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Biographical Note

- Born Sally R. Grindell (yr?), Bath, Maine
- Graduated from University of Maine in 1963 w/a degree in Chemistry
- Married James G. Vamvakias in February 1963
- Has a daughter, Amanda K. Vamvakias (other children?)
- Currently lives in Falmouth
- political affiliation: Republican

Awards

1992- Pine Tree Emblem Service Award - UMaine alumni service award

2002- YWCA Women of Achievement award - women who exemplify excellence in professional and private lives through service

(yr?)- Deborah Morton Award - award affiliated w/Westbrook College (UNE)- honors achievements of Maine women since 1961

Board Member

Maine Community Foundation - (elected chair in 1999) based in Ellsworth, this group manages charitable funds & distributes those funds to non-profits in the state.

Grievance Commission, Board of Overseers of the Bar - FMI see

www.mebaroverseers.org

Deborah Morton society - has served on board which hands out this award in several respects for a number of years

State Compensation Commission (Maine) - 1998/1999

Maine Development Foundation - served as a director

Association of Governing Boards - Consultant - FMI see www.abg.org

Hurricane Island Outward Bound

Trustee

Maine Medical Center- served as a trustee (2002) (other yrs?)

University of Maine System - for over 10 years (Chair from 1995(?) – (?))

Other Biographical Info

From www.mainecef.org:

Over the years she has devoted a great deal of her time to Maine's nonprofit sector by serving on the boards of organizations ranging from Hurricane Island Outward Bound to Maine Medical Center to the University of Maine System, where she recently stepped down as chair. She was elected Chair of the Maine Community Foundation board of directors in June.

A Maine native, born in Bath, Sally graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in chemistry, which she quickly put to use by working as a biology and chemistry teacher. After leaving teaching, she made a commitment to serve the community by volunteering in the nonprofit sector.

"The place I call community is not a place I pass through, it's a part of me," adds Sally. "I believe we are placed on earth to learn from and care for each other, and the community we create together is worthy of our attention."

In addition to her board work, Sally is an avid golfer, scuba diver and mountaineer, who has climbed, among other mountains, Anapurna and Mt. Kilimanjaro as well as peaks closer to home. Later this year, she will travel to Nepal for a month to climb its third highest mountain, Kanchenjunga. The group she is climbing with will be accompanied by the son of the Sherpa who summited Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary.

Description of the Papers

The material consists of remarks, talks and speeches, testimony and other public and private utterances during the ten-year period of Ms. Vamvakias' membership on the University of Maine System Board of Trustees including the last four years as Chair of the Board. These are primarily hand-written drafts or edited typescripts of talks to student and alumni groups, testimony before several Maine State Government Committees, Commencement remarks, ground-breaking and dedication observations. These papers are about the status, development, funding and priorities of programs of the University Maine System. Some of the writings are personnel appreciations including but not limited to: Michael Eaton, Raymond Fogler, Frederick Hutchinson, Bennett Katz, Dale Lick, Elizabeth B. Noyce and Robert Woodbury. The documents are essentially official in nature, but Ms. Vamvakias' early life, education, and travel experiences are briefly alluded to in a 1998 talk to UMA student leadership.

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1	1	Speech to students, UMAA	April 4, 1990
	1	Speech to Senior UM alumni	June 1, 1990
	1	Farewell remarks to Dale and Marilyn Lick, UMAA	May 3, 1991
	1	Commencement congratulations, UM	1991
	2	Testimony to Joint Appropriations and Education Committee on UM budget process	Feb 16, 1992
	2	Testimony on elimination of the Position and Office of Chancellor, USM	April 3, 1993
	2	Speech at dedication of Sullivan Gym, USM, with program autographed by James V. Sullivan	May 1, 1993
	2	Remarks on Robert Woodbury, with program	Sep10, 1993
	3	Commencement congratulations	1994
	3	Testimony to Joint Standing Committee on Education on her nomination to the UM Board of Trustees	1994
	3	Remarks to the UM Board	Jan 1995

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1	3	Statement, Executive Committee Forum, UMM	Mar 1995
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	3	Commencement welcome, UMF	May 13, 1995
	3	Welcome and comments, Board Meeting	Jul 1995
	3	Farewell to colleagues dinner	Aug 28, 1995
	3	Remarks, Board of Trustees	Sep 1995
	3	Remarks, Women's Studies Program, USM	Dec 1, 1995
	3	Greetings, Inauguration of Theodora J. Kalikow, UMF, with program	Dec, 1, 1995
	4	Remarks on the death of Raymond Fogler	Jan 22, 1996
	4	Welcome for Governor King to the UM Board	Jan 1996
	4	Testimony to the Joint Education Committee	Mar 7, 1996
	4	Remarks to the Board	Mar 1996
	4	Speech to the Merrymeeting Bay UM Alumni	May 1, 1996
	4	Remarks to the Board	May 1996
	4	Remarks to the Board	Jul 1996
	4	Remarks to the Board	Sep 1996
	4	Remarks to the Board	Nov 1996
	5	Remarks on President Hutchinson's stepping down	Jan 27, 1997
	5	Remarks to the Board	Jan 1997
	5	Testimony on several bills	Mar 19, 1997
	5	Remarks to the Board	Mar 1997
	5	Remarks at USM ground breaking for field house and hockey rink	May 5, 1997

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1	5	Commencement welcome, UMM	May 10, 1997
	5	Remarks to the Board	Jul 14, 1997
	5	Testimony to the Judiciary Committee	Sep 18, 1997
	5	Remarks to the Board	Sep 22, 1997
	5	Speech to Portland Rotary	Oct 17, 1997
	5	Remarks on acceptance of the Albert Brenner Glickman Family Library	Oct 19, 1997
	5	Welcoming remarks, Inauguration of Peter S. Hoff	Nov 21, 1997
	5	Opinion in Maine Voices, Portland Press Herald	Dec 11, 1997
	5	Remarks, opening of USM Hockey Rink	Dec 13, 1997
	6	Remarks to the Board	Jan 1998
	6	Speech to League of Women Voters	Feb 3, 1998
	6	Testimony to Appropriations and Education Committee	Feb 24, 1998
	6	Remarks, opening of USM Field House	May 5, 1998
	6	Commencement welcome, UM	[May] 1998
	6	Remarks, George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship Press Conference	Jun 1, 1998
	6	Remarks to the Board	Jul 1998
	6	Testimony to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee	Aug 6, 1998
	6	Remarks at Woodbury Campus Center naming ceremony	Sep 25, 1998
	6	Remarks to the Board	Sept 1998

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1	6	Talk on Research and Development to Kawanis	Oct 22, 1998
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	6	Speech to Student leadership, UMA with personal notes	1998
	7	Remarks to the Board	Jan, 1999
	7	Remarks to the Board	Mar 22, 1999
	7	Remarks on retirement of Mike Eaton, UMPI	Mar 1999
	7	Remarks at ACE meeting, Farmington	Apr 9, 1999
	7	Remarks on Education for life, work, citizenship in the 21 st Century	Apr 9, 1999
	7	Remarks at Bennett Katz dinner	May 7, 1999
	7	Commencement welcome, UMA	May 8, 1999
	7	Introduction of George Mitchell at Peace Scholarship awards	1999
	8	Remarks on Pat Collins	undated
	8	Remarks on death of Elizabeth B. Noyce	undated
	8	Remarks on Fred Reynolds	undated