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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our next Annual Meeting will take place at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton on May 1-3. Its theme, "Delivering Information: A Whole New Ballgame" is indicative of a meeting which cannot help but provide timely, useful and practical information. Instead of further describing the program to you (it is described in more detail later in this newsletter), I would like to take some time to extend a huge thank you to members of the Program Committee. Pat Buchan and Beverly Shattuck agreed to co-chair the committee at a moment's notice when Diana Akins resigned as FHSLA Vice-President and Program Chair. With the help of their Committee, Judy Johnston, Donna Doelling and Claire Keneally, Pat and Bev pulled an outstanding program together in only a few days. I am tremendously impressed, as I am sure you will be by their resourcefulness, creativity and the generous giving of their time and energy. I hope you will show your appreciation to the Committee and to the Association by trying your best to attend this year. A round of applause to Bev, Pat, Judy, Donna and Claire.

1996 FHSLA ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 1-3, 1996

ST. PETERSBURG BAYFRONT HILTON

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

DELIVERING INFORMATION: A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please check the mailing label on this issue of the ALERT. All FHSLA membership renewals I received by February 8th should have EXP96 or EXPO0 in the upper right hand corner of the label. If you have not renewed your membership, you can do so by using the 1996 Membership Application found in this mailing.

We currently have 74 members for 1996. We ended 1995 with 146 members, which means there are quite a few of you out there who have not renewed.

Please welcome our four newest members:

Lee Ann Howlett, University of South Florida
Health Sciences Center Library, Tampa
Marian R. (MiMi) Kempton, South Florida Baptist
Hospital, Plant City
Jack W. Raines, Bay Pines VA Medical Center,
Bay Pines
Ave M Reagor, University of Florida Health
Sciences Center Library, Gainesville

Pam Neumann, Chair, Membership Committee

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) held a mid-year meeting on December 1, 1995, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

At the meeting, committee reports and mid-year checklists were discussed. Recommendations were made toward achieving the goals and objective set forth in the Strategic Plan.

The Committee worked with Diana Akins, making suggestions of possible CE courses and a keynote speaker for our upcoming annual meeting in May. We had a productive meeting in spite of having to move three times because of unplanned noise levels due to roof construction.

The SPC encourages all members to send news items, for the Alert, to the Newsletter Editor. News of interest to members is always welcome from any member of FHSLA.

You can contact any SPC member or officer of FHSLA with ideas, concerns, issues, or questions. Remember, what is very obvious to you may not be obvious to the next person. FHSLA is your organization, and you are a vital link in helping to make it strong and beneficial to each member.

Patricia N. Cole
SPC Chairperson

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS LOSE A FRIEND

Martha Watkins passed away a few days after Christmas. She had fought a courageous battle, but lost to cancer. Before she was forced to retire because of her health, she was Assistant Director of the Medical Library at Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, Georgia. Before working at Mercer, Martha was Library Director, Preston Medical Library at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Those of us who knew Martha over the years are aware of the numerous accomplishments she had in the medical library profession. Martha was very active in several medical library associations. Many of us knew her when she served as President of the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians. Others remember when she was President of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

When Martha was not busy with her duties as an officer or serving on one of the countless committees, she participated in workshops, lectured, appeared on panels or was writing for publication.

Martha will long be remembered as a friend to many of us and for her many contributions to our profession.

Submitted by Patricia N. Cole

GWEN WALTERS RETIRES

Gwen Walters, Medical Librarian at University Community Hospital (UCH) is retiring on Friday, May 31, 1996. Gwen has been employed by

UCH, where she began the Medical Library, since 1974. Several years ago she expanded UCH's library program by developing a Consumer Health library in the Women's Center. Gwen has been an active member of a number of library associations including FHSLA, the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians, Southern Chapter of MLA, and the Tampa Bay Library Consortium. As a founding member of the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network, she has not only served as an officer several times and worked on innumerable consortium projects and committees, she has also been a resource person, a support person, and a tutor for new medical librarians. Those of us who have worked closely with Gwen are losing a good comrade and a very dear friend. We wish her all the luck in the world. Gwen's immediate retirement plans call for leaving Monday, June 3, 1996 for England and Scotland.

Submitted by Judy Johnston

HOSPITAL NEWS

PENSACOLA

Ann Phillips is now the Medical Librarian at Sacred Heart Hospital. She replaced Sandra Hancock who resigned shortly after taking the position. Ann was formerly a librarian at the West Florida Regional Library in Pensacola.

ST PETERSBURG

The Suncoast Information Specialists met at All Children's Hospital Library in December, 1995. Hospital Librarianship was the topic of the talk.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Florida Library Association will be held April 15-19, 1996, in Tampa, Florida. There will be CEU's available in six tracks. The Tracks are:

1. Library Administration
2. Technology
3. Collection Management
4. Information Services
5. Use Services
6. Paraprofessional

SATELLITE TELECONFERENCE!

"The Role of the Library in Accreditation"

A Satellite Teleconference of the Medical Library Assn.

Local Sponsor: Tampa Bay Medical Library Network

- Hear from Key people from JCAHO, LCME, ACGME, ACCME, AND CCHSA
- Get working solutions that can be used before, during and after the accreditation process
- Become a visible and vital part of the preparations for accreditation
- Showcase the library during the accreditation process
- Leverage improvements using accreditation results

Wednesday, March 13, 1996

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

St. Petersburg Junior College
Health Education Center
7200 66th Street North Room 177 A/B
Pineallas Park, FL 34665
(813) 341-3657 or 341 - 3604
Mary Kaye Raddatz, Librarian

Registered individuals will earn 1.5 MLA CE contact hours and receive valuable participant materials

TABAMLN Members - No Charge
All Others - \$15.00 per person

AID FOR VIRGIN ISLAND LIBRARIES

During a recent meeting of the American Nurses Constituent Assembly, the President of the Virgin Islands Nurses Association described the devastation experienced by all residents of the Virgin Islands following a deadly hurricane.

The libraries of the nursing and medical school for the University of the Virgin Islands were completely destroyed including all journals and textbooks. Donations are being sought to

replace recent textbooks and all journals which were lost. You may donate recent textbooks and/or journals or other materials to:

Valda Ford, RN-Patient Advocate
c/o Governor Juan Luis Hospital
4007 Est. Diamond Ruby
St. Croix, USVI 00082

In addition, a tax deductible fund for cash contributions has also been established. Contact Valda Ford for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT: THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER LIBRARY

Several librarians from the Health Science Center Library of the University of Florida attended the 45th Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from November 11-14, 1995. They include Trudi Di Trolio, Peggy Hsu, Prudence Tucker, Susan Woods and Janet Coggan. Pam Neumann and Sue Lyons McCollough from the Borland Library in Jacksonville also attended.

Susan E. Woods, who most recently served as the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Librarian at the Health Science Center Library of the University of Florida, left her position in Gainesville to move to Jacksonville, where she has started her own business. Susan was at the Library for twelve years and had worked in a variety of positions, including reference, systems and program librarian. Her contribution to the Library as well as the Florida Health Sciences Library Association, her dedication to providing excellent service to faculty, staff, and students, and her spirit of cooperation toward her fellow workers made her departure difficult for us, but we wish her great success in following her dream.

Submitted by Janet Coggan

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT: THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER LIBRARY

Donna Doelling has been permanently promoted to the position of Resources

Coordinator for the HSC Library.

The library celebrated the holiday season in fine disarray. The first floor of the library was recarpeted while most of our campus population was away December 18 - January 2. The project required removal of previous carpeting and all furniture, books, and equipment were shifted. Despite extra noise, dust, smell, and chaos, the semester began with little inconvenience to our patrons and a new streamlined look. Carpeting will be completed in the remaining areas of the library during the summer semester.

Linda Splawn, Education Librarian, attended Computers in Libraries '96 Technology Conference and Exhibition in cooperation with the Special Libraries Association February 27-29 in Arlington, VA.

Donna Doelling, Resources Coordinator, attended the Solinet workshop "Copyright Law in the Age of Technology" presented by Laura Gasaway on January 18 at the Tampa Bay Library Consortium.

Submitted by Donna Doelling

SEE YOU IN ST. PETE!

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