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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jan Perone
2000 HSLI President

Giving Thanks!!

Those in attendance at last November's annual HSLI Business Meeting are already aware of the fact that I am thankful. And that I believe in giving thanks. Often. And with gusto. So, for those of you not present in Rockford, here is the

thank you list:

Thank You Phyllis Nathan and Sue Hollander! The Annual Conference at Clocktower Resort in Rockford was excellent! I can only assume that your hard work, as well as that of the rest of the committee, was the reason.

Thank You Karen Wark! You leave as treasurer, but not without changing the way our money is saved. CD's will give us a greater return and we have you to thank. Next year, HSLI will probably be investing in the stock market! Is also appreciate your thoughtful comments on every topic.

Thank you, Arlis Dittmer! You are forging the way for future opportunities for HSLI to join with other groups for conferencing and continuing education opportunities.

Thank you, Toni Tucker and Joy Kennedy! For serving on the board and offering your opinions and suggestions on all necessary decisions.

Thank you to all the committee chairs: Karen Douglas, Michael Wold, Jerry DeWitt (although he claims he didn't know he was one!), Virginia Gale, Rhona Kelley, Angela Wolf (Bylaws was some work this year!)

Thank You to Nina Pals, Molly Horio & Vivian Bales for this wonderful newsletter. I know first hand how much time, thought & effort it takes to put together a newsletter; especially one of this quality.

Thank You Karen Douglas for your thoughtful insights and for reminding me about "things" I seemed to forget!

Thank You Fran Kovach for keeping our HSLI web site updated and looking good. And congratulations on the Star Thrower Award.

Thank You Rhona Kelley winner of the 2000 President's Award. For your years of dedication to HSLI, including serving as President, the First Marketing Task Force Chair and this year as Membership Chair. It's a lot of work, and thanks to you, the membership is currently in good shape.

No list of thank yous would be complete without Nancy Stump, who has served HSLI well for a number of years and is responsible for my initial involvement with HSLI..

So why am I thanking all of these people? Because without them, HSLI would not exist.

If you're not involved, get involved. The rewards are great. It has been an honor to have served with all of you.

Li-brar-i-an

"A specialist in the management of a library"

See also:

- ◆ information professionals
- ◆ managing the knowledge
- ◆ reinvent librarianship

We're already doing this!



Information

Professionals

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Message from Incoming 2001 HSLI President

Conference

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference in Rockford and want to commend the chairs and committee. I think it was well attended and provided something for everyone at a reasonable price. Please mark your calendars for next year's conference in Champaign.

Committees

There are several opportunities for members to get involved with HSLI. Some of the following committees need chairs and some need members. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees. The work is not very demanding. We only meet twice per year, once at the conference and once during the summer. Committee work is an excellent opportunity to get involved with HSLI and to meet your colleagues from different parts of the state. Please consider volunteering.

Archives:	Karen Douglas
Bylaws:	Needs chair
Legislative:	Needs chair
Marketing:	Virginia Gale
Membership:	Rhona Kelley
Newsletter:	Nina Pals, Molly Horio
Nominating:	Michael Wold

Communication

HSLI has only three mechanisms in place to get information to the membership.

1. The newsletter.
2. The listserv.
3. The web page.

As I mentioned on the listserv this month, I really prefer to use that venue as a means to communicate HSLI issues to the membership. It is quick and easy. If you are not already a member, I hope you will consider joining.

To join:

1. Send an email message to listserv@uic.edu
2. Leave the subject line blank.
3. In the body of the message type: subscribe hslI firstname lastname

To post messages, send to: hslI@uic.edu

Videos (This is one of the issues discussed on the listserv recently.)

HSLI has the opportunity to buy a videotape of the telecon-

ference, "The effects of E-journals on your library". The cost is \$54. We can buy it if there is enough interest in borrowing it. The list response was positive. Jean Sayre from the GMR later responded to the list that they were purchasing the product. Problem solved. The second part of this issue was brought up by Joy Kennedy: "Should we talk (long term, not in this isolated case) about this as a service HSLI should consider offering? In small health science libraries it is difficult for staff to get away for a conference or program so videos are very useful. Anyone got an opinion or some information on this? Could we get funding from somewhere to develop such a collection? A video here or there is nice but what about a long term plan on this? Any interest or is this an isolated case?"

It seems to me that the mechanism is already in place through the GMR, though they do serve eight states. I will work closely with them on this issue and make sure that the products the membership wish to view, will be available to them. Please stay tuned!

Group buys (Another issue discussed on the listserv recently.)

ProQuest has sent a packet of information on their databases. Last year the HSLI board felt we needed to pursue consortial buys for the membership. ProQuest was the first vendor to respond. Here are some brief facts:

CINAHL Plus Text	
1 institution	\$9,500
Consortium (min. of 10)	\$2,158
ProQuest Medical Library	
1 institution	\$7,860
Consortium (min. of 10)	\$1,134

As you can see, there is a distinct advantage to group purchases. I hope there will be enough interest to pursue this. Please let me know what you think or if you have products you would like HSLI to consider. Thanks for taking the time to read all of this and best wishes for the New Year.

Arlis Dittmer
2001-2002 HSLI President

Blessing Health
Professions Library
Quincy, IL



REFLECTIONS ON A CONFERENCE

When I first received the brochure for this year's HSLI conference, I thought that I should probably attend, since East Central Illinois Consortium is hosting next year's conference. It has been a while since I have attended an HSLI conference. I was a student volunteer in 1993, the last time HSLI was in Urbana. I wondered how I could afford to attend, since at Provena Covenant Medical Center, all of the conference and travel money is put into one big pot for the entire hospital and it is first come first served. I had already attended ALA in Chicago this year since it was so close to home and I could save money by staying with family. As I was still debating how to pay for the conference, I received the HSLI newsletter and noticed that there was a stipend available to attend the conference in Rockford. To make a long story short, I was awarded one of the stipends. What follows is my report of my experience at the conference.

First of all, Upstate Consor-

tium did a great job putting the conference together. East Central Illinois Consortium will have a hard act to follow next year. The continuing education classes that I attended (Hospital Web Page Design and Virtual Collection Development) were excellent. I learned about many facets of web design that I hope to utilize in my institution. In the Virtual Collection Development Class, various aspects of print collections vs. electronic collections were discussed. Many I had previously not thought about. The dinner at Nippons Japanese Restaurant was delicious, although at the big tables, I felt like there were many conversations in which I could not be a part. I enjoyed the overview of complementary and alternative medicine. It is an emerging field that you do not hear much about in hospitals. The roundtables were good forums to express your own library's policies and ideas; and to find out what other libraries are doing and how they deal with the issues that were being discussed. I thought the best part

of the conference was the fact that I was able to put faces with the names that I see on ILL requests and various listervs. On top of all of that, I did get a lot of good ideas for next year's conference.

See you next November in Urbana.

*Gennye Varvel
Provena Covenant
Medical Center
Urbana, IL*

President's Award

Rhona Kelley, winner of the President's Award, is not new to HSLI. She has been a member for many years, during which time she has served as Membership Chair, Secretary, Marketing Task Force Chair (the **first!**) and President. Rhona has made many contributions, but I think the greatest was the Marketing Task Force. This was a group of volunteers designated to find ways to increase membership and develop marketing tools. I still remember our first meeting. It was actually more of a brainstorming session. Out of it came many ideas that are still being implemented and improved upon today: a new brochure, a web site, and a membership survey, among other things.

When I needed advice, she was one of the first people I turned to. She has given a lot of her time, energy and talents to the organization we call Health Science Librarians of Illinois. ***Congratulations, Rhona!*** You've earned it.



Treasurer's Report

We ended the fiscal year with total assets of \$25,331.06. Income for the year was \$6,249.57, and expenditures came to \$4,518.38. The bulk of the money going in and out during the year was for the fall 1999 meeting in Quincy. A financial success, the meeting had a net gain of \$1,195.94.

As I leave the position of Treasurer, I have opened new checking and savings accounts to maximize our earning potential. Money in our savings account has been moved from a standard savings account to a business money market account, which will provide significantly higher interest.

Mary Pryor is HSLI's new treasurer, and she is taking over new financial activities now, as I wrap up the Rockford 2000 meeting finances. Mary is one of the librarians at the Saint Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford. Welcome to Mary!

*Karen Wark
OSF St. Anthony Medical Center
Rockford, IL*

Great Truths About Life That Little Children Have Learned

- * No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- * When you mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- * If you sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- * Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- * You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- * Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- * Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic Tac.
- * Never hold a dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
- * School lunches stick to the wall.
- * You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- * Don't wear polka-dot underwear and white shorts.
- * The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.

Top 10 Health News Stories Of 2000

From the IntelliHealth Website:

1. Scientists have decoded the genome. This could revolutionize the prevention and treatment of most human diseases by attacking them at their genetic roots.
2. Research casts doubt on the heart-protective potential of estrogen. Also, the government recommended adding estrogen to the nation's list of cancer-causing agents, even while stressing the value of estrogen for women.
3. Alzheimer's mice vaccine has initial success in humans. The vaccine appears to reduce plaque buildup in the blood vessels of the brain, potentially improving cognitive ability.
4. Trial use of ACE inhibitors is shown to reduce the incidence of congestive heart disease. In some studies, ACE inhibitors reduced heart failure, stroke or death from heart diseases by 22%.
5. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation during CPR comes under closer scrutiny. Researchers found that chest compressions alone have the same impact as standard (CPR) — mouth-to-mouth ventilation accompanied by chest compressions.
6. Automatic electronic defibrillators, or AEDs, get a boost. Lay people are helping jump-start hearts that have stopped beating with these portable devices.
7. A device to stimulate nerve growth in damaged spinal cords shows promise for spinal cord injuries. Researchers hope the device will enable patients to regain at least some feeling and movement.
8. FDA approves the abortion pill mifepristone ending a 12-year struggle to get the pill into the U.S. market.
9. Increasing antibiotic resistance reaches monumental levels around the globe. The WHO estimates that 10 million people worldwide are dying of curable infectious diseases related to antimicrobial resistance.
10. Questions are raised about the value of dietary fiber in the prevention of colon cancer. Polyps that grow into cancerous tumors of the colon are not inhibited by how much fiber we add to our diets, say two large-scale studies.

News You Can Use—from the Illinois State Library

The Illinois State Library is currently reviewing grant applications that were submitted by Illinois libraries and library consortia for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). LSTA grant awards will have been announced by December 11, 2000.

LSTA Grant Offering Categories

- Libraries as Community Leaders
- Libraries in the 21st Century
- Model or Innovative Grants
- Reaching Out to Special Populations
- The Collection Connection – Mini Grant Program

Educate and Automate grant applications will begin its review and award process at the end of January 2001.

E&A Grant Offering Categories

- Fast Start – Assistive Technology
- New Local Area Networks
- Expansion and Enhancement of Existing Networks
- Microform Reader/Printer
- New Technology

The next round of LSTA and E&A grant offerings will be announced in March 2001.

The web site for information on grant offerings is located at <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/isl/grants/grants.html>.

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE

The current ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code is available at http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/ill_code.html, in PDF format. All ILLINET member libraries were mailed a copy of the new code.

By Lynn Bierma, IL State Library Liaison

2001 HSLI Conference

Champaign– Urbana, IL
Carle Hospital Forum
November 15-16, 2001

Topics: Benchmarking by Joanne Marshall, Dean
University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

Keynote Speaker: Joanne Marshall

Other topics under discussion:
Copyright
Technology Troubleshooting
Trends in Technology

Star Thrower Award

Congratulations to Fran Kovach, the first ever Star Thrower Award winner. What does this mean? Well, Nina Pals has a video (called the Business of Paradigms) about a boy who throws star fish back into the ocean to save them. The point is that the actions of one person can make a big difference. Fran has maintained and updated our Web site since its inception several years ago. She has been our one and only Webmistress. I think for an organization of our size and scope to have such a professional looking Web site is a real coup. Thanks to Fran, we all look good. Fran received this award because she is one person making a big difference in how HSLI communicates. Thanks, Fran, for being a star thrower for HSLI!



Fran Kovach
Star Thrower Award winner

Congratulations, Fran!!



2001-2002 HSLI Officers

Results of 2000 Election

President Elect: Virginia Gale

Treasurer: Mary Prior

Arlis Dittmer, the incoming 2001 president, will be the first president to serve a two year term under a recent bylaws change.

Watch for the mailing on the bylaws change to move from the Illinois State Council to a liaison for those duties.

Membership Application
HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIANS OF ILLINOIS

Please check one: New Member____Renewal____Year_____

Last Name_____ First Name_____

Institution Affiliation_____

Institution Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Work Telephone () _____ Fax Telephone() _____

E-Mail Address_____

Institution Web Address _____

Mailing Address _____
(if different than above)

Library System (ILLINET) Membership Yes_____No _____

Name of Library System _____

Regular Membership: \$10.00 Student Membership: \$5.00
Members have one vote on all matters of HSLI Business.

Send this form with a check payable to HSLI to:

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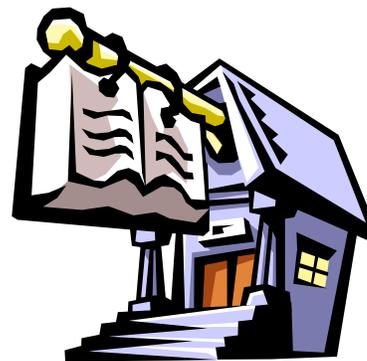
Newsletter Editors

- ◆ *Molly Horio*
- ◆ *Nina Pals*
- ◆ *Vivian Bales (Creativity Editor)*

We encourage any HSLI member who comes across interesting information (article, Website, or other) to send us a summary for the newsletter. If it is new or of interest to you, most likely it will also be to many others. This type of information sharing makes our newsletter more valuable.

If you have any items for the newsletter, please e-mail them to Molly at mhorio@bromenn.org or Nina at npals@sblhs.org. Likewise, any suggestion or recommendations, please e-mail to Molly or Nina.

Future deadlines: March 1, 2001
 June 1, 2001
 September 1, 2001
 December 1, 2001



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