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MAILING LABEL PROVIDES MEMBERSHIP STATUS INFORMATION

Before you toss the envelope in which this newsletter has arrived, check the mailing label. If your mailing label has "EXP94" (or earlier) in the upper right hand corner, your FHSLA membership has expired and this will be the last issue of the ALERT you will receive. Take a minute now to renew your membership using the membership renewal form included in this mailing. The 1995 Membership Director has been published. However, we will publish an addendum to the directory with the next issue of the ALERT. Those with "EXP00" on your mailing labels are our Honorary Members and your membership will never expire!

Pam Neumann
Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THE 1995 FSHLA Membership Directory has been published. All current members should have a copy of the directory in this mailing. Please check your listing closely and notify me of any changes, additions or corrections that need to be made.

We currently have 144 members, including twelve honorary members and fifteen new members. However, there are 39 members who have not renewed their membership for 1995. We want you back!

Pam Neumann
Membership Chair



STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Strategic Planning Committee met with the Executive Committee in Gainesville, April 6, 1995, to begin plans for the coming year.

As defined in the Strategic Plan Mission Statement, we are to "promote and advance access to information resources and services in support of quality health care in Florida." The Committee will continue working to help the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) members move forward on our established goal of keeping members informed, and presenting overviews of new library technology.

Recognizing that many smaller institutions may not be able to take advantage of the latest technology we must consider all member needs when keeping FHSLA informed. We will strive to offer programs that address the requirements of our diversified group. We must continue to pull together, by networking, to keep FHSLA membership strong.

The Committee will be meeting later this year. Any concerns you wish to share or ideas for consideration by the committee are most welcome. If you have any questions or need to contact me, please call (407)646-7049, or use my mailing address in the membership directory.

Patricia N. Cole
Chairperson

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a welcome to the following new members of FHSLA.

Wendy Bahnsen, Rittenhouse Book
Distributors
Kimberly Ann Copenhaver, University of
South Florida
Timothy Crane, Matthews Medical Books
Steven Flint, University of Florida
Lily W. Horn, VA Medical Center, West Palm
Beach
Edna Lange, St. Vincent's Health System
Susan Lyon, Emory University
Danny L. O'Neal, University of South Florida
Anna Perrault, University of South Florida
Jane Righton, Indian River Memorial

Hospital
Jane B. Robbins, Florida State University
Susan P. Sabbia, Manatee Memorial
Hospital
Barbara Schiffer, VA Medical Center, West
Palm Beach
Linda Splawn, University of South Florida
Marsha H. White, VA Medical Center,
Gainesville

Pam Neumann
Membership Chair

IN MEMORY OF ANN CONLAN

We are saddened to report the death of one of our members. Ann Conlan died on April seventh following a long illness. Her most recent position, prior to retirement, was as Chief of Library Services at Bay Pines Veterans Administration Medical Center. She was very active in FHSLA, in BALNET and in TABAMLN, having held various offices in these organizations. In honor of Ann's memory, TABAMLN has established a scholarship fund to benefit members lacking institutional support for continuing education. To date, more than five hundred dollars (\$500) has been donated. Ann will be truly missed by the medical library community.

Pat Jennings
Mease Health Care
Dunedin, FL

Those members of the University of South Florida Health Sciences Center Library faculty and staff who knew and worked with Ann Conlan would like to express our deep sorrow at the loss of Ann Conlan. In the words of one of our staff members "she was a very classy lady." She was and we shall miss her.

Judy F. Johnston
Health Sciences Center Library



CAROLYN HALL RETIRES

Carolyn Hall, Director of the Borland Library in Jacksonville, is retiring July 28th. She has served the information needs of health professionals in the state since 1968, when she became director of the Resource Center of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. In 1981, she joined the staff of the Borland Library, a division of the University of Florida Health Science Center Library, moving into the directorship in 1986.

Carolyn has been an active member of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association since 1969, serving a term as President and serving on numerous committees. At the annual meeting in Gainesville this year, she was awarded Honorary Membership in recognition of her years of service to the Association.

Carolyn's plan for her life after retirement includes serving as chair of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. She would also like to do some creative writing. Those of us who are familiar with the famous "Bell Memo", and the poems she has written for various occasions, encourage her in this endeavor.

To celebrate her retirement, Carolyn and several of her friends have rented a house at Vilano Beach (just north of St Augustine) for the Week of August 19-26. A retirement party is being planned for Sunday, August 20th. Anyone interested in the details should contact either Bettye Stilley or Pam Neumann.

Good luck and godspeed, Carolyn!

A MESSAGE FOR FHSLA MEMBERS FROM CAROLYN HALL

I am most humbly grateful for the honorary membership bestowed on me at the recent meeting in Gainesville. No award could mean more to me. It is true, I am retiring from a job; I could never retire from a profession that has afforded me the association with friends and colleagues such as you. I shall continue to be deeply concerned with anything that affects you and our profession

Sincerely,
Carolyn Hall

ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STAFFING CHANGES

The Library staff at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg bid farewell to Medical Librarian Anna Sanders in mid-May. Anna was recently married and has moved to Denver, Colorado. On May 30, Nancy Whitehurst joined the ACH library staff as the new Medical Librarian. Nancy was formerly employed at the USF Health Sciences Library where she received excellent training and experience with the medical community.

Pat Buchan
All Children's Hospital
St. Petersburg, FL

ORHS HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY NOW PROVIDING "IN-HOUSE" LIBRARY SERVICE TO SOUTH SEMINOLE HOSPITAL

South Seminole Hospital, part of Orlando Regional Healthcare System (ORHS), is now actively providing library services to their physicians, nurses, administrators, and other hospital employees.

The South Seminole Medical Library will serve as a "branch" of the main ORHS Health Sciences Library (HSL). Clyda Patton (formerly of Winter Park Memorial Hospital Medical Library) has accepted the position of Library Technical Assistant at South Seminole. She is looking forward to loading the journal collection into DOCLINE and participating as an active member of local and Southern region consortia.

South Seminole Hospital is located in Longwood, FL, about 20 miles north of the main ORMC hospital.

Naomi F. Elia
ORHS Health Sciences Library

FHSLA CATCHES LOTTO FEVER

As the members of FHSLA convened in Gainesville for their annual meeting in April, the state lotto had an estimated jackpot of \$84 million! Nine lotto quick pick tickets were donated for door prizes. The winners of these tickets were:

Elaine Ciarkowski
Pat Cole
Tim Crane
Grace Dewald
Naomi Elia
Barbara Francis
Anne Robichaux
Linda Splawn
Reneta Webb

Each of the recipients accepted their ticket with the promise that if they were to win the BIG ONE, they would take all FHSLA members to Puerto Rico for the Southern Chapter meeting. Obviously, none of these were big winners. However, we would like to know if anyone won anything with their ticket. If so, please respond to Pam Neumann. We will publish our findings in the next ALERT.

The grand door prize at the meeting was a free registration for next year's meeting. The winner of this was Joan Paul. Congratulations to all!

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

Several librarians attended the 95th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association held in Washinton, DC, May 7-10, 1995. They included Janet Coggan, Trudi Di Trollo, Clarissa Fisher, Barbara Francis, Polly Porter, Prudence Tucker, and Susan Woods. Faith Meakin, Director, also attended and chaired the Scientific Presentations Session for the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (7ICML) which followed the MLA meeting. Peggy Hsu attended the MLA meeting and served as co-moderator of the Public Services and Collection Management Sections invited speakers session, "Right on the Money: Optimizing Choices in Access and Ownership." Ms. Hsu also served on the Program Committee that planned the session. Lenny Rhine attended both the MLA meeting and the 7ICML meeting, where he gave a poster session presentation, "The Acquisition and Use of Reprint Material at the University of Zambia Medical Library," with Regina Cammy Shakakata from t

he University of Zambia Medical Library in Lusaka.

Polly Porter has been appointed to the Status and Economic Interests of Health Sciences Library Personnel Committee of the Medical Library Association and has an assignment to collect information toward development of model job descriptions for marketing and management.

Susan Woods was awarded Distinguished Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP)

Janet Coggan was accepted into the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Senior Member level. Ms. Coggan has also been named Chair-Designate 1996-97 of the Publications Committee of MLA.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT: UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LOUIS CALDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Suzetta Burrows was elected Chair-Elect of the Medical School Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association for 1995/1996, was co-editor of the April, 1995 issue of Miami Medicine, and published "The Virtual Library: information without walls" in Miami Medicine 66(4): 17-19, April, 1995.

Henry L Lemkau, Jr. moderated the "International Cooperation for Health Information: session at the 7th International Conference on Medical Librarianship, May 11, 1995, Washington, D.C.

Vislava Tylman was co-chair of the Task Force to Promote the Cunningham Fellowship Coordinating Committee of the MLA and was the 1993/1994 chair of the Task Force to Promote the Cunningham Fellowship, Southern Chapter/MLA.

Thomas Williams presented a paper, "The Biomedical Gopher as a Gateway to Health Information in the Global Community" at the Annual Meeting of the MLA, May 8, 1995, Washinton, D.C. and published "Finding the on-ramp to the information superhighway" in Miami Medicine 66(4):27-29, April, 1995.

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

Lee Ann Howlett, formerly Serials Technician, has been promoted to the position of Serials Librarian. Lee Ann has just completed 20 years with the HSC Library, starting as a (very young) OPS student assistant at the Circulation Desk.

Gwen Wolff, Coordinator of Education since 1990, has been given a new assignment as Instructional Technology Coordinator. As Instructional Technology Coordinator, Gwen will be working with the HSC faculty on any projects which involve the use of computer resources.

Judy Johnston, Associate Director, recently joined the AHIP Mentor Program implemented by the MLA Credentialing Committee. All Provisional Members of the Academy of Health Information Professionals are assigned mentors who will advise and guide them through the certification process. Each mentor helps the Provisional Member plan professional development activities throughout the year. The mentor also provides valuable assistance with portfolio preparation for Member level applicants.

BACK ISSUES OF LIBRARY SCIENCE JOURNALS AVAILABLE

The HSC Library has removed the following Library Science Journal issues from the shelves. If you are interested in any of them, please contact Lee Ann Howlett at 813-974-9080 or leeann@library.med.usf.edu.

American Libraries -v.1-8, 1970-78;v.9:no.1-7,9-11, 1978; v.10-24, 1979-1993

College and Research Libraries - v.1-54, 1939-93.

Library Journal - v.95, 1970;v.96:no.13-22, 1971;v.97-118, 1972-1993.

Medical Reference Services Quarterly, v.1-12, 1982-1993.

Online - v.1-9, 1977-85; v.10.no.1-4,6 1986; v.11-17, 1987-1993.

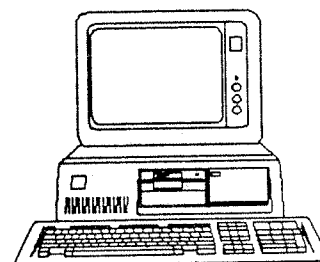
Special Libraries - (v.23-26, 1932-35 - various issues);v.20-30, 1938-39; (v.31-38, 1940-47 - various issues); v.39-40, 1948-49; v. 41-44, 1950-53 - various issues); v45-84, 1954-1993.

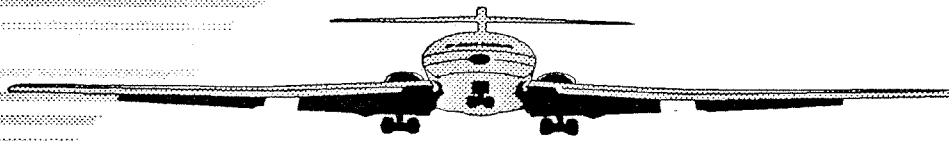
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I want to comment on a matter which has been of increasing concern to me since I became Editor two years ago. My concern is due to the fact that though approximately 75% of our members are hospital librarians, we are getting fewer and fewer items from and about hospital librarians. I am in the process of reorganizing the structure of reporters in hopes of reversing the trend.

In addition, I want to invite any member to contact me directly if you have an item about yourself or your library that you want to share with your FHSLA colleagues. Feel free to send them to me at any time and I'll hold them until the next ALERT is published. I will accept items via phone (813-974-2162), fax (813-974-4930), Internet (judy@library.med.usf.edu) or mail.

Judy Johnston
Editor





Exploring Our Boundaries
SC/M/LA Annual Meeting -
San Juan, Puerto Rico
November 11 - 14, 1995

CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

Suggested topics to "Explore":

- * Gophering in the South
- * Internet Training: Trials, Tribulations, & Triumphs
- * Restructuring and Administration Reorganization
- * JCAHO Information Plans: A Sharing Session for Hospital Librarians
- * Surviving Continuous Improvement!
- * Contracting/Outsourcing library services
- * Managing Diversity
- * Library Materials Preservation in an Age of Change
- * Library Consultants/liaisons roles: Future Directions
- * Managed Care: Impact on Libraries
- * Expanding Library Access Policies: Students and Patients
- * Communication for Change
- * Multi-lingual Collection Development
- * Library Fundraising - Getting more Money

Abstract Guidelines: 250 words maximum
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****Indicate if it's Paper OR Poster*******

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

In 1994 the Executive Committee established an ad hoc committee to develop guidelines for awarding honorary membership. The members of this committee are Pam Neumann, Pat Jennings and Gwen Walters. After studying the guidelines of other associations and the FHSLA bylaws, they wrote the following guidelines which will be voted on at the 1996 annual meeting. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact one of the committee members.

PROPOSED HONORARY MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. The Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) shall present Honorary Membership to any member upon retirement, or within a year of retiring, from active service who has made significant and consistent contributions to FHSLA or to the profession. Retirement does not automatically result in nomination for Honorary Membership status.
2. Significant contributions to FHSLA may be defined as serving in elected or appointed offices, on committees, or in developing state meetings. Significant contributions to the profession may be at the state, regional or national level.
3. Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be submitted by any member of FHSLA to the Executive Committee. Nominations shall be accompanied by a summary statement of the nominee's qualifications.
4. Nominations shall be submitted at least one month prior to the FHSLA annual meeting for discussion and approval at the Executive Committee's meeting held prior to the annual meeting. If the Executive Committee approves the nomination, it shall recommend to the membership the election of said candidate as an Honorary Member. A three quarters vote of the members present is necessary for election.
5. Honorary membership awards are not necessarily given each year. In addition, more than one award may be conferred in any one year.
6. A certificate of Honorary Membership shall be presented to the nominee or nominees at the Annual Meeting.
7. Honorary members shall be exempt from paying dues.
8. Honorary members may not vote or hold office in the association unless said member has been an Active Member in good standing for at least 5 years prior to their election, according to provisions set forth in the Association's Bylaws.

Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting
Florida Health Sciences Library Association
Gainesville, Florida
April 7, 1995

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Linda Kressal.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** the minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting held at Palm Beach, Florida, were approved as written and distributed.
3. **Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs:** Linda Kressal introduced herself as President of FHSLA and in turn introduced the following:

Executive Committee

Trudi Di Trolio	Vice-President/President-Elect
Diana Akins	Secretary
Chris McMahon	Treasurer
Pat Buchan	Immediate Past President

Committee Chairpersons

Judy Johnston	ALERT Editor
Erica Powell	Archivist
Nancy Adams	Continuing Education Coordinator
Pam Neuman	Membership
Pam Neuman and Janie Jones	Directory Editors
Trudi Di Trolio	Program and Nomination
Pat Cole	Strategic Planning

Ad Hoc Committee

Naomi Elia	Policy and Procedure Manual
Pam Neuman	Scholarship and Honorary Membership
Jo Ann Tibbs	Current Status on Library Funding and Staffing

4. **President's Report:** Linda Kressal expressed her appreciation to Trudi Di Trolio and the Local Arrangements Committee for their work in hosting today's meeting. The theme of today's program, "Surviving the Changing Library Environment" reflected the discussion held during the Executive/Strategic Planning Committee meeting last night. Individual tales of "woe" and the stresses that libraries are facing due to reduction of staff, budget, re-organizations, cooperate buy-outs, are increasingly common with the same end result of increased workloads on existing staff. There are two responses we, as librarians, can make. The first consists of withdrawing and hoarding resources or just quit the profession and seek less stressful jobs. The second option is to regroup! Become more involved in the library profession by taking an active part in local library groups and in FHSLA. Remember there is strength in numbers and FHSLA needs you and You need FHSLA!

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris McMahon presented the treasurer's report for 1994. As of December 31, 1994, the balance was \$5,773.29. The decrease was due to expenses related to the 1994 Annual Meeting at West Palm Beach.

6. **ALERT:** Judy Johnston will serve as editor until June 1996. There were three issues published in 1994. Judy is concerned about the diminishing amount of input from hospital libraries and will attempt to reverse this trend. Appreciation was expressed for those who consistently support the ALERT with information. Please contact Judy at 813-974-2399 to contribute to the ALERT.

7. **ARCHIVES:** A reminder that older minutes and ephemeral material should be sent to Erica Powell for retention.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Strategic Planning: due to illness the November meeting was canceled. Pat Cole is the new chairperson. The Strategic Planning Committee has developed an ad-hoc group to address state information contacts. This group consists of Naomi Elia, Clarissa Fisher, Pat Jennings, and Pat Cole. Other concerns of the committee are issues effecting all members regardless of institution size and ways to increase participation at meetings. If interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, contact Pat Cole.

Membership: Pam Neuman reported that there were 103 dues paying and eleven honorary members. Seventy-two 1993-1994 members have yet to renew their membership for 1995. Please note that the deadline is May 31st to be included in the 1995 Membership Directory. Upon receipt of directory, check your listing and notify Pam of corrections.

Program: Trudi Di Trolio expressed her appreciation to the University Hotel and Health Science Center staff and her committee for their efforts. She also reported that there were seventy-one conference registrants; twentytwo registrants for the "Free Databases via Grateful Med; twentytwo registrants for "How to Teach Adults in Small Group Settings"; and ten registrants for "How to Teach Adults in Large Group Settings". Gwen Walters distributed the continuing education certificates. Vendor support was received from CD+, Readmore, CINAHL, Majors, and EBSCO.

Ad-HOC Committees:

Policy and Procedure Manual: Naomi Elia reported that the manual was basically completed with the help of Jo Ann Tibbs and Bettye Stilley. Job descriptions and the calendar of events still need to be edited. This manual will be a living document and for it to remain viable everyone needs to supply updated information as it occurs. FHSLA officers and

committee chairs should contact Naomi directly for copies of their individual sections.

9. SCHOLARSHIPS: Pam Neumann reported that the guidelines were published in the June 1994 issue of the ALERT. Two applications were awarded for registration and continuing education courses for a total sum of \$190.00.

10. STATE UNION LIST: Pat Jennings reported that six information packets for DOCLINE participation had been distributed with information about FHSLA. In addition FHSLA membership information was also sent to thirteen current DOCLINE users who are not members of FHSLA.

11. RAC COUNCIL REPORT: Pat Buchan and Faith Meakin reported on the two-day March meeting. Changes are happening so fast that Strategic Planning is not really feasible. Future contracts will be on a country-wide basis; topics under consideration are:

--INTERNET

Who has access? Commercial, Via Academic Institution, or Freenet? Who desires access?

--Status of in-state consortiums

Within the state of Florida the known consortiums are the JAHILN/Jacksonville Area Health Information Network (7 libraries), MHSL/Miami Health Science Libraries (20 libraries), Palm Beach Library Consortium (4 libraries), and TABMLN/Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (26 libraries).

-- Consumer health education and education of patients and families

Who has planning responsibilities? Who has separate collections or integrated collections within Medical Library?

-- Library improvement projects

Eg. Collection, equipment

11A. NLM GRANT: Cheryl Dee and Anna Peroult (USF Library Professor) are submitting an application for the NLM Planning Grant for Health Science Information Professional Education within the state of Florida. Grant proposal would include development of continuing education and distance learning opportunities. Support from FHSLA was requested and received after a show of hands the concept was endorsed. A letter of support will be issued as needed.

12. Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association: Beverly Shattuck expressed appreciation for the \$500.00 that FHSLA donated to the 1994 Orlando Meeting. The 1995 Meeting will be in San Juan with Diane Rouke, Program Chair. The theme is "alternative careers for librarians" and the keynote speakers is Naomi Boering.

13. Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians' Librarian of the Year Award: Deborah Lawless, on behalf of the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians' presented Pat Cole, Winter Park, their Librarian of the Year Award for her many outstanding contributions.

14. Honorary Membership: During the luncheon, Ted Srygley awarded Carolyn Hall with honorary membership to FHSLA for her continued support since 1969. She has been an active member and has contributed to the growth of FHSLA.

15. Recognition Awards: All 1994 officers and committee chairs received certificates of appreciation from Linda Kressal.

16. Election of Officers: The following individuals were elected for the forthcoming year -- Diana Akins (Vice President/President-Elect) and Pat Jennings (Secretary).

17. 1996 Annual Meeting: Diana Akins on behalf of the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network invited FHSLA to hold the 1996 meeting in the Tampa Bay area.

18. Changing of the Guard: Trudi Di Trolio took over the Presidency and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Akins
Secretary