Editorial Comment

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This issue of the *JAAVSO* is dedicated to the memory of our late Director, Janet Akyüz Mattei, and it contains a collection of material presented at the memorial program held in her honor on Friday, October 29, 2004. Appropriately, the program took place at her alma mater, Brandeis University, where she studied four years as a Wien International Scholar and actively served as an alumna.

The memorial gathering in the morning included invited speakers and offered attendees an opportunity to share their reminiscences and thoughts about the remarkable woman who served us so well for so long. The scientific session in the afternoon included invited and contributed presentations on subjects to which Janet was deeply committed: variable star astronomy and astronomy education and outreach.

For this commemorative issue, Elizabeth O. Waagen has provided an introduction describing Janet's accomplishments at AAVSO and we have collected the papers and remarks into three sections.

With the help of the AAVSO staff we have been able to compile an album of photographs highlighting Janet's AAVSO career. We are very grateful to our long-time printer agent, Walter Pierce, and to our printer Tony Goodwin of Primary Graphics, Stoughton, Massachusetts, for their memorial contribution which covered the cost of printing this collection in color.