

Women's Division of Federation

"Pacesetters" Enjoy Dinner With Paul Cowan



Pearl Kier and Paul Cowan at buffet table.

At a magnificent buffet dinner, in the home of Sandra and Leon Levine, Women's Division Pacesetters and their escorts joined author Paul Cowan in exploring their "Roots." To a rapt audience of 35, Mr. Cowan, author of "An Orphan in History," spoke of his experiences in moving from an assimilated Christian Scientist family experience, through anti-Semitic private schooling and intermarriage, to seeking and finding his Jewish soul on the lower east side of New York. He and his wife Rachel, now a Jew-by-

Choice, work with interfaith couples in the New York area.

The Pacesetters Division was chaired by Pearl Kier and Sandra Levine. Bobbi Bernstein chaired this moving event. Catering services for a meal lauded for its presentation, as well as its culinary success, were donated by Janet Lefkowitz.

Those in attendance joined the Cowans at a community lecture at Temple Beth El, cosponsored by B'nai B'rith Lodge, the JCC and the Federation.

Need For Presidents' Council Explored

On November 28, presidents of the Jewish women's organizations and key leaders from the institutions met to explore the need for a Presidents' Council. Areas of concern ranged from colleague support and clearing house functions to a check for community-wide response to such problems as involving the unaffiliates, responding to the closing of USSR borders to Soviet Jewish emigration and planning for Purim Balls, Chanukah

events, etc. Under consideration is the possibility of requesting the institutions' presidents to open their meetings to the organizations' presidents for community-wide concerns and programs. Also, discussed was the need to include men's organizations in any clearing house activities.

The possibilities for networking were deemed exciting and worth pursuing.

Major Givers Enjoy Luncheon With Quinn

"Take XX: Excuse me - there's a parrot in my face! Take LXXXV...when Ronald and Nancy Negan - cut!" These takes from PM Magazine were shown and narrated by a warm, witty, bubbly Moira Quinn to a rapt audience of Charlotte Jewish Federation Women's Division Major Givers at a luncheon at the elegant Park Hotel. In connecting her work as co-host of PM Magazine to the task of Women's Division, Moira discussed the "behind the scenes" unglamorous frustrations that are part of every assignment. The viewers wait and the finished product must be worthy of them. So is the



(L. to R.) Anita Straus-LaRowe, Moira Quinn and Gail Bienstock, Women's Division President.

case with Women's Division as recipients wait and the campaign effort must ultimately

be worthy of the Jews internationally who are in need and can't ask for themselves.

A campaign update, a report from the Education Committee, explanations and update on Project Renewal and the crisis of Ethiopian Jewry were also presented at the luncheon.

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