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The Foundation for World Education bids a grateful farewell to longtime board member, Margo MacLeod. Margo served on the FWE board with tremendous passion, dedication, and ability for thirty-three years before peacefully transitioning out of her physical form, surrounded by people she loved, on April 2, 2018. It is impossible to overstate Margo's contribution to the evolution of FWE's vision, action, and governance structures and policies.



SOME BACKGROUND

In the early 1950's, Mother asked Eleanor Montgomery to found an organization in New York City to raise funds for the Sri Aurobindo Ashram School. Mother served as the first president of the board. Initially named, "Sri Aurobindo International Center Foundation," by the time of Mrs. Montgomery's death in 1983, FWE had its new name and had evolved into an organization that described itself as "a center of learning without distinction of race, nationality, caste, sex or creed so that such education might be provided without charge." The board invited scholars and illuminated thinkers from the Sri Aurobindo community and from around the world, including luminaries such as Teilhard de Chardin, to share their perceptions and ideas.

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THE EARLY BOARD

Mrs. Montgomery bequeathed her entire estate to FWE, and, when Margo joined as treasurer in 1985, a newly formed board faced the complex task of starting a completely new phase of FWE's activities. The estate needed to be consolidated, financial management protocols had to be developed, the board had to create an effective decision-making process, and decisions were needed on the best way to utilize resources to promote the manifestation of Sri Aurobindo and Mother's Integral Yoga.

In addition to a deep grounding in Integral Yoga, Margo brought a wealth of practical skills and experience to the task. During eighteen years at Goddard College she created and directed BA and MA level programs, and her interest in non-profit organizations led her to undertake a doctoral program at Yale University that culminated with a dissertation that examined the financial dynamics of non-profits.

Funding the evolution of consciousness around the globe...

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

In addition to her service as treasurer, Margo also served terms as president and secretary of FWE. Her expertise, creative vision, and dedication of time and energy played an essential role in shaping FWE into an “evergreen” fund that will continue in perpetuity to provide seed funding for projects dedicated to the ongoing action of Sri Aurobindo and Mother’s Integral Yoga in the world. FWE owes her a deep debt of gratitude for providing essential leadership and guidance as the organization, in her words, “developed a functioning board with by-laws, long term planning for endowment development, and effective procedures for grant applications, evaluation, and assessment.”



PASSION FOR INTEGRAL EDUCATION

With her enduring passion for education and her special love and appreciation for Auroville and its Integral Education programs, Margo played a particularly helpful role in focusing FWE’s support to Auroville. Her intelligence, expertise, and personal warmth were key in shaping FWE’s decision-making as it has, for over thirty years, provided support for a range of equipment and programs as varied as computers, learning materials, books for school libraries, innovative

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teaching programs, a children’s summer camp, and a new roof for the circus school.

COLLABORATING WITH HEIDI WATTS

Margo was also a key, enthusiastic instrument in initiating and supporting the work of Heidi Watts in Auroville. Heidi is a leader in alternative education in the United States, and, with the help of an FWE grant, reluctantly visited Auroville in 1991. She has returned every year since and has offered countless trainings and workshops for teachers, advised on issues of administration, facilitated communication within the teaching community, and advocated for ongoing training programs for teachers. She also ran a highly successful, exchange program between Auroville and Antioch College for over twenty-five years. Her positive influence on the Auroville education system is unmistakable, and in recent years, Margo visited Auroville several times and enjoyed offering her expertise to programs there and partnering with Heidi on several projects.

Below is a recent description by Heidi of the evolution of education at Auroville, facilitated in part by the manifold, ongoing support of FWE:

HEIDI WATTS ON EDUCATION IN AUROVILLE

“When I first went to Auroville many of the children at Transition, the only elementary school at the time, were running wild. There was no coherent curriculum, and the teachers were primarily mothers trying to provide some kind of schooling for their children and a few others with no training, and only a memory of their own, often-repressive school experiences, to guide them. A very few dedicated and trained teachers were conducting something which looked like a recognizable learning environment.

“Today Transition is a school many parents in the U.S. would vie to have their children attend. There is a coherent, sequential curriculum, an established schedule, experienced and dedicated teachers, freedom but not license. Two other elementary schools, TLC and Deepanam offer alternative models, and, though both are still evolving, they are beginning to define themselves in a way consistent with their interpretation of Integral Education. The three Auroville kindergartens are delightful examples of appropriate pedagogy, and the same could be said of the Outreach Schools, Aikiyam, Udavi and Isai Amballam. These schools are growing from strength to strength, moving from an authoritarian, top-down, pour-it-in model to something more student-centered and respectful of individual differences.”

Planting seeds of human unity...

AWARENESS THROUGH THE BODY

In recent years, Margo also became dedicated to bringing Awareness Through the Body to the United States. ATB is a unique and well-regarded Auroville program that focuses on attention to bodily sensation and wisdom in order to achieve an experience of Integral Yoga. For several years, Margo and Heidi sponsored workshops and trainings in the U.S. by Aloka, a co-creator of ATB. Teaching ATB to people of all ages, including small children, was one of Margo's great, fulfilling joys in these last years. Margo saw a great future for ATB in the world and hoped to, in her own way, contribute to it being better known in the Americas.

We at the Foundation for World Education thank her for her tremendous service to the board and to Integral Yoga and wish her well on the next phase of her journey. *B*



F.W.E. MISSION STATEMENT

The Foundation for World Education awards grants to incorporated nonprofit organizations around the world that support integral education, human unity, conscious evolution, and a transformed world as envisioned by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.

The FWE provides a continuous stream of funding for current and future generations through responsible management of its endowment, receipt of donations and bequests, and discerning selection of grant recipients.

The FWE aspires to be instrumental in transmuting financial energy to its true purpose in the unfolding evolution and manifestation of a greater consciousness on earth.

SOCIALLY-RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

Over the years the FWE has continued to shift its investment portfolio to more and more socially-responsible funds as they become increasingly stable investments for the endowment. Find out more at:

info@FoundationForWorldEducation.org

SUGGESTION BOX

What do you think about the work of the FWE and the projects we support? We welcome your comments, suggestions and a thoughtful dialogue. Your comments will be shared with the board members—Just drop a note to:

info@FoundationForWorldEducation.org

Long-term giving to transform the earth.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Foundation for World Education invites grant applications from individuals, programs and groups who share the vision of a transformed world espoused by Sri Aurobindo and the Mother. **All proposals must be presented to the FWE through the auspices of a nonprofit organization** and are subject to review by members of the board before a decision is taken. Proposals must be received by the board **four weeks in advance** of a scheduled meeting.* Please email your proposal to the secretary: info@FoundationForWorldEducation.org. If your organization is submitting a proposal for the first time, please include a copy of its nonprofit tax exemption status, or the name of the nonprofit organization that will facilitate should your grant proposal be approved.

PROPOSAL FORMAT

- **Summary/overview:** Name of your project/program and brief explanation of what you plan to do.
- **Need/rationale:** Justify the significance of your project /program in relation to your organization's mission and the work of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.
- **Program implementation and schedule:** Explain how you will implement this project. Include a time line and statement of the future viability of this project. Is it self-sustaining after initial seed money from the FWE, or will there be future requests to support the program?
- **Personnel:** Names and qualifications of groups and individuals directly responsible for project.
- **Project's contribution:** What is the duration and extent of influence your project will have for Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's vision of the Integral Yoga? How is your project related to other organizations or individuals currently engaged in the work of the Integral Yoga?
- **Current and future funding:** List sources of income and/or other funding sources for your project.
- **Budget:** Detail income and expenditure.
- **Final and progress reports:** Indicate method proposed to evaluate effectiveness of the project/program while in progress; written final report to be submitted within one year of completion of the grant or grant renewal. Indicate name of person who will prepare the final report.

* DUE DATE FOR NEW GRANT APPLICATIONS:

- JANUARY 7, 2019 (for main granting session)

—Note: Grant applications received at other times of the year will be considered at the next available board meeting, dates of which fluctuate.

THE FOUNDATION FOR WORLD EDUCATION FUNDS:

- The Eleanor Montgomery Endowment Fund
- Mickey's Fund (bequest of Eugene "Mickey" Finn)
- Ron's Fund (bequest of Ron Anastasia)
- Anuradha Sapru-Kohls Dedicated Fund

*The FWE thanks the following non-profit organizations
for their role in sponsoring grant recipients during 2017:
Matagiri and Sri Aurobindo Sadhana Peetham.*

GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2017

Grants \$63,323.00

Auroville (via the Projects Coordination Group)	\$30,971.00
- Management, Training & Development	7,000.00
- Auroville Bio-regional Sports Development ...	4,787.00*
- Beauty and Wonder Project	5,000.00
- Capacity Development Bio-regional Project ...	3,819.00
- Auroville Unity Fund	3,069.00
- Making the Invisible Visible Exhibition.....	2,840.00
- Hall of Peace Nakashima Chairs	2,500.00**
- Aurogames	1,956.00

Village Harmony multi-year grant, 1st installment	8,060.00
Antioch-Auroville Teacher Exchange	6,500.00
Integral Yoga Cares.....	4,000.00
Sri Aurobindo Educational Academy & Society	
Playground Equipment	3,000.00
AUM 2017 Conference Scholarships	3,000.00
Brenda Johnson Teacher Training.....	2,500.00
Auromira Columbia ATB Training	2,232.00
Sri Aurobindo Ashram Delhi 60th Anniversay	
Youth travel.....	2,000.00
Mickey's Fund Disbursements	1,060.00
- Matrimandir	\$530.00
- Matagiri	350.00
- Sri Aurobindo Center of Boston	180.00

* (this grant is sponsored by Ron's Fund)

** (this grant is dedicated in memory of June Maher)



FWE Board Members: Dakshina Vanzetti, Heidi Watts, Bhuvana Nandakumar, Aviram Rozin, Mateo Needham, Jean Eisele, Margo MacLeod (now deceased), Jerry Schwartz and John Schlorholtz.



Advisory Board Member: Paula Murphy

Founder: Eleanor Montgomery

How you can participate ...

The Foundation for World Education allocates annual grants through disbursement from its endowment. Since grant requests keep growing, we are able to fund only a portion of the worthy projects we consider each year. We therefore seek to grow in our ability to give grants by increasing the endowment. The FWE encourages donations, bequests, long term giving, and tax advantaged estate planning. We also welcome the establishment of designated funds for areas of special interest--see our website for further details. As we are a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation, contributions within the U.S. may be partially or fully deductible for income or estate taxes. Please consult with your own tax advisor to determine the specific tax benefits that may be available to you. Your gift to the FWE is a gift to future generations and to conscious evolution in diverse fields of human endeavor.

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