

Dear Kay,

My personal memories of you date back to the 80's when the late Brigitte Pross introduced me to the inner circle of IAW. It appears that as early as 1976 you were elected to the IAW Board, and from 1989 to 1996 you served as Vice-President. Since then you have been our Honorary Vice-President.

I believe that you already played a leading role in the preparations of our 24th congress under the title "Action for Equality", organised by the Federation of Business and Professional Women and the Lucy Stone League in 1976. It is interesting to note that both organisations became IAW members the same year. Being as active as you are, you chaired our 30th congress organised by the Lucy Stone League 1999 in New York.

While I touched on your many exploits, I have not even talked about your role as the main representative of IAW to the UN in New York. Your primary job, in your own words was to „deliver the IAW message and to bring back to the IAW the UN thinking related to the advancement of women". However, you have done much more than that. Under your leadership the International Alliance of Women became trusted and knowledgeable voice among the many NGO voices here in New York. I know this was not always easy to accomplish which is why we are gathered here today to honour you and express our sincere thanks.

Dear Kay, as a token of our friendship and appreciation I present you with an award which says "in recognition of your dedication to the ideals of the International Alliance of Women and your achievements in bringing the vision of gender equality to the women throughout the world. New York, March 2010".

In addition I have here a friendship book where your friends and colleagues expressed some of their memories and feelings.

And now, dear Kay and assembled friends, I propose a toast of thanks to Kay.

Rosy Weiss / 2010