

## Important Editorial Comments

This digital online version is similar to the printed version, but there are some differences. Some of these comments did not appear in the printed version. This piece in that version continues on one of the treasurers report pages. One of the “anniversary” pages was included in the printed version but the one about the beginnings was not.

You have probably read what the President has said about the future of the quarterly. By the time you are reading this some of you will have received a more recent piece via the AAFA OnLine Newsletter. You also need to know that with each of the remaining issues the size, or number of pages, will decrease. As regards finding a volunteer to serve as editor. We would be remiss if we did not say that it is almost as difficult to find folks who will assist by submitting articles or material.

We planned to include a lot of stuff about the creation of AAFA and its early beginning, but most of what we have just does not lend itself. While that is true with the printed version it is not true with this digital version. This issue proves the point. To fully appreciate the subject you need to view some of the original documents. If you are really interested in the subject you should check it out on the website at [www.alfordassociation.org/aafa-timeline.html](http://www.alfordassociation.org/aafa-timeline.html). This is a work in progress and although we have something of an outline there for years 1987 through 1992 there is still much to be done. It is being delayed as this is written because of trips to the doctors and to the hospital for a pacemaker upgrade for Gil Alford who leads in creating this page on the website.

The fact that the quarterly will cease publication does not mean AAFA is going away. A lot of you who receive the quarterly do not get the AAFA **monthly** publication edited by Sylvia Idom. It is called the AAFA OnLine Newsletter (OLNL) and is delivered by email. Some of what was found in the quarterly will be phased over to the OLNL. IT IS GOING TO BE BETTER THAN THE QUARTERLY. Max reported that we have only 257 who pay dues and receive the quarterly. Dues are not necessary for the OLNL and there were 317 subscribers as of last week. If you are not a subscriber then you should fix that immediately. We cannot do it for you because of Yahoo’s concern for member privacy and security. You must send an email to [aafa-olnl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:aafa-olnl-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). DO IT NOW! Much of what has been found in the quarterly has also been posted to our website. A lot of you have not even ever been there. It is simple and safe and you won’t catch a virus from our site nor will anyone be watching you or violating your privacy. Regardless of what you may hear or read about Google and your privacy, we at AAFA do not know who or even how many folks visit our website and we do not know what pages are items are visited. When you are visiting we do not know anything about it. You cannot hurt our files or the site in any way and it cannot hurt you. If you sometimes hit the wrong key it might get frustrating because you do need to pay attention to your movements or navigation. We have tried to help with that with more and better links. Remember to make frequent use of the back arrow which will probably be in the top left corner of your browser (probably Internet Explorer). Once you have visited the site then on return visits you need to start with the UPDATES page to see what is new and use convenient links. For your first visit go to [www.alfordassociation.org](http://www.alfordassociation.org). If you have a problem, just send an email to [alford\\_staff@alfordassociation.org](mailto:alford_staff@alfordassociation.org) or just a note to tell us you dropped by. We would like to hear from you with questions, suggestions or comments about the site. It is a promise—there is nothing else like it in the world.