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Dear Friend:

Entering our third decade, there is much good news--in funding, in program and in human growth.

On the financial side, with a welcome boost from the markets, our portfolio in 2006 grew by over 11.3%, to reach \$613,000 as of December 31. About \$22,000 of this growth came from dividends, interest and gifts, plus appreciation of \$29,000. Total gifts however fell short of 2005, despite a rise in donors; alumni help still awaits takeoff. Program and administrative expenditures rose to \$22,000, of which 27% went to management (one-time costs of decentralizing selections, expanded mailings, and more detailed accountancy). Minus non-recurring costs, our administrative ratio should settle at 20% of program (1% of holdings); we have outgrown one-person management but cannot yet afford staff, even part time.

In program news, our Winks Award for New Zealand graduate students in the U.S. was launched with two fine grantees, doubling our commitment to mark the inaugural: both are now in the U.S. Meanwhile the Australian program came back to life. Discussion about a translation project in Bulgaria has begun. And our Turkish program with the SUNY system moved forward: our first Endowment-supported lecturer in US-Turkish relations is expected in the Fall of 2007, starting up the program honoring Richard Hallock.

Our faithful board stands firm but it is time for change. In May we shall vote to strengthen the next generation by adding Dr. Jill McGovern, Director of the Marrow Foundation, and former foreign-service officers Dr. Robert R. Gosende, SUNY's Vice-Chancellor for International Programs, and Robert C. Bemis, who first met Lois in 1967.

Bill Rivera leads our efforts to reach alumni and others. Selection chair Sky Arndt-Briggs, with the astute help of Dean Millon, has distilled criteria after two decades of experience. Roth Endowment awards will reflect the life, interests and work of Lois Roth. They will focus on research in the humanities including the visual and performing arts, and the social sciences including public policy. Preference may be given to women candidates and women's studies but awards are primarily based on quality of proposals and academic or other abilities of the candidates, as well as the potential value of projects to society over time; other personal attributes may be less germane. Selection guidelines of cooperating partner organizations will be followed faithfully, but preference may be accorded to proposals which might contribute new knowledge.

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