## Women as Builders of Society

Naiset itsenäisen Suomen rakentajina August 26-30, 1987 University of Kuopio

### Reunion of Sisters

To honor the cultural, political and social accomplishments of Minna Canth, the illustrious daughter of Kuopio, a series of symposiums bearing her name has been held since 1981. Diane Skomars Magrath in 1983 suggested that American women, particularly those with family ties to Finland, should join this series. The Reunion of Sisters Project in America and Finland now invites American and Finnish people everywhere to participate in the second of the two conferences developed by the Project.

### Women as builders of society

In 1987, the Finnish nation will celebrate its 70th anniversary as a Republic. Also in 1987, women throughout the world will honour the 80th anniversary of Finnish women's achievement as the first women in the world to sit in parliament.

In 1987, the American nation will celebrate the bicentennial year of the Constitution of the United States of America.

It is right to now asses the social, cultural and economic development from the perspective of women's participation and contributions to society. The international form which this conference will take will make it a rich experience for all who attend.

Building on the 1986 Reunion of Sisters Conference in which participants shared opinions and ideas about the history and the prevailing issues of Finnish and American women, the thrust of the 1987 Conference will be on those actions women together can take to create a better future for the world.

The conference will probe women's potential to affect the humanities, arts, economy, education, social services, health care and science. It will consider the well-being of people in society, using a cross-cultural exchange between two nations to improve mutual understanding and international relations throughout the world.

The Theme of the Kuopio conference is Women as Builders of Society. The conference consists of preconference programs in Helsinki and Kuopio, meetings of Working Commissions and three day's conference program in Kuopio.

### INVITATION



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## Conference in Kuopio

August 26–30, 1987 University of Kuopio Finland

### General Information

The official language of the conference will be English.

Registration fee is FIM 300 including programme, lunch, coffee and exhibits in Kuopio, August 27–30.

### Further enquiries

To register for the conference, purchase books, receive information about exhibits and tours, or to contact Working Commissions, write or call;

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