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## Editor's Corner

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Debbie Bogenschutz, Editor

It's the time of the year to reflect with thankfulness, and I am truly grateful for all that SLA has given me over the years-- including so many good friends. I came to my first SLA meeting knowing not a soul there and (being a shy person) took the enormous step of introducing myself to a few people. I was never a stranger again! Before long, I was put on a committee, and it wasn't long before I was moving into leadership positions. And my story is not unique. We're a pretty easy group to get to know. If you've been holding back from getting involved, please come forward. I truly believe that the more you give to SLA, the more it gives back to you. In these days when we're all doing more with less, when we're doing the work of more than one person and it doesn't look like someone new will be hired to join us anytime soon, our friends in SLA can be a lifeline! I am grateful to, and thankful for all of you!



# President's Report

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Akram Pari, President

Greetings!

I hope every one has been enjoying the beautiful fall season and is getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. We are well into a new association year and it has been my honor to serve as your President.

We started the association year with our transitional meeting. I appreciate the willingness demonstrated by all members to serve on committees when asked. I am especially grateful to our officers: Cindy Meisner (President-Elect), Skye Connerley (Secretary) and Angela Gooden (Treasurer), Debra Oswald (Past President/Award Selection), Anne Abate (Employment/Mentoring), Dennis Hamilton (External Relations), Glenna Herald (Membership), Cynthia Whitt-Covalcine (Nominating), Edith Starbuck (Operations Committee), Debbie Bogenschutz (Publication Editor, Queen City Gazette), and Tracey Stivers (Web Administrator).

Our membership meeting on October 5 was at the new Newport Branch of the Campbell County Library System. Deborah Oswald presented the new Chapter Governing Documents to the membership for a vote and it was approved by members.

This was a very successful meeting with about 30 new and prospective members attending. Food was great and we had a wonderful evening with Janice Lachance, the executive director of SLA , who spoke about the new challenges in our profession as well as some changes in the organization. I take advantage of this opportunity to thank Janice for visiting our chapter.

Speaking of membership, I would like to see our new membership grow this year and I also think that it is important to increase attendance at the meetings. Many of you have great ideas and suggestions, which will not be heard if you are not present at the meetings. SLA, especially the Cincinnati Chapter, works so well because of the involvement and enthusiasm of our members.

Edith Starbuck revised the budget to add a donation to the OKI Children's Literature Conference in memory of Judy Malone. Judy will always be remembered for her contributions to our chapter.

Cindy and the program committee have put together a number of wonderful programs together for the upcoming year, which you can read about in her report. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

I thank all of you for your participation and your contributions to the organization and wish you a wonderful holiday season.

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## Membership Meeting Report

Glenna Herald, Membership Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped make our annual membership meeting a success this year. Thank you to the Program Committee members and Cindy Meisner for inviting Janice LaChance, Executive Director of SLA, to speak to us regarding the current state of our professional organization, the future of SLA, and the benefits of becoming a member. Also, thanks to Skye Connerly for suggesting we meet at the new branch of the Campbell County Public Library in Newport; an unexpected perk being that all of us had the opportunity to meet a 20 feet long Burmese python.

Also, the meeting could not have gone so smoothly without Ms. Angela Gooden. She deserves kudos for handling the tedious task of collecting money for dinner and membership dues. Finally, thanks very much to Anne Abate for her continued support of SLA and for sharing information about the mentoring program.

Forty in all, members and potential members, attended to enjoy good food and great company. It was very exciting to meet Janice LaChance and to hear her views about our organization. Ms. LaChance regaled us with tales of her tenure working with President Clinton's cabinet, the new SLA membership headquarters, and the finances of SLA. She also shared an interesting perspective on the contentious debate regarding our organization's name. She gently suggested that the title "Librarian" is not the problem, but the term "Special" could be. "Librarian", she reasoned, conjures warm images of helpful and knowledgeable stewards, whereas the label "Special" does not do the best job defining who we are or what we do.

Door prizes of bagel gift certificates were awarded to Jodi Gregory, Rosemary Whitney, Patricia Carter, Amanda Miller, Heidi Glaza, Natalie Ruppert, Beth White, and Erin Seitz. Sally Bown took home the librarian action figure.

Again, thanks to all of you for contributing to the success of the membership meeting and our organization. I look forward to working with all of you throughout the year.

 **Cincinnati Chapter SLA Upcoming Meetings**

Cindy Meisner, President-Elect

- February 2 "It's a Wiki World!"

What is a Wiki? How can it be used? Hear how one Library Team developed a Wiki to communicate and share information internally. It's easier than you might think! Speakers: Jen Scott and Melida Busch,

Ethicon Endo-Surgery. Joint lunch meeting with LIRI (Cincinnati Law Librarians)

- March 14 “How to Find Health Statistics: Sources and Strategies”

Speaker: Lisa Orgren, Global Knowledge Solutions. Location: Raymond Walters. Joint meeting with CAHSLA.

- April Workshop “Distance Learning”

Joint meeting with GCLC

- May Business Meeting

Details will be added at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/chapter-info/calendar.html> as they become available.

## **News from the Association**

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The 2004 SLA Salary Survey is now available. Highlights can be found at : <http://www.sla.org/content/resources/research/salariesurveys/index.cfm>, and full reports are available for purchase.

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) hosted an open house to introduce the public to its new global headquarters on Wednesday, October 20, 2004. The new facility at 331 South Patrick Street, in the Alexandria Gateway Complex in Alexandria, Virginia, features comfortable work and meeting space for staff; public meeting space – including a telecommuting center and advanced presentation and communications technologies – and a state-of-the-art information center that serves the research needs of the SLA staff and membership.

SLA has announced keynote speakers for the 2005 Annual Conference. Don Tapscott, an internationally known authority on business strategy, opens the conference Monday, June 6. Bill Buxton, one of the world’s leading experts on human-centered technology design, will wrap up the conference Wednesday, June 8. More information can be found at <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/pressroom/pressrelease/2004pressrelease/pr2423.cfm>.

## **Meet the Board:**

**Angela Gooden, Treasurer**



OCCUPATION: Head, Geology-Mathematics-Physics Library

BIRTHDAY: December 28

BIRTHPLACE: South Bend, IN

PETS: Alas, none. My husband doesn't want any.

MOST RELAXING ACTIVITY: Watching HGTV and dreaming.

LAST GOOD MOVIE / CONCERT / EVENT I SAW: Shark Tale

FAVORITE FOOD GROUP: Dessert

IF I WON \$295 MILLION PLAYING POWERBALL I WOULD: I would donate 10% to my church then help create some job development and opportunities for those unemployed in my hometown (Albany, GA).

MY FAVORITE WEBSITE: <http://www.graeters.com/flavors.cfm> Need I say more????

BEST VACATION I'VE EVER TAKEN: Nassau Bahamas –Summer 2004

LAST GOOD BOOK I READ: *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

IF I WEREN'T A LIBRARIAN I'D BE: A scrapbook/photo album consultant. I love to help people organize their personal mementos and photos.

MOST UNUSUAL INCIDENT WHICH HAPPENED IN A LIBRARY I'VE WORKED IN: A student was distraught because her boyfriend was breaking up with her and she proceeded to wail in the staircase near my office. So I went out to help console her along with a colleague.

DECIDED TO GO TO LIBRARY SCHOOL BECAUSE: Deep down inside it's what I always wanted to do.

THE ONE THING I REALLY HATE TO DO IN THE LIBRARY IS: Leave and go to meetings!

## **Treasurer's Report**

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Angela Gooden, Treasurer

Cincinnati Chapter Financials (as of October 31, 2004)

- Checking-US Bank       \$2,390.89
- SLA Pooled Fund       \$3,233.59
- Cash Account-CDs       \$1,708.79
- Total                     \$7,333.27

## **Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs (link)**

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The current list of chapter officers and committee chairs with contact information can be found at the following link. Those receiving the printed version of this issue have the list attached as a separate document.

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/chapter-info/contacts.htm>

## **Board and Executive Board Minutes (link)**

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The minutes of the Executive Board and Board meetings can be found at the following link. Those receiving the printed version of this issue have the minutes attached as a separate document.

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/chapter-info/minutes/minutes.html>

## **Job Openings (links)**

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The Cincinnati-SLA Chapter uses the GCLC / Cincinnati-SLA JobLIST listserv (<http://www.gclc-lib.org/announcements/joblist.html>) and the GCLC Job Openings list (<http://www.gclc-lib.org/announcements/jobs.html>)

If you have any questions, problems, or need help in obtaining job information, please contact the GCLC office at (513) 751-4422 or by email at [gclc@gclc-lib.org](mailto:gclc@gclc-lib.org).



## **QCG Bulletin Information**

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