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GREETINGS FROM THE
PRESIDENT

It's corny these days to say FAW is a "family." But somehow many of us think so. We meet each other at the lunches and get to know one another. When we learn someone is sick or cooped up with a broken leg, we want to cheer her up. If we hear that a member has lost her husband, we want to reach out and express our feelings.

The Board has discussed ways to acknowledge members. In the past some members received cards (and even flowers) but others were passed by. They decided that the President should send out cards to all members who fit into one of these categories. This plan should make things more equitable.

This new plan however relies on you, the members, to spread the news. If you know someone who should receive a card for any reason, please contact me and I'll send out a note. If the member wishes, a short announcement will appear in the newsletter so others can send also along their wishes. Let's all help to make FAW a more caring association.

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NOVEMBER 12, 2008
PROGRAM

*"A Visit with
Daniel Burnham"*

*R. J. Lindsey
Chicago Actor and
Dramatist*

"Make no little plans." Chicago architect Daniel Burnham lived as he believed. **R. J. Lindsey** as Daniel Burnham narrates a slide program detailing the Chicago Fire of 1871, the building of the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition, and the Chicago Plan of 1909 outlining the development plan for the city. He also speaks about the innovations and architecture of several of his buildings: Reliance, Monadnock, Montauk and Rookery.

R.J. Lindsey

Actor and Dramatist

American history comes to life in the capable hands of historical dramatist **R.J. Lindsey**. Through extensive research, a meticulous attention to detail and the use of only documented speeches, letters and anecdotes, a vivid living portrait emerges.

Lindsey earned a Masters degree from Illinois State University and is a member of Actor's Equity, the Screen Actor's Guild, and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Thirty years of experience as a, researcher, writer and actor have contributed to the success of the living history programs which have been seen from Jerusalem to London to the Democratic National Convention.

GET MORE INVOLVED WITH FAW

The Nominating Committee will be meeting and working on the next slate of officers and directors for 2009/10. If you have any interest in serving on the Board or wish to recommend someone, contact Vivian Mortensen (847-827-8339). Positions open next year are President, Treasurer, Bulletin Editor, Literary Awards Chair, Juvenile Awards Chair, Revisions Chair, and Yearbook Editor. FAW only functions well because of the capable members who serve on the Board.

YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

Please note the following change. If you notice a mistake in the yearbook, please advise Pat Adelberg, Yearbook Chairman (847-588-0911).

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following women came to the October luncheon and joined the club.

Diane Mazurczak
7845 Forest Hill Road
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
630-662-5703

Karen Baker
25 East Superior, 3801
Chicago, IL 60602
312-643-0153

NOVEMBER 12 LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Please join us on November 12 for the FAW luncheon and program at the Fortnightly of Chicago, 120 East Bellevue, at 12:00 noon. Complimentary coffee and tea service is available in the front parlor for early arrivals.

To reserve your seating at the November Luncheon call: Pat Adelberg at 847-588-0911 or Rosemary Crowley at 312-856-0009. Pat and / or Rosemary can answer any questions as well as take your reservations. **Please note: reservations as well as cancellations are due before 6:00 pm on the Sunday prior to the luncheon, November 9.** Luncheons ordered but not served must be paid in full. Checks may be sent to Eileen McNulty, 4450 North Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630, phone 773-283-3369.

Seating arrangements in the dining room will be round tables seating eight people. The all-inclusive luncheon price is \$35.00. A vegetarian or fruit plate may be substituted if requested at the time the reservation is made.

Rosemary Crowley

“Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.”

Sir James Dewar

FAW'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This month we will honor the university students that will receive scholarships from the FAW Foundation Fund. This is a permanent fund established and maintained by gifts and bequests from members and friends. The amount given is determined by the interest accrued for the year from the investments managed by Merrill Lynch. This fiscal year, the trustees of the fund voted to give \$1,000 each to National Louis University and Roosevelt University.

This year's scholarship recipients are Ryan Aranoff from National-Louis University and Lisa Katzenberger from Roosevelt University.

Please come to the November program and meet these talented individuals.

Your Foundation Fund Trustees

PATRON'S FUND

Be a patron of the annual awards programs by donating \$25 or more to the Patron's Fund. Donate now to the FAW 2008 – 2009 Patron's Fund and receive your 2008 tax deduction. Contact Eileen McNulty, 4450 N. Kostner, Chicago, IL 60630-4102, 773-283-3369

READ MORE ABOUT

DANIEL BURNHAM

1846-1912

ARCHITECT AND URBAN PLANNER

“Daniel Burnham’s Plan of Chicago” Exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago, Now – Dec. 15, 2009. This exhibition, a preview of the citywide celebration of the Burnham Plan Centennial that begins in January, presents 32 of these prized illustrations from the Department of Architecture and Design’s collection in five separate and insightful rotations.

Hines, Thomas S. **Burnham of Chicago: Architect and Planner, 2nd Edition**. University Of Chicago Press, 2008, \$22.50, 480 pages. This book is both a biography of Burnham and a vivid portrait of the birth and growth of an American city.

Larson, Erik. **The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America**. Vintage, 2004, \$14.95, 447 pages. Larson tells the stories of two men: Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. Burnham's challenge was immense. In a short period of time, he was forced to overcome the death of his partner and numerous other obstacles to construct the famous "White City" around which the fair was built.

Smith, Carl. **The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City (Chicago Visions and Revisions)**. University Of Chicago Press, 2007, \$12.00, 202 pages. "A concise and reader-friendly introduction to the 1909 visionary and ambitious plan that helped shape much of the Windy City as we know it today."- Kevin Nance, Chicago Sun-Times.