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## President's Message

—Submitted by Judy Wulff

One of the things that has made SLA/KY membership so valuable to me has been the opportunities for networking with other special librarians in Kentucky. SLA/KY constantly provides opportunities for establishing and strengthening professional (and personal, too) relationships far beyond my usual circle of professional contacts. I do public services work in an academic health sciences library, but the things I have learned from SLA members who work in library administration, technical services, newspaper and business libraries, library schools, and the wonderful variety of other specialized services that our membership represents are well worth the membership dues! Being with this variety of folks continually encourages me to break out of the box that can be made by the type of work, subject matter and institutional setting.

Of the *many* perks of being Chapter President, one of the best is receiving newsletters from other chapters. The activities that some of the larger chapters are able to generate is nothing short of overwhelming. Since our chapter is relatively small and far-flung, we have to consider distance, weather, manpower, and competing demands on everyone's time when we design our programming. Elsewhere in this newsletter, Joe Miller has outlined an outstanding year of programming that will provide all of us with great opportunities for box-busting, in a range of places, settings, and subjects that offer something new and challenging for everyone.

However wonderful the programming, we all know that not everyone is going to be able to come to every meeting or make contributions every year, and sometimes maintaining the communication necessary for the professional ties that make SLA/KY so valuable is very hard. We have a terrific newsletter, but it only arrives a few times a year, and cannot answer questions you might have about how to handle a problem that is troubling you today. So how can you squeeze even more value out of your SLA membership?

To help deal with the time/space/size problems and nourish the value of a professional community, I commend to you the listserv! SLA/KY has a listserv named, oddly enough, KYSLA. If you're not currently among its 57 subscribers, and you have email access, consider signing up. Currently the traffic consists of no more than two or three messages a week: early announcements (and late reminders) about upcoming events, minutes of past meetings, the

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Deadline for submitting articles is one month prior to publication of the issue. Please submit articles for the Winter issue of the Bulletin by *December 15, 1997.*

Electronic format is preferred. Send e-mail to Beth Mitchell: [mitchell@mis.net](mailto:mitchell@mis.net)

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occasional query about car pooling or roommates. Ebba Jo Sexton forwards messages from SLA's Government Relations Committee that provide information about pending legislation that will affect the availability and useability of information. (These messages in electronic form make it very easy to cut and paste and send to keep your representatives informed about how this lawmaking will affect you and your job.) These are great services, but we could exploit the listserv potential even more. Next time you need to consult, commiserate, congratulate, crow, or cry give KYSLA a try.

To sign up, send an email note that says only **subscribe kysla Firstname Lastname to listserv@lsv.uky.edu**. It's helpful to turn off headers and footers your mail system might apply to your notes. You'll be sent a note asking you to confirm and telling you how, and then a note telling you how to stop messages when you don't want them. Mary Vass (maryvass@pop.uky.edu or 606/257-1351) is listowner and she'll be happy to help you solve any problems you might encounter. □

## PR/Affirmative Action Committee

—Submitted by Susan Byars

At the recent meeting, board members demonstrated our chapter's commitment to affirmative action by approving a membership stipend for a Kentucky minority librarian who will serve on our committee and be an active participant on the speaker's bureau. Reinet Jones is the first recipient of the stipend and we are looking forward to working with her. We will have a committee meeting November 5, 1:30 p.m. at Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington. We already have some interesting plans and will discuss our goals for the year. If you would like to serve on the committee, contact Susan Byars at 231-9893 or susanb@hospicebg.com. Also, don't forget that our attractive display is available for use in your library! Contact Susan if you would like to use it. □

## Pizza Party Success

—Submitted By Joe Miller

On September 9, about twenty members of the Kentucky chapter met with twenty five UK library science students for an informative and enjoyable pizza luncheon. Also

joining us were Karen Paxton and Janis Saylor of Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. Janis is a recent UK-SLIS grad and provided visible evidence that this kind of networking can pay off with career opportunities. The chapter was well represented as well with diverse special libraries, including academic, medical, corporate, law, agriculture, and education. It seemed that many good conversations were taking place in between trips to the pizza. I'd like to thank Micaela Ayers, student president, for all her work to coordinate this event. I'd also like to thank all the members who made the trip to the UK campus to share their enthusiasm for SLA. I'd especially like to thank Judy Wulff for making the trip from Louisville and Reinet Jones for loaning us the wonderful SLA/KY display that was put together by our affirmative action committee. And of course, thanks to the chapter and the SLIS for the financial support. I hope that we will again gain many new members from this annual event. □

### Upcoming Programs

—Submitted By Joe Miller

Two fall programs have been planned. See information on the upcoming Fall meeting on page 10. The other program is the SLA teleconference called “Giving the Patron What they Really Want/Need” and will be held on October 16, 1997 from 1:00-4:00 PM in room 323 in the Robotics video classroom here on the University of Kentucky campus. This event is being sponsored by the SLA/KY chapter, the SLIS, and the University Library System. Seating is limited, so be sure to sign up early; reservations will be on a first come first served basis. To register, please send email to [jbmill00@pop.uky.edu](mailto:jbmill00@pop.uky.edu) or call Joe Miller at (606) 257-8854. To see more about this teleconference, see the SLA home page at:

<http://www.sla.org/professional/dl5.html>. (DL.HTML, not D one.)



### Thank You!

—Submitted by Beth Mitchell

Special thanks to our corporate sponsors for their generous support of the SLA/ KLA Joint Spring Conference at Natural Bridge State Park in April.

They are:

CENTRAL BUSINESS GROUP,  
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### SLA/KY Chapter

#### Treasurer's Report 8/27/97

—Submitted by Alice Marksberry

<b>GRAND TOTAL (available for expenditures)</b>	<b>\$1665.01</b>
Operating Budget (as of 7/26/97)	\$1102.83
Savings Account Balance (7/31/97)	\$ 430.18
Student Subaccount Balance	\$ 132.00
Checking Account Balance (7/31/97)	\$2831.19

#### Deposits and Expenses made since last Treasurer's Report of 5/30/97:

##### Deposits

\$ 765.00	May SLA & C/KEOUG joint meeting registrations
<u>\$ 303.97</u>	SLA portion of Spring Conference profits
\$1068.97	<b>TOTAL</b>

##### Expenses

\$ 544.20	Harley Hotel expenses for May conference
\$ 230.00	Honorium for conference speaker
\$ 91.32	KY State Treasurer—sales tax for SLA Laws pubs
\$ 8.20	Artistic Greetings—SLA bank deposit stamp
\$ 33.70	National Audio/Video—Bill Gates & Ms. E.
	Prime tapes
<u>\$ 121.66</u>	Kinkos—newsletters
\$1029.08	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### Library Laws Project

\$1467.70	Balance of sales
	(98 sales total as of 7/27/97; used for 12/96 payment)
(\$3000.00—Loan Amount)	
(\$1500.00—Paid 12/96)	
(\$1500.00—Payment due 12/97)	



# Spotlight On...

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### The Hospice Library

—Submitted by Susan Byars

*The great events of life, as we observe them, are still clearly recognizable as journeys . . . Out of centuries of experience has come the repeated observation that death appears to be a process rather than an event, a form of passage for human life. — Sandol Stoddard in *The Hospice Movement: A Better Way of Caring for the Dying.**

Hospice of the Bluegrass is a private non-profit organization dedicated to helping terminally ill patients live comfortably until they die. Each patient is cared for by a team that includes the patient's family, the patient's own physician, a hospice nurse and social worker, and if desired, a hospice chaplain, a volunteer, and a home health aide. Care is usually provided in the home, but last year a 12-bed unit (which Hospice owns, staffs and manages) was opened at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington to provide help for those patients whose symptoms cannot be managed in the home. Hospice of the Bluegrass operates in 20 counties in Kentucky and has five offices.

An important part of Hospice's mission includes educating professionals in the philosophy and art of hospice care and providing community education in areas related to palliative care, death, dying, and

bereavement. Medical, nursing, pharmacy and social work students from U.K. and other area colleges routinely choose electives which provide an introduction to hospice and allow them to work with hospice professionals. In addition, support groups sponsored for children and adults by Hospice of the Bluegrass are open not only to hospice patients and families, but to all members of the community.

The Hospice library exists to support the mission of the organization, so the collection includes materials for medical professionals as well as for patients, families, and the general public. A non-circulating collection of professional journals and up-to-date reference materials focuses on the technical aspects of palliative care, symptom control, and pain management, while the circulating collection includes books and audiovisual materials that explore the physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of death and dying. A small "recreational" collection of audio and video tapes is devoted primarily to music and humor. It is the goal of the library to provide resources which will enlighten



all aspects of the remarkable journey being undertaken by our patients and their families.

We maintain an extensive pamphlet collection, and a single copy of any of our pamphlets is available to anyone from the community who makes a request. The library provides Internet access to staff and reference service to staff, students, volunteers, patients and families, professionals in the community, and the general public.

The main collection is held at the Maurice Kaufmann Hospice Center, 2312 Alexandria Drive, Lexington, KY 40504. The library is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is staffed by a part-time librarian (Susan Byars) and by volunteers when available. Small collections are held in each of the other offices in Frankfort, Cynthiana, Hazard, and Ft. Thomas.

Questions can be directed to Susan at (606) 276-5344 or [susanb@hospicebg.com](mailto:susanb@hospicebg.com). □

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## August Board Meeting Minutes

–Submitted by Dee Wood

**Special Libraries  
Association,  
Kentucky Chapter  
Open Board Meeting  
Amelia's Field  
Paris, Kentucky  
August 28, 1997**

Attendance: Larry Besant, Sue Burch, Susan Byars, Antoinette Fiske, Gracie Hale, Debbie Hatfield, Alice Marksberry, Lillian Mesner, Joe Miller, Beth Mitchell, Carol Parris, Amy Osborne, Christie Robinson, Cathy Schenk, Ebba Jo Sexton, Veronica Walker, Laura Whayne, Pat Wilson, Dee Wood, Ann Woosley, and Judy Wulff.

Meeting was called to order by Judy Wulff.

### Minutes

Minutes of the May 30, 1997 meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

The balance is \$1665.01. \$1500.00 payment for remainder of SLA loan is due December 1997.

### Program Planning

President Elect Joe Miller reported that several programs

have been arranged and will be announced soon in mailings and on the listserv.

**September 9, 1997** Annual pizza lunch for new students of the SLIS.

**October 16, 1997** SLA Tele-conference "Giving Users What They Really Need." Sponsored by KYSLA, SLIS, and the University of Kentucky Library System, 1 to 4 p.m., 309 Robotics Center, UK campus.

**November 13, 1997** Annual Fall Meeting. Joint Meeting with the Cincinnati Chapter of SLA "Reach Across Boundaries: Make Your International Connections." This joint program, presented by both the Cincinnati and Kentucky Chapters of SLA, will meet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Drawbridge Estate Hotel, Covington, Ky.

**April 15-17, 1998** Annual Spring Conference at Lake Cumberland State Park. Gracie Hale, Steve Gowler, and Joe Miller met on July 15 to discuss the site, originally scheduled for General Butler State Park, but discovered the site could not accommodate the size group. A theme of knowledge management is being explored. The planning committee would

like feedback on a proposed conference title of "Great Expectations: Managing Knowledge, Resources, and Change."

### Student Group

Joe Miller reported for Student Group President, Micaela Ayers. There are 70 new students this fall. The Annual fall pizza party for new SLIS students is scheduled for September 9, 1997. The SLA membership recruiting event, which is co-sponsored by KY/SLA and the SLIS, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 504 of MI King Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to RSVP to Joe by September 8, 1997.

### Web Page Committee

The Kentucky Chapter Web Page will continue to be maintained by Joe Miller, Cindi Trainor, and Alice Marksberry. They would like feedback and suggestions for improvements of its content and structure. Larry Besant suggested the Web Page as a future alternative to paper publication of the Chapter Bulletin.

### Affirmative Action/PR Committee

Susan Byars, Committee

Chair, announced plans for more articles in the Lexington and Louisville newspapers about the chapter, including new officers, feature articles, etc. The SLA display which promotes diversity in libraries is at the Hospice Library and is available for libraries to use. Susan proposed that the Chapter expand its commitment to Affirmative Action. Motion was made for the Chapter to offer an annual 1-year, non-renewable Chapter membership fee/stipend to a Kentucky minority librarian to encourage minority membership in the organization. The person will be chosen with recommendations from the Affirmative Action Committee. The person will serve on the Affirmative Action Committee for 1 year. After the initial selection of a Kentucky minority librarian for the membership stipend has been made, protocol for the annual selection of a person will be drawn up by the Affirmative Action Committee. Motion carried.

#### Newsletter

Beth Mitchell and Cindi Trainor are the editors of the newsletter. Please send all submissions for the newsletter by the September 15 deadline.

#### New Business - Focus for 1997-98

Vendor Relations Chair, Larry Besant, discussed several ideas. The chapter needs to concentrate on making all 1997-98 programs outlined by Joe Miller a huge success. Find more ways to raise additional money to subsidize our future meetings as follows: spend more personally, request contributions from vendors, and contributions for ads in the newsletter. Please contact Larry with more ideas.

#### Kentucky Night at Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, June 1998

Debbie Hatfield was named to plan a Kentucky night for the National SLA meeting in Indianapolis. Pass on any and all ideas to Debbie.

#### Bill Gates tapes

Larry Besant proposed that the Chapter purchase the program tapes from Bill Gates, keynote speaker at the national meeting in Seattle, Washington for the library school.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. □

#### Heart of America Chapter 50th Reunion

*–Submitted by Sheryl Nance-Durst*

To all SLA members -

Were you ever a member of the Heart of America Chapter?

Do you know anyone who was?

The Heart of America Chapter is trying to contact all former members. Our 50th anniversary is next year and we'll be ringing it in with a bang! We're looking to invite anyone who was ever in our chapter to our big shindig. So come on all you former HOA people — Join the party!

You can reply by December 1st to [sjnancedurst@dstsystems.com](mailto:sjnancedurst@dstsystems.com), or contact:

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# Spotlight On...

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### The *Lexington Herald-Leader* News Research Center

—Submitted by Linda Minch

The Newsroom Library at the *Lexington Herald-Leader* has gone through some subtle changes over the past few months. The most obvious is its new name, *Herald-Leader* News Research Center. This sort of name change is happening throughout the newspaper industry to better reflect the responsibilities of the staff.

The *Herald-Leader* News Research Center staff consists of three full-time professional researchers, a full-time Computer Assisted Reporting Coordinator, and a part-time News Assistant.

Lu-Ann Farrar, News Research Manager, has been with the *Herald-Leader* for 16 years, working her way up from the position of News Assistant. Linda Smith-Niemi, News Researcher, was the first professional librarian hired by the *Herald-Leader*, and she began creating the library in 1979. Linda Minch, News Researcher, was hired in 1994, rounding out the professional research staff. The News Research Center recently hired reporter Chris Poore as the full-time Computer Assisted Reporting Coordinator. Norma White, News Assistant, completes the team.

The News Research Center is the main source of background information for a staff of about 140 reporters. In most cases, it is essential that the information be current, therefore the research staff uses Knight Ridder Information (Dialog), Lexis-Nexis, DataTimes, and Dow Jones databases as well as the Internet and numerous other databases for researching

reporter requests. For research of a less timely nature, the Center maintains a collection of general reference materials including encyclopedias, Kentucky Revised Statutes, Kentucky history books, medical dictionaries, arts and science dictionaries, as well as various state and federal statistical publications. The total collection is less than 1,000 volumes. In addition to the databases and printed materials, staff members call associations, state and federal offices, and hospitals, etc. to fill information requests. Information from a quick phone call with delivery through a good fax machine has been known to make or break a story!

Computer Assisted Reporting (CAR) is the current trend in the newspaper business. It combines database and spreadsheet information with reporting. An example of this is August 17, 1997 article in the *Herald-Leader* pointing out that acting City Law Commissioner, Mary Ann Delaney, earned \$84,810 for fiscal year 1997 — \$10,000 more than the mayor. This information was derived by manipulating data from the Urban County Government salary files in an Excel spreadsheet and a FoxPro database. The CAR Coordinator, along with the News Research Center, are responsible for acquiring, creating, and maintaining databases for the purpose of assisting reporters to enhance or create story ideas. The marriage of CAR with the News Library is a natural one, uniting all



databases in a central location (News Research Center) under one manager.

The research staff of the News Research Center is also responsible for maintaining the archive (electronic library) of *Herald-Leader* articles. The electronic library is searchable back to 1983 and is available in-house for the reporters, on the Internet, and in Knight Ridder Information (Dialog). (Note: Because the *Herald-Leader* is available electronically and on microfilm at UK and the downtown branch of the Lexington Public Library, the News Research Center is not open to the public.)

The News Assistant is a full-time *Herald-Leader* employee dividing her time between the News Research Center and the Editorial Department. She fills public requests for single articles, sends all copies of the newspaper to Bell & Howell for microfilming, archives photos, and carries out numerous other duties as assigned.

All five staff members of the *Herald-Leader* News Research Center are excited about the changes that are taking place and thrilled to be an integral part of the *Lexington Herald-Leader*. □

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# Reach Across Boundaries

*Make Your International Connections*



Presented by the Special Libraries Association Cincinnati and Kentucky Chapters

**WHERE:**

Drawbridge Inn  
Yeomans Room  
I-75 at Buttermilk Pike  
Fort Mitchell, KY 41017  
(directions on facing page)

**WHEN:**

Thursday, November 13, 1997  
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**AGENDA:**

11:00-11:30 — KY Chapter business meeting  
11:30-12:00 — Cincinnati/KY Chapter social  
12:00-1:00 Lunch — (Deli buffet with salads/dessert)  
1:00-4:45 — Program

**SPEAKERS:**

Corilee Christou, LEXIS-NEXIS  
Dorothy Gilroy, International  
Relations Committee  
Robert Heibel, Mercyhurst College  
Colleen Herrington, NIOSH  
Fred Marcotte, Clermont College Library  
Karen Marsh, University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
Wilda B. Newman, Johns Hopkins University

**COST:**

\$20 for SLA Members  
\$25 for Non-Members

*Are you sometimes frustrated when trying to find information on that elusive international company, product, treaty, or technological development? The Cincinnati and Kentucky SLA Chapters can help!*

*This program will highlight the international nature of libraries and information. A panel of librarians and information providers will discuss issues in the development of global cooperative arrangements among information centers and will address the information infrastructure in other countries. This program will also highlight current SLA activities in the international arena and will include accounts of two local librarians who have had interesting work assignments abroad.*

**Please send registration no later than November 5, 1997 to:**

Cindy Meisner  
Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.  
4545 Creek Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45242-2803

Register by fax: 513-483-8736  
Register by phone: 513-483-3578

**Registration fees will be collected at the door.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Cincinnati Chapter member \_\_\_\_\_ Kentucky Chapter member  
If registering by phone, please indicate chapter membership (Cincinnati or Kentucky).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cancellations after November 5 will be billed.

**Directions to Drawbridge Inn**

*From the North:* Follow I-75/71 South through Cincinnati and into Kentucky. Take Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike) and turn left onto Buttermilk Pike. Continue through 1 light, then turn left onto Royal Drive.

*From the South:* Follow I-75/71 North. Take Exit 186 (Buttermilk Pike) and turn right onto Buttermilk Pike. Immediately get into the left hand lane and turn left at the light onto Royal Drive.

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