

DEVELOPMENT

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Overview

In the fiscal year 2003, the Oriental Institute raised \$1,140,995 in non-federal private gifts and grants. The year-end appeal raised \$45,650. On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to thank our generous donors for their support of the Oriental Institute. An honor roll of donors follows this report.

The East Wing Campaign

Tom Heagy, Chairman of the Visiting Committee, brought together a group from the Executive Committee to help raise money for the installation of the East Wing. The members of the East Wing Committee are Tom Heagy (chair), Carlotta Maher, Roger Nelson, John Rowe, and O. J. Sopranos.

Many of the Visiting Committee have made a commitment to the East Wing Campaign and included are:

Thomas Heagy, Tony Dean, Carlotta Maher, Roger Nelson, Patrick Regnery, John Rowe, O. J. Sopranos, Gretel Braidwood, Alan Brodie, Jean Brown, Marion Cowan, Emily Fine, Margaret Foorman, Isak and Nancy Gerson, Peggy Grant, Howard Haas, Rita Picken, Ray Crennan, Norman and Alice Rubash, Robert Schloerb, Mrs. Maurice Schwartz, and Mary Shea.

Other Fundraising Highlights

The Oriental Institute received generous support from several foundations and corporations. They include LaSalle National Bank, Exelon Corporation, The John Nuveen Company, the Polk Bros. Foundation, the Coleman Foundation, the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation, the C. William and Louise Vatz Foundation, the Luther I. Replogle Foundation, the University of Chicago Women's Board, and the Marilyn M. Simpson Charitable Trust.

Visiting Committee

During the fiscal year 2002/2003, the Visiting Committee met on three occasions. The first meeting was held on October 23, 2002, in the recently reinstalled Khorsabad Court. During the second meeting, February 20, Director Gil Stein introduced the new Development Director, Debora Donato, and Membership Director, Rebecca Laharia. Both gave reports on their respective areas. Clemens Reichel gave a presentation on the Diyala Project. After the formal portion of the meeting ended, dinner was served at the Quadrangle Club. During the June 5th meeting, Abbas Alizadeh presented "Archeological Innovations in Southwest Iran and the Establishment of a Research Center at the National Museum of Iran." Gil Stein and Tom Heagy outlined the East Wing Campaign. Dinner followed at the Quadrangle Club.

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Thanks

Bill Harms, University of Chicago News and Information Office, has done a fantastic job for the Oriental Institute this year. The war in Iraq resulted in heightened interest and concern about Mesopotamian history and antiquities. As a result, the Oriental Institute gained considerable press coverage. Bill successfully and skillfully coordinated the resulting media campaign.

Reflecting on the year provides the welcome opportunity to thank all our members and especially the docents and volunteers for their support.
