



## President's Letter

Cherie Feenker

### Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2006. This President's message will be published when I am the Past President of the Alabama Chapter of SLA. Our new Board is composed of these individuals: Tatum Preston, Mangala Krishnamurthy, Sherie Mattox, Helen Mellet Walker, and Beata Walton. We welcome and salute them.

### New Chapter Officers

**Tatum Preston** will serve as our 2006 President. She is Li-

brarian for the Clarence B. Hanson, Jr. Library, Birmingham Museum of Art. You will remember that she hosted our last full Continuing Education Program. She is currently a board member for the Library School Association (LSA) for The University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Services (SLIS).

**Mangala Krishnamurthy** is our new Vice President/President-Elect. She is also our Membership Chair. She is a Reference Librarian for the Rodgers Science and Engineering Library, part of the

University Libraries of The University of Alabama. She is also serving as a board member for LSA and is active in the recruitment of students for UA.

**Sherie Mattox** is our current treasurer. Sherie is a corporate *continued on page 2*



## MARTHA Show Our Martha Stewart

In September I went to NYC and appeared in the audience for the MARTHA show. The audience was made up entirely of people named Martha Stewart (164 in all), plus one bulldog named Martha

Stewart (who wore her pearls). I learned about the show two months earlier from a mass mailed letter. After I called and reserved my seat. I received many phone calls from the

"Audience Department" and "Producer's Staff" (Mark Burnett of "Survivor" fame is one of the producers). Some of the Marthas were visited in their home towns by - *continued on page 2*

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film crews and had their stories broadcast during the show. The day before the show we were taken on a bus tour of Manhattan and were treated to lunch at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia headquarters. The famous Martha Stewart showed up about half way through the meal and spent about 45 minutes with us. The next day we met at Chelsea Studios for the live show. We had to show our driver's license or birth certificate to gain entry and there was a representative from the Guinness Book of World Records checking us (the most people with the same first and last name in the same place). During the show I was struck by how

unrehearsed it seemed. During commercials several staffers would gather around Martha, touching up her hair or makeup, or all talking at once; I don't know how she knew what to do next. We received very nice gift bags and a group picture of all the Marthas (including the famous one) autographed by Martha



herself. Sorry to report, I didn't see Martha lose her temper or snap at anyone. She was polite but restrained when any of the Marthas approached her. It was an exciting and enjoyable adventure for this Alabama librarian.

-Martha Stewart  
Maxwell Airforce Base

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librarian for Research Services for Alabama Power Company. She is a long-time member of the Alabama SLA Chapter, having served in a number of capacities. Sherie assumed the duties of Treasurer in September at Laura's scheduled resignation.

**Helen Mellett Walker** is currently our Secretary and will serve through 2006. She is Assistant Librarian for the Birmingham law firm of Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP. She is active in Law Libraries Association of Alabama.



**Beata Walton** is our newsletter editor and webmaster. She is a Librarian in the Redstone Scientific Information Center. She was also a very helpful contact during the virtual seminars presented in Huntsville and made available to the Chapter.

## Recruit-A-Member

SLA is running a promotion now to recruit new members. To participate, you only have to already be a member in good standing. To get credit for recruiting, make sure the person puts your name down on their application. Start early because, if there is a tie in number of percentage of new members recruited, the new member application with the earliest date will be the "tie-breaker" in the prize award.

The Grand Prize winner will receive a full conference package to the 2006 annual conference, a two nights hotel stay with Baltimore amenity gift basket, and two VIP passes.

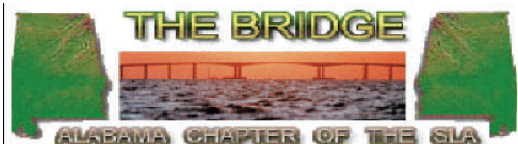
First Prize includes a SLA membership renewal.

All members who recruit at least one member will receive a special lapel pin and become members of the Presi-

dent's Club. There are also prizes for the Chapter and Division with the most new members and the largest percentage increase in members.



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Election

VOTE ONLINE

Polls Open 23 January

[www.sla.org/evote2006](http://www.sla.org/evote2006)

Eligible members will receive an email  
linking to the secure VoteNet site

Ensure SLA has your email address

Check it or update it

[www.sla.org/update](http://www.sla.org/update)

Polls Close 3 March

Results Announced 15 March

Watch for **bios** in January Information Outlook

Voting members must be in good standing as of 9 January  
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### Chapter

As you can see our chapter is composed of an interesting and varied group of professionals. At one snapshot last year we were clustered in several geographical areas: Birmingham (23), Huntsville (8), Montgomery (13) and Tuscaloosa (8). We have vendor representatives, students, and information professionals from a variety of organizations, both private and governmental. To see a current listing of members go to the SLA website ([www.SLA.org](http://www.SLA.org)) and login as a member; go to the Membership page and select Membership Directory. You can select a number of search criteria but for this example, select Alabama Chapter (in the Unit Membership box). You are given format options to save

or view the information. One helpful benefit is to see current and past SLA involvement by linking from the individual's name.

### Congratulations

This year you can be proud that you, as a Chapter, have supported our Chapter through our President and President-Elect by providing financial support for their attendance and participation in the Leadership Summit to be held in January 2006 in Houston. The budget you approved in May provided for contributions for both officers (\$500 for President and \$250 for President-Elect). We anticipated that this financial support might take several forms depending on other available funding and what conferences are options. I encourage you to make this an

annual budgeted item. The Treasurer and Board could work with the president and president-elect annually to take advantage of changing situations. This year we have both employer and chapter support.

Happily, both Tatum and Mangala will attend the Summit this year. We look forward to hearing of their experiences and learning from them. We expect that Tatum will also represent us at the annual meeting and conference this summer. Those expenses will be covered by contributions from her employer as well as the balance of the chapter's budgeted amount. Congratulations to this Chapter for your foresight in supporting our chapter officers' participation. This commitment was an important step for this Chapter.