly on March 1, 2011, at the tender age of 59, just a few days before she was scheduled to leave New York for a book tour in Australia for her latest biography, about Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. Guy Kiltz Patterson, dubbed by Germaine Brée "le citoyen français malgré lui" and a faithful photographer and technical adviser for more than two decades of Society activities, passed away on September 3, 2010 at the venerable age of 94 and a half. Tributes, reminiscences, and photographs can be found in the "In Memoriam" section of this volume.

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