

FHSLA ALERT

**Florida Health Sciences
Library Association
Fall, 1998**

FHSLA Spring Meeting Set

The Tampa Bay Area Health Sciences Librarians cordially invite all their Florida colleagues to the 1999 FHSLA Annual Meeting, April 7-9. Reserve those dates on your calendar now!

The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay awaits our arrival with fresh air and natural mineral springs to clear our minds; sunshine and sparkling views to ease tension, and palm trees to inspire creative Florida thinking. Between and after classes and meetings we can trade our business suits for swim suits, indulge in a pampering massage, or relax with friends in the sauna. Now doesn't that sound like a healing place for health information professionals!

Continuing Education classes will be held on Thursday, April 8, followed by the evening bayside reception and banquet. A full day of meetings, roundtables and presentations will be held on Friday, April 9. The *FHSLA* Executive Committee will meet Wednesday afternoon. There *may* also be half-day CE's on Wednesday as well. Resort rates are just \$110 per night for deluxe and superior single or double rooms. Triple and quad occupancy is \$10 more per person.

I look forward to seeing everyone in April.

**--Gwen Wolff,
Program Chair and President-Elect**

President's Message:

It is a privilege to represent all of you as President of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association this year. We have a good group of officers who worked hard on the Association's business last year. Special thanks go to Marta Coscolluela, President, Prue Tucker, Treasurer, Mary Kay Raddatz, Secretary, and Dottie Kelley, who filled in as secretary at the annual meeting. We are happy that Mary Kay's surgery was successful and she has been back at work for several months. Thanks also to Pam Neumann and Bettye Stillely who were the able Local Arrangements co-chairs for our joint meeting with the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association in Jacksonville.

Welcome to our two newly elected officers: Gwen Wolff, Vice President/Program Chair, and Deedra Walton, Treasurer. Names, addresses and email addresses, and phone and fax numbers of all officers and committee chairs are listed on the FHSLA homepage (<http://www.med.usf.edu/~jjohnsto/fhsla.html>). Gwen and her local arrangements co-chairs Pat Clark and Donna Doelling are planning our next meeting at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on April 7-9. We look forward to the details.

Did you all receive the copy of Ann McKibbon's FHSLA keynote speech on the List? I sent the message out in June, and it can be opened as a PowerPoint presentation. Contributions sent to the list are automatically archived. You can get a list of the available archive files by sending an "INDEX FHSLA-L" command to LISTSERV@LISTS.UFL.EDU. You can then order these files with a "GET FHSLA-L LOGxxxx" command. Kathleen Shea is our new listserv coordinator and can help you to sign on or find an archived file. (kas@umc9.umc.ufl.edu)

We will see you at the Spa!

**Barbara W. Francis
FHSLA President**

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FHSLA LISTSERV

The FHSLA-Listserv has changed owners without many of us noticing. Prudence Tucker brought the FHSLA listserv to birth while she was treasurer of our organization during 1997. It was designed as a monitored list to enable professional networking, communicate among our members and to promote FHSLA activities.

Kathleen Shea, Education Librarian at the Borland Library in Jacksonville, is the new FHSLA-L listowner as of this summer.

There is not a lot of traffic on the list, but there is valuable information. If you aren't a subscriber to the list, please become one.

New subscribers to the listserv and people with questions will want to send Kathleen an email at kas@umc9.umc.ufl.edu.

FHSLA WEB PAGE

How many of you are aware that FHSLA has had its own web pages for almost 3 years? Our web site has lots of useful information about the organization including:

- the FHSLA Bylaws,
- the complete FHSLA Policy and Procedure Manual,
- a list of the officers and committee chairs,
- guidelines and forms for Annual Meeting scholarships,
- a membership from the latest Annual Meeting
- news and useful links to relevant associations.

Join us at this handy source for all FHSLA information:

<http://www.med.usf.edu/~jjohnsto/fhsla.html>

Suggestions about website additions are welcomed.

--Judy Johnston, Webmaster

**FHSLA OFFICERS
1998-1999**

President.....Barbara Francis
Vice President.....Gwen M. Wolff
Secretary.....Mary Kaye Raddatz
Treasurer.....Deedra Walton
Immediate Past
President.....Marta Cosculluela

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

ALERT Editor.....Linda Butson
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CE Coordinator.....Susan McCullough
Membership.....Addajane L. Wallace
Membership Directory
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Nominating.....Gwen Wolff
Strategic Planning.....Gwen Wolff
Union List
Coordinator.....Jan Booker
Web Master.....Judy Johnston
ListServ Coordinator.....Kathleen A. Shea

**ADDRESS CHANGES for the
FHSLA Directory**

The FHSLA Directory is being mailed with this newsletter. A few address changes were sent to the Editor. Please make the corrections in your Directory.

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**Mark you calendars!
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Additional corrections can be submitted to the FHSLA Alert Newsletter Editor, Linda Butson or posted to the FHSLA-listserv.

Travel Funds. What's that?

At Halifax Medical Center, we haven't had travel funds for meetings in a long, long time. Still I keep showing up at meetings. Why? As the only full-time medical librarian in about a 50 mile radius, I want to see other librarians, learn new things, and maybe hear that I'm not the only one with budget problems.

How do I do it? This year I got a scholarship from FHSLA. I was surprised to hear that some librarians might be ashamed to admit they needed a scholarship. I can't imagine why, I'm proud to belong to an organization that is willing to help out its members. This fund is set aside to help librarians come to the annual meeting. If you need it, all you have to do is apply. The annual meeting is the one time when librarians from all over the state can get together to compare notes, learn new strategies and get to know each other (network by another name). I don't want to miss it because administration won't give me the funds.

Last year four of us shared a room. We also did it in Savannah because rooms were limited and found that a librarian slumber party was fun. It also reduces the cost of the room. Yes, I was at the Southern Chapter meeting, the Medical Staff gave me money to go. They said I do a lot for them, so they wanted to help me out; also they realized that I would be bringing back new knowledge to enhance the library.

In other years, the Family Practice Residency Program sent me to a meeting. the Volusia County Medical Society paid for another. I didn't beg, I just asked. Next time, I guess I'll try the Hospital's Foundation or maybe the Auxiliary (we let volunteers use the library) or maybe, just maybe there will be travel funds in the budget.

-- Addajane Midge Wallace

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Evidenced-Based Health Care

The MLA CE Committee is pleased to announce that the second part of our Centennial Distance Learning Program is ready - - EBHC in Action: Journal Clubs. For those who want to learn more about Evidence Based Health Care, we are suggesting that you form a journal club with your colleagues - either locally or electronically. We have created sample bibliographies for the journal clubs at levels from novice to advanced. These are samples and you are welcome to design your own reading lists for your club. If you are not sure how to form a journal club, we have links that will tell you how.

If you want to find others interested in forming a club, send a message to this listserv or the mla-ebhc listserv. Be sure and state which level club you are interested in having.

Visit our EBHC in Action - Journal Club page at
<http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/clubintr.htm>

Also, check out the EBHC Web resources page at
<http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/resource.html>

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FHSLA NEWS AROUND THE STATE

We have the dates and a wonderful place reserved for the 1999 FHSLA meeting. Kudos to my Local Arrangement buddies - **Pat Clark and Donna Doelling**. Thanks! -- Gwen Wolff

ORLANDO REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY recently promoted **Deedra J. Walton** from Reference/Cataloging Librarian to Systems/Reference Librarian. Deedra, who has extensive OCLC training, will continue to oversee the cataloging process. She will be responsible for OVID updates, and the day-to-day operation and management of the ORHS HSL computer systems. Congratulations Deedra!

-- Naomi Elli

Welcome to **Richard Mercer** who joined the ORLANDO REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY staff as the Reference/Cataloging Librarian. Before moving to Orlando, Richard was a Medical Librarian at Watson Clinic in Lakeland.

-- Naomi Elia

Nicole Saville has accepted a part-time position at FLAGLER HOSPITAL in St. Augustine developing a new hospital library. She will remain on the staff of the Bursak Biomedical Library at the Mayo Clinic -Jacksonville.

-- Bettye Stilley

Deborah Lawless is now the lead Medical Librarian for the BAPTIST/ST. VINCENT HEALTH SYSTEM in Jacksonville. Located on the St. Vincent Campus, she is coordinating the 2 existing medical libraries.

-- Bettye Stilley

Susan Ebbinghouse, Medical Librarian at MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-JACKSONVILLE, received her Masters of Science in Information Studies (MSIS) degree in May from Florida State University. GREAT JOB, SUSAN!

--Bettye Stilley

The **Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium** celebrated its 20th anniversary September 11th at the Miami Beach Ocean Resort Hotel (where last year's FHSLA meeting was held) with a luncheon. We invited present and former members of the Consortium. We had prizes along with a chance to chat with our old friends. It was a great time! Marta Coscullela was in charge of the Anniversary Luncheon for the Miami Consortium.

-- Marta Coscullela

Billie Grover is the new medical librarian at MEMORIAL REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS in Hollywood. Her hospital library experience in South Florida includes her previous work at Cedars Medical Center, Vitas Healthcare Corporation, and St. Francis Hospital. -- Diane Rourke

Linda Kressal, Director of the Medical Library & Continuing Medical Education of INTRACOASTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS, including St. Mary's and Good Samaritan Medical Centers in Palm Beach has retired to Murphy, NC. She and her husband hope to start a business, possibly a bookstore.

-- Diane Rourke.

Linda Henke has retired after 19 years at the Resource Library at MEMORIAL REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

SYSTEMS in Hollywood to Franklin, NC. She has been active in the Florida Health Sciences Library Association and was formerly the Chair of the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium and a board member.

-- Marta Coscullela

Best of luck to **Clarissa C. Fisher** in her new position at WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY in Cullowhee, NC, where she will be Administrative Librarian. Clarissa was formerly Assistant Director for Access Services at the UFHSL.

(Editor's note: With all these members moving, should FHSLA start a North Carolina chapter?)

Peggy Hsu, UFHSL, has been promoted to Assistant Director for Electronic Collections, a new position in the Library. Peggy was formerly in the Reference, Education and Information Management Division.

Congratulations are also extended to **Prudence J. Tucker** on her new position as Branch Librarian at the MILLHOPPER BRANCH OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT. Prue had worked in the Reference, Education and Information Management Division of the UFHSL.

Janet M. Coggan, UFHSL Librarian and AHEC Coordinator for Library Services, has resigned her position to pursue other activity. Best Of Luck Janet!

(Around the State cont'd)

Susan McCullough, UFHSCL-J, has been appointed to the 1999 Program Committee of the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association.

Michele R. Tennant, UFHSCL Reference and Cataloging Librarian, was a Visiting Professor at the Library of the Medical Sciences Campus at the University of Puerto Rico. She taught *Molecular Biology/Genetics for Librarians and Genetics Resources on the Internet* on March 9-10, 1998.

Linda C. Butson, Clarissa C. Fisher, Barbara W. Francis, Elizabeth C. Henry, Susan McCullough, Faith A. Meakin, Pamela Neumann, Michelle E. Rezeau, Kathleen Shea, Prudence J. Tucker, and Pamela C. (Sproul) Williams attended the joint annual meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association and the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association in Jacksonville April 23-25, 1998. **Barbara W. Francis** was co-chair of the Program and **Pamela Neumann**, UFHSCL-J, and **Bettye Stillely**, JACKSONVILLE NAVAL HOSPITAL, were co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Barbara W. Francis, UFHSCL Reference Librarian and Education Coordinator, was elected President of FHSLA at the Annual Meeting April 24, 1998 in Jacksonville.

Linda C. Butson, Janet C. Coggan, Clarissa C. Fisher, Peggy Hsu, Faith A. Meakin, Pamela Neumann, Michele R. Tennant, and Prudence J. Tucker, UFHSCL, attended the Annual Meeting of the

Medical Library Association in Philadelphia, PA May 21-27, 1998.

Michele R. Tennant, UFHSCL Reference and Cataloging Librarian, attended the Annual Meeting of the Special Library Association in Indianapolis, June 8-10, 1998.

Elizabeth C. Henry, Assistant Director of Resource Management, and **Jennifer Johnson**, Circulation Supervisor, UFHSCL, attended the Annual Meeting of the American Library Association in Washington, DC in June 1998.

Pamela Neumann, Assistant Director of the UFHSCL JACKSONVILLE, has achieved Distinguished Member status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP).

Michelle E. Rezeau, UFHSCL Reference Librarian, was accepted as a Provisional Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP). She has changed positions and is the Periodicals Librarian at Brevard Community College Learning Resources Center in Cocoa.

Barbara W. Francis has achieved Distinguished Member status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP).

Linda C. Butson and **Michele R. Tennant**, UFHSCL, received Superior Accomplishment Awards from the University of Florida. They were honored at an awards luncheon on April 24, 1998.

Welcome to **Lori Driscoll-Eagan** who is the new Webmaster and Reference Librarian at UFHSCL. Lori is a recent Graduate of FSU and has been the coordinator of Medical Research at Kemper National Insurance and managed the library.

Welcome also to **Ramona Miller**, Reference Librarian at the UFHSCL. Ramona had been the Systems Librarian at USF-Sarasota before joining the HSCL in October.

FHSLA was well represented at the recent joint Southern Chapter/Midwest MLA Chapter meeting in Lexington, KY. Our members made the following posters and presentations.

Jennifer Johnson, Susan McCullough, Marian Boyle, Linda Butson, Ann Case, Faith Meakin and Michele Tennant, UFHSCL, Gainesville, "*Staff-Driven Strategic Planning: A Survival Guide*".

Rose Bland, USFHSC, Tampa, "*Technostress: Strategies for Reducing & Preventing a Modern Day Disease*".

John Orriola and Danny O'Neal, USFHSC, Tampa, "*60 Minute Website in 15 Minutes*".

Karen L. Roth, MORTON PLANT MEASE HEALTH CARE, Clearwater, and **Pamela J. Sherwill-Navarro**, BAYFRONT MEDICAL CENTER, St. Petersburg, "*Consortium 'R Us'*".

Peggy Hsu, Janet Coggan, Linnea Danielson, Dennis Hogue, and Alan O'Malley, UFHSCL, Gainesville, "*Training of Library Staff by Library Staff (With No Extra Funding)*".

(Around the State cont'd)

Donna Doelling, Rose Bland and John Orriola, USFHSL Tampa, *"Showcase your Library: A Successful Collaborative Production Among Vendors, Publishers and You."*

Patricia Clark, ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, St. Petersburg, *Midnight Madness in the Medical Library"*.

Linda Butson, Michele Tennant, Marian Boyle, Greg Clayton, Michelle Rezeau and Prudence Tucker, UFHSL, Gainesville, *"Developing a Library Liaison Program: Building Bridges to Our Users"*.

Chandra Doby, USFHSL, Tampa, *"Assessing the Quality of Electronic Information Sources"*.

Computer Applications Training Committee: Peggy Hsu, Janet Coggan, Linnea Danielson, Dennis Hogue, and Alan O'Malley, UFHSL, Gainesville, *"Information Technology Competency Requirements: How a Computer Applications Training Committee Can Increase Employee Productivity and Morale."*

Debra J. Rodensky, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH USF, Tampa, *"History of the Health Science Library and the University of South Florida"*.

Tara M. Tobin and Cheryl Dee, SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES, USF, *"Technology in Florida Hospital Libraries"*

Gwen Wolff has begun a library consultant business called WOLFGANG KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT in Tampa. She had been on the library staff at the American College of Physician Executives in Tampa.

Roxanne Tovrea has joined the staff of the WATSON CLINIC LIBRARY in Lakeland. She had been a librarian at the American College of Physician Executives in Tampa.

**FLORIDA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 24, 1998**

The annual business meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the president, Marta Cosculluela. She introduced the officers: Barbara Francis, Vice President and Program Chair, Prudence Tucker, Treasurer, and Dorothy Kelly, Acting Secretary, for Mary Kaye Raddatz. She also introduced the committee chairs: Linda Butson, Alert Editor, Jenny Garcia-Barcena, Archivist, Susan McCullough, CE Coordinator, Addajane Wallace, Membership Chair, Barbara Francis, Nominating Chair, Bettye Stilley, Strategic Planning Chair, Jan Booker, Union List Coordinator, Prudence Tucker, List Serv Coordinator, and Pat Cole, Immediate Past President.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Marta expressed that we had a very productive year, and acknowledged the diligent efforts of Barbara Frances and her team members in planning the joint Annual Meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Bettye Stilley, the Executive Committee and subcommittees have been working on several projects.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the 1997 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Our secretary, Mary Kaye had her surgery and we were happy to report her condition was stable.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prudence Tucker reported that as of 12/3/96, there was a balance of \$6,746.26. Income during 1997, including dues, meeting income, and donations, totaled \$15,065.00. Expenses were \$12, 581.71, leaving a balance of \$9,229.55 as of 12/31/97.

ALERT EDITOR'S REPORT

Linda Butson, Editor, reported that two publications will be mailed by the end of July. One hundred fifty-eight (158) brochures were distributed with the Spring issue in January, 1998. Linda thanked everyone for their articles and asked that they continue sending them in.

UNION LIST COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Jan Booker reported sending out three (3) packets for DOCLINE participation along with letters of welcome and FHSLA membership forms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE chaired by Bettye Stilley, reported the committee met November 14, 1997, in Orlando. Bettye contacted RML concerning library exhibits at state health professional association meetings. A membership brochure was developed by John Orriola and distributed at the annual meeting. The Strategic Plan has been updated, and placed on the Web Page by Judy Johnston.

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

under chairperson, Midge Wallace is working on emphasizing our contribution to the public. The SPC is pursuing projects for Medical Library Month in October. We need to be looking at the ads in county medical bulletins or contact Pat Clark regarding advertisements for exhibiting at association meetings in your own town. Grants are also available.

The **LISTSERV SUBCOMMITTEE** chaired by, Prudence Tucker, now has sixty four (64) members in service. Anyone wanting to join can contact the ListServ owner to sign up. (**Editor's note:** The LISTSERV ownership has changed see article on p.2.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE chair, Midge Wallace, reported we presently have one hundred and eight (108) members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE chair, Barbara Francis reported ninety nine (99) registrants from both states, fifty-five (55) from Florida, thirty-three (33) from Georgia and eleven (11) other. Shared expenses: our costs for scholarship, executive lunch, and preliminary \$1200. Preliminary figures are; total joint expenses of \$12,000, income of \$13,000 and profit of \$1,000.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE chair, Susan McCullough reported setting up three CE classes for this year's program. Total enrollment of fifty-nine (59).

Marta Cosculluela thanked the **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** consisting of Diane Rourke, Pat Clark, Pat Cole, and Barbara Francis for their nominations of Gwen Wolff as Vice President/Program Chair, and Deedra Walton as Treasurer. The slate was accepted and the motion was seconded and passed at the Executive Committee meeting.

Gwen Wolff gave an acceptance speech and invited everyone to the Annual Meeting of 1999 in the Tampa Bay area. Local arrangements will be chaired by Pat Clark and Donna Doelling. The 2001 FHSLA Annual Meeting would be hosted by the University of Florida and the same year the national MLA meeting will be held in Orlando; therefore a recommendation was made to skip the FHSLA annual meeting in 2001 and maybe have only the business meeting during MLA. Interest group involvement will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting in the fall.

Pam Neumann gave a **proclamation from the Mayor of Jacksonville, FL** proclaiming April 24th, 1998 as "Health Science Librarian's Day".

Marta Cosculluela announced that the **History of FHSLA** written by Diane Rourke for the

MLA Centennial was published in the latest issue of Southern Expressions. (Editor's note: It is also included in this issue of the FHSLA Alert.)

Scholarships: Pam Neumann reminded us of the worthy contributions we can make to the Martha Watkins Scholarship. Marta presented the FHSLA scholarship guidelines and after lengthy discussion the guidelines were revised and submitted to the group for a motion, which was seconded and carried. Guidelines were passed to the Executive Committee to rewrite. (Editor's note: Revised scholarship guidelines will be included in the next newsletter issue.)

- **Recognition Awards** were presented by Marta Cosculluela during the Executive Committee meeting on April 23rd to the following members:

Barbara Francis	Vice President/Program Chair
Prudence Tucker	Treasurer
Mary Kaye Raddatz	Secretary
Bettye Stilley	Strategic Planning Committee Chair
Jan Booker	Union List Coordinator
Linda Butson	Alert Editor
Jenny Garcia-Barcena	Archivist
Addajane Wallace	Membership Chair

Barbara Francis presented a recognition award to Marta Cosculluela for serving as President. The meeting was adjourned by Marta Cosculluela at 9:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Acting Secretary,
Dorothy R. Kelly

**Grass Roots: The History of the Florida
Health Sciences Library Association**

by

Diane Ream Rourke
Health Sciences Library
Baptist Health System of South Florida

FHSLA began its "grass roots" existence at the Regional Conference of Florida Medical Librarians (RCFML) on April 19, 1961. This first meeting was held in the VA Medical Center in Bay Pines at the invitation of its Chief Librarian, Florence Bulmer. Other medical librarians attending this historic first meeting were: Eleanor P. Diekema, Helen Donnelly, Christine Metcalf, Stephania Osborn, Pauline Woolridge, and Mildred Moore. After drawing names out of a hat, Stephania Osborn was "selected" president.

Membership categories included active, associate and honorary. The first honorary member was Fred Bryant, then Director of the J. Hillis Miller Health Center Library, University of Florida. His early support for this group was championed by his successors, Mayo Drake and Ted Syrgley. Annual dues were \$2 for active members, \$1 for associate members, and nothing for honorary members. Active members were professional librarians, while associate members were paraprofessionals. Later in 1964, the associate category was eliminated and only one level of active membership was established.

Initially, meetings were held four times a year to increase training and learning opportunities. The name was changed to Florida Medical Librarians in 1967 and the meetings were reduced to three times a year. In 1970 the

number of meetings was reduced to two per year, and in 1979, one annual meeting was established with a more formal program and a CE class/workshop format. In 1982, the name of the organization changed a third time to the Florida Health Sciences Library Association to support a broadening of its membership base and focus.

In keeping with its early direction towards resource sharing, the group supported regional union list activities, consortia development, and participation in regional medical library programs such as the Hospital Library Consultants Registry, and a planning process for state-wide delivery of medical library services and professional development for its members in the 1980's. *FHSLA Alert*, the official newsletter, was first established in 1984. Its editorial and distribution responsibilities have rotated between the three medical school libraries in the state. Annual meetings have rotated between these three regions for variety, and are supported by the medical school librarians and hospital library staff in the areas, including outstanding meetings in Palm Beach and Disneyworld.

Like many library organizations in the 90's, the FHSLA has its own web page at <http://www.med.usf.edu/~jjohnston/fhsla/>.

Roster of FHSLA Presidents!

1976-1977	Carolyn Hall	1989(Apr-Sept)	Helene Petty
1978-1979	Jane Rich	1989-1991	Tom Williams
1979-1981	Gwen Walters	1991-1992	Pam Neumann
1982-1983	Diane Ream Rourke	1992-1993	Pat Clark Buchan
1983-1984	Cheryl Dee, Ph.D.	1993-1994	Linda Kressal
1984-1985	Ken Mead	1994-1995	Trudi DiTrolio
1985-1986	Ada Seltzer	1995-1996	Patricia Cole
1986-1987	Jo Ann Tibbs	1996-1997	Marta Coscolluela
1987-1988	Lee Whiteside	1998-1999	Barbara Francis
1988-1989	Bettye Stilley		