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President's Message

By Nettie Seaberry, Chapter President

This will be my last opportunity to share my views with you in this forum. I'd like to take a moment to recap the past years activities, accomplishments and future visions. In my first column I outlined three objectives that I hoped to accomplish.

Infusion of "New Blood". Last year I referred to what I thought was an under utilization of a wealth of potential talents that we may have been overlooking because we weren't tapping into our library school resources enough.

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the chapter's Library School Liaison, contacts have been reestablished with our metropolitan area library schools. We have received numerous invites to several Career Day events. We've been able to solicit among our ranks individuals who have represented the New York Chapter at these events. We disseminated information about the chapter and the Association to many who had no previous knowledge of our existence, nor did they know what and who special libraries were.

Thanks to the Membership Chair who took the initiative to put in place a new members reception to welcome them to the chapter. This small gesture provided a forum, which helped us to find exceptional individuals, who have done remarkable jobs this past year.

The Outreach Committee has grown with the addition of a student member and thanks to an idea generated by this individual, the Committee has put in place two successful Professional/Student Mixers. These forums have provided an informal setting for library students and professionals to come together and discuss issues and concerns that wouldn't normally be covered in a classroom setting.

The Luncheon Chairs have experienced the positive energies of a new volunteer. Several successful luncheons were planned during the course of the year; which attracted high attendance. The March luncheon sponsored a number of library students and provided an opportunity for them to tour a midtown library. And a first time ever Downtown/Midtown spring dinner was held in May at a historical location in New York's financial district.

Networking Opportunities

There have been plenty of occasions to network throughout the course of the year and judging by the attendance at the various functions, I'd say we took full advantage of these opportunities. The Executive Board has been invited to attend various meetings and social events with other organizations in an effort to find common causes and viewpoints that could be worked on in a collaborative effort.

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Having had the opportunity to attend the first ever SLA town-hall meeting at the winter conference, the seed of an idea has been planted. I will continue to cultivate this seed, to nurture an idea where the chapter's members will have an opportunity to give voice to their concerns and visions, as relates to the future of this chapter. A leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He/she does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his or her actions and the integrity of his or hers' intent. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president this year.

Welcome to the new Executive Board.

This year's Nominating Committee members were:

Lucy Lettis, *Chair*
Vickie Dawson
Andrew Gazzale

The slate of officers were presented at the annual business meeting, May 12. They are:

President-elect:	Martha Schweitzer
Secretary:	Leigh Hallingby
Treasurer:	Cassandra Morrow
Director of Finance:	Ruth Kaplan
Director of Publications:	Leslie Slocum

Editor's Note

Well it's the middle of the year already! I am happy to announce that starting with the September issue, *ChapterNews* will have some additional help in the form of Chris Lowden, a new member of SLA. Chris expressed interest in working on the newsletter and we are happy to have him aboard. For the September issue, please feel free to submit articles to either myself or to Chris. Chris can be reached at 212-697-4131 or via e-mail at NYRSCH@earthlink.net.

On another note, you might notice that there are no minutes from the meetings in this issue. In the interest of space, these were bumped in favor of including the annual report. Look for the minutes to appear in the September issue.

Sandra Kitt

President-Elect

It would be easy to say this is 'The End', as I finished the year as President-Elect of the chapter, but in fact I'm just getting started. In some ways my term did flash by in a colorful blur of events, people and things. It was easy to get caught up in the details of planning programs and responding to the needs of chapter members. There was a lot of handwringing and angsting whether or not an event would be informative or interesting. 'If we build it they will come...'. You did.

In the final analysis, it was a very good year. I will remember that everyone was supportive and came out in record numbers for chapter events. I am grateful for the excellent advice and guidance I benefited from. The year was both enlightening and entertaining. And just when I was getting the hang of this the term is over!

I have stock-piled a cadre of ideas for the future which I will pass along to the next President-Elect. But do let us hear from YOU as well. If there are topics you want to see covered, or issues addressed please tell us. Members input is always welcomed.

On a sadder note it was with surprise that I learned indirectly of the passing of long time chapter member, Marvin Scilkin. Many of you might remember Marvin as a devoted advocate for librarians, publisher of "The U*N*A*B*A*S*H*E*D* L*I*B*R*A*R*I*A*N", and a very dear man. He was the retired Director of Library Services at the East Orange Public Library in New Jersey. I remember Marvin as a librarian who managed his collections very much keeping in mind the needs of his community. He was respected and loved by his patrons, as I was witness to when invited to do a program on writing. I want to belatedly praise Marvin for his unflinching support of all of us, and for being the kind of caring professional that makes me proud to be doing what I'm doing. And I'm grateful to be left with fond memories of him. He was a VERY Special Librarian.

Lucy Lettis wins prestigious Dow Jones Leadership Award

Arthur Andersen's Business Information Center Director Earns Top Information Industry Honor

Lucy Lettis, the Director of Arthur Andersen's Metro New York Business Information Center, will be presented with the Special Libraries Association Dow Jones Leadership Award: 21st Century Competencies in Action, at the Association's annual conference taking place in Minneapolis June 5-10. The award is presented annually to a member of the Special Libraries Association who exemplifies leadership as a special librarian and meets a rigorous criteria of personal and professional competencies. The Special Libraries Association is a professional association of information resource experts. "As a leading professional services firm, it is critical that we provide knowledge and unique solutions to our clients," said Louis P. Salvatore, Arthur Andersen Metro New York Managing Partner.

"As the Director of our Business Information Center, Lucy Lettis has raised the level of support to our line organization so that we can serve our clients in a value-added way. She is the consummate professional and top in her industry. We applaud her achievement and are very proud of all she has accomplished," he added. As the Director of Arthur Andersen's Business Information Center, Lettis is responsible for a diverse array of information collection, evaluation and analysis. She and her staff of specialists, all of whom have earned a Master of Library and Information Science degree, utilize a wide variety of electronic and traditional resources, and are essential to the firm's consistent level of superior client service.

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IN MEMORIAM Beth O'Mahoney

Beth O'Mahoney, a former President of the New York Chapter, died January 26th after a long battle with lung cancer. Beth received her M.L.S. from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 1974 and spent her entire professional career at Goldman Sachs and Company. During her tenure at Goldman she rose from Assistant Librarian to Vice President, with managerial responsibility for a variety of service departments including the Library, Records Management, the Mail Room, Travel and Food Services. She was a frequent speaker at SLA-sponsored events at the Chapter, Regional and Association-wide levels.

Among the many honors she received spanning her career, Beth was the first winner of the Disclosure Award sponsored by the Business and Finance Division. As recently as last year, the General Services Division at Goldman Sachs initiated the Beth O'Mahoney award to be given annually to the manager who best exemplified the traits that were a hallmark of Beth's professional life: "bringing the spirit of integrity, teamwork, fun and creativity to the workplace." Appropriately, Beth was the first recipient of the award, last November.


All of us who were fortunate enough to know Beth will always remember her quick wit, glowing smile and love of life. She fought like a champion until the end and taught us all how to face adversity with dignity.

Queens College SLA Student Chapter Hosts "A News Librarians' Forum"

By Shira Kavon

On Wednesday, May 5th, the Queens College SLA Student Chapter hosted "A News Librarians' Forum," as their closing event for the 1999 Spring semester. The Forum featured information professionals from broadcast and print outlets, and was open to students and others interested in the field of news librarianship. Mitchell Kweit of Fox News Channel, Laura Mann and Georgina Martorella of Newsday, and Karen McGruder of Newsweek spoke of the challenges and rewards of their profession, and the excitement of working in an environment of constantly breaking news.

Each member of the panel shared stories of working with journalists, laboring and receiving credit on such high profile projects as books and special editions of publications, and working their way up at their respective news outlets. All were clearly enthusiastic and devoted to the specialty they chose. As colleagues in the New York news community, the speakers shared jokes and praised each other's outstanding work. A lively Q & A session followed the speakers' presentations, and the audience had the opportunity to meet with the speakers at the program's end. The event was organized and moderated by Shira Kavon, a graduate student at Queens College GSLIS and student member of SLA's New York Chapter.

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Social Sciences Group in the News Again

On April 17, 1999, Social Sciences Group of the New York Chapter of Special Libraries Association sponsored an all day spring trip to the West Point Academy and Boscobel Restorations. The trip was also co-sponsored by the Museums, Arts and Humanities Group of New York. 26 people signed up for the trip. We left aboard a chartered bus at 9:00 AM from the vicinity of New York Public's Main Library and headed north, reaching West Point's Visitor's Center at 11 AM. We were joined there by a wonderfully vivacious West Point Tour Guide, who stepped on to our bus to give us a tour of the Academy. Rolling slowly along the narrow, curvy, and sometimes steep roads of the Academy, she gave us a background history of the Academy, pointing out the sights, the Post Office, the Commissary, the oldest house, and the picturesque views of the Hudson. We toured the Cadet's Chapel with its beautiful stained glass windows, each window being a gift from a Graduating class, a West Point tradition. We stopped at the Trophy Point and saw the Playing Field with some action there. We visited the library, where we were given a demonstration of their automated catalog, and their ongoing digitization project in which the biographical data on each graduate of the Academy from inception on, along with his picture, was being loaded on to the database.

We then sauntered to the Officer's Club, where the Rose Room had been reserved for us.

A wonderful luncheon in the West Point tradition was served to us. During lunch we all introduced ourselves, and Meredith made a membership pitch for the Social Sciences Group.

After lunch we boarded the bus once again to go across the Hudson to Boscobel Restorations. Boscobel features a lovely Federal style mansion, situated on beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson. A truly inspired guide made the mansion come alive for us with its period furniture, dainty china, and portraits of the family that owned and occupied the mansion more than 100 years ago.

At the end of the tour, we were treated to freshly made lemonade and cookies, and reluctantly said goodbye to those beautiful grounds, and boarded the bus once again to head back to New York

Questions and Answers about INTERNET Resources

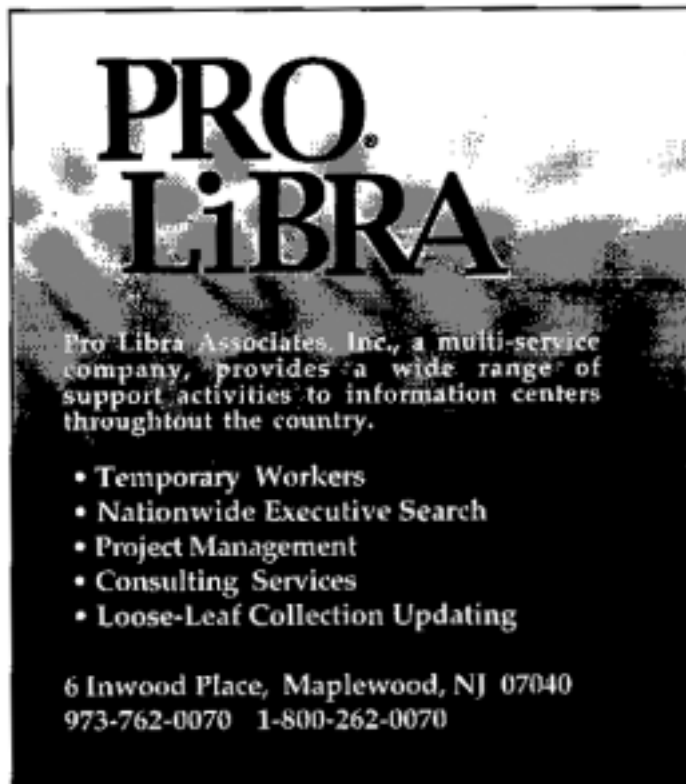
By: Rick Reid, Ernst & Young,
Center for Business Knowledge

Question: *I know Advertising Age has a listing of the top 100 market research firms at their web site. Do they have a subject guide to the firms or is there anything more comprehensive on the web that's free?*

Answer: Probably your best bet for the Internet is the Marketing Research Association's "Blue Book On-Line Database" At the home page (<http://www.mra-net.org>), just click on the Blue Book listing, or access the search screen directly (<http://www.bluebook.org/scripts/bluebook/search.cfm>). There are over 1,200 companies listed, organized for access geographically or by research expertise, about 40 specialties in all. A sampling of them: 50-Plus/Seniors/Elderly; African-American; Door-to-Door Interviewing; Entertainment/Leisure/Sports; Mystery Shopping; New Products; and Permanent Mall Location. Once entered, the search will bring up firm names with their city, state, telephone, and a contact name. Clicking on the firm name will, in turn, yield a mini-profile, adding a fax number, an e-mail address, and a paragraph summarizing the firm's products and services. And, yes, it's free to non-members.

Question: *The sites I've visited devoted to American History always devote space to such topics as battles and presidents and the like, but I can never find enough about what I really like, the history of building and construction. Any suggestions for me?*

Answer: Engineering News Record, an industry trade magazine, is marking its 125th year of publication in 1999. Yes—it has been continuously published since 1854. Commencing with January 4th, this weekly has begun a year-long retrospective with articles looking back at milestones in the history of construction through words and images taken directly from ENR and other archives. A sampling thus far: 1879: Taming the Mississippi River (Jan. 11); 1913: The Country's First Real Skyscraper (Feb. 15); and, 1914: The Panama Canal (Feb. 22). For those interested in New York City history, check out: 1883: Brooklyn Bridge (Jan. 18); 1917: Hell Gate Bridge (March 15); and 1927: Holland Tunnel (April 5). The ENR site is also rich with history of another sort: "Building Cost Index" data back to 1915 (annual until 1977 and monthly to date), and "Construction Cost Index" data back to 1908 (annual until 1976 and monthly thereafter). It is also rich in archives of selected articles, directories of the Top 500 Design



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Question: *I know there are all kinds of Internet sites to assist small business, but are there any that are designed for women business owners and entrepreneurs*

Answer: How about the International Bottled Water Association? If you're ever asked for twenty years of trend data on per capita consumption of bottled water in the U.S. by geographic region, you won't have to go further than <http://www.bottledwater.org>. There are other statistics as well as press releases, a list of experts to contact for further information, seven color photos of bottled water for downloading, plus Fact Sheets and FAQs to address all those matters you didn't think to ask. For the health-minded, you can use their "Hydration Calculator" to determine your body's water need based on your level of activity or just to learn water's role in a healthy body in general. Parents of young children may want to especially explore the section, "Hydration Tips for Children." The site comes equipped with a modest search engine, in case your query falls between their categories. Should you wish to join the more than 1,200 U.S. and international bottlers, distributors and suppliers that are already members (and see what's on the "Members Only Page" (not even a hint!), you can always fill out the

online Membership Application. And, to ensure you have a real ace in the hole for when you play business trivia, click on the segment, "Award Winners" to find out the winners of the Aqua Awards. (I have the distinct feeling you'll never find them anywhere else but here.)

Question: *I expect that by now, every department of the Federal government has a web site. Are they organized in any easy way to scan them all so I don't overlook anything essential?*

Answer: The "Federal Web Locator" (HYPERLINK <http://www.law.edu/fed-agency/fedwebloc.html>) would seem to fit your requirements. Produced by the Center for Information Law and Policy, its self-proclaimed goal is "to be the one stop shopping point for federal government information on the World Wide Web." The site is grouped into six principal areas: Legislative Branch; Judicial Branch; Executive Branch (With Departments); Independent Agencies; Quasi Official Agencies; and Non-Government Federally Related Sites, which corresponds to the format of the annual directory to the federal government published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, United States Government Manual. Its search engine accepts either a Boolean Keyword Expression or a Perl Regular Expression, but if you know where you're

going, a feature, "Federal Quick Jumps" can get you there lickety-split. The main listings are also annotated when needed. How many of us, for example, would know to look under the "National Railroad Passenger Corp." when we wanted Amtrak? The last section, "Non-Government Federally Related Sites" is a real box of chocolates (you never know what you're going to find). Its 25 listings includes caramels (CSPAN and the Bureau of National Affairs), creams (Congressional Quarterly), jellies (Government Executive Magazine) and nuts (Tax Analysts). Click and you're there!

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Welcome New Members

by Donna Abbaticchio, Membership Chair

I am pleased to announce the following new members who joined the NY Chapter between February and April 1999.

- Albert, Lauren** - *Economic Group Pension Serv*
Antoci, Karen - *Matthew Bender (B&F)*
Antonetty, Anita - *(ITG)*
Aus, David - *KPMG (B&F)*
Bartolotta, Jacqueline
- *Center for Advertising Services (A&M)*
Bazile, Grace - *(SOLO)*
Bornstein, Phyllis - *Fidelifacts/Metro NY (LEGAL)*
Cappelli, Silvia - *Crie Servizi Informazione (B&F)*
Chesterton, Richard - *(B&F)*
Collins, Catherine - *(ITG)*
Contreras, Teresa - *SG Cowen (B&F)*
Dougherty, Dorothy - *Find/SVP (ITG)*
Drain, Claire - *(B&F)*
Fenster, Stacie - *Entertainment Weekly (NEWS)*
Fox, Elizabeth - *Parsons Brinckerhoff (ENG)*
Frantz, Teresa - *Spencer Stuart (B&F)*
Galbraith, Jeanne - *SUNY Stony Brook (ITG)*
Herzig, Kim - *NY Public Library (B&F)*
Jimenez, Jesus - *SG Cowen (B&F)*
Misner, Michele - *(B&F)*
Moses, Don - *Chase Manhattan Bank (B&F)*
Murphy, Susan - *LEXIS-NEXIS (NEWS)*
Nam, Soeun - *Lehman Brothers (B&F)*
Pavelsek, Mary Jean - *NYU (B&F)*
Provenzano, Dominic - *Prudential Securities (B&F)*
Quade, Nancy - *ABC News (NEWS)*
Rivas, Michael - *(ITG)*
Rush, Harry - *Lehman Brothers (B&F)*
Ryan, Amy - *Time (NEWS)*
Segeberg, Anita - *(MAHD)*
Smythe, David - *Warburg Dillon Rd (B&F)*
Tan, Wendy - *Hunter College (ITG)*
Thomisser, Cara - *Federal Reserve Bank of NY (B&F)*
Worley, Stephanie
Xiang, Roger - *American Express (B&F)*

Donna Conti Scholarships

Donna Conti of Career Resources has sponsored the Donna Conti Scholarship for four years now. This year she extended her generosity so that two students could benefit. The scholarships, two \$1,500 awards, are awarded to students pursuing a Masters degree in Library Science at a school in the New York Chapter area. This year, entrants submitted essays on the topic of "The Information Professional in the 21st Century." The recipients of this year's Donna Conti Scholarships, presented at the Annual Business Meeting, are Meagan Hodges, a student at Queens College, and Jeannie Bail, a student at Pratt Institute. Congratulations to both winners, and our gratitude to Donna Conti for her ongoing commitment to the student community.



Rita Ormsby Receives Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented annually to members who have made an outstanding contribution, either specific or general, to the New York Chapter or its groups. The recipient of this year's award, presented at the Annual Business Meeting, is Rita Ormsby, reference librarian and instructor at the William and Anita Newman Library at Baruch College of the City University of New York.

Rita previously served as a senior librarian at the Brooklyn Public Library's Business Library and was promoted to Small Business Information Center Librarian. Rita has been a member of the Editorial Review Board of *Journal of Business and Finance Librarianship* since 1997 and was a contributing librarian to the 1999 Business Rankings Annual. She holds a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Iowa, and an MLS from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Rita has been an exemplary role model in the New York Chapter. She brings to each position she has held a level of integrity and professionalism that has impressed everyone with whom she has worked.

Rita has served as Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the New York Chapter since 1997. While in this position, Rita demonstrated her vigilance and perseverance during the U.S. Government's efforts to revise the Standard Occupational Classification Manual's definition of a librarian. Thanks to her hard work and her willingness to get involved, Rita helped to alter the United States Government's definition of a "special librarian" to more accurately reflect the role and work that we do.

Rita served as editor of *ChapterNews*, the quarterly newsletter of the New York Chapter, from 1994-1997. Although this position was to last for one year, Rita graciously agreed to continue as editor for two additional years to ensure that the Chapter would continue to receive its newsletter. This role has been described as "particularly grueling and time-consuming," however, Rita was more than up to the challenge, as evidenced by the testimonial of Leslie Slocum, Director of Publications:

"The intelligence, concern and dedication that she brought to that job were evident to everyone-including our publisher, who still refers to Rita as 'wonderful and a pleasure to work with.' Rita brought a feeling of calm confidence to a volunteer job that was often fraught with problems, incessant deadlines and not enough copy. She handled all crises with amazing grace under fire!"

The New York Chapter recognizes Rita's dedication and tireless support and thanks her for her service and contributions

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Annual Report

The following contains excerpts from the Annual Report that I felt would be of interest to everyone. Number one is the Administration of the New York Chapter. This will help if you need to know who to turn to if you need information or it may lead you to seek out a member of the advisory council or a group chair if you have an interest in getting more involved. The second part of the annual report that I included was the reports from each reporting committee and reporting group. These provide a nice synopsis of the year's events. I hope you find it useful.

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<i>Lois Weinstein</i>	<i>Past President</i>
<i>Agnes Mattis</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Louise Stoops</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Alison Fraser</i>	<i>Director of Awards</i>
<i>Ruth Kaplan</i>	<i>Director of Finance</i>
<i>Leslie Slocum</i>	<i>Director of Publications</i>

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<i>Lilleth Newby</i>	<i>Library School Liaison</i>
<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Listserv Coordinator</i>
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<i>Jennifer Federmann</i>	<i>Downtown Luncheon Co-Chair</i>
<i>Eileen Daly</i>	<i>Midtown Luncheon Co-Chair</i>
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<i>Kamla Motihar</i>	<i>Social Sciences</i>

New York Chapter Programs

1998-99 Addendum

I. Chapter Meetings (1,407 members)

October 13, 1998.

“SLA and the “Virtual Librarian”: Keeping Up with the Future - Part I. Speaker: David R. Bender.

December 3, 1998.

Annual Holiday Party - Coco Opera Restaurant

February 2, 1999.

The “Virtual Librarian”: Keeping Up with the Future - Part II.

Panelists: Carol Ginsburg (Moderator), Gretchen Reed, Myron Menewitch, Lynn Kasner Morgan.

May 5, 1999.

WHAT NEXT? New Technology, Just Around the Corner. Speaker: Richard Hulser.

May 12, 1999.

Annual Business Meeting and Chapter Social.

II. Groups

Advertising & Marketing (123 members) Programs

October 15, 1999.

February 25, 1999 Program:
“Branding Your Information Center”

April 19, 1999.

Program: “How to Conduct New Employee Orientations”

Business & Finance (684 members) Programs

September 17, 1998.

Annual Cocktail Party

February 18, 1999.

“Implications of the Year 2000 for Business Librarians, Panelists: John Bratkovics, Pam Rollo and Stephen Rubalcaba

April 22, 1999.

Program on Internet Technology

May 13, 1999.

Intranet Open House and Business Meeting

Information Technology (276 members) (co-sponsored by METRO) Programs.

February 18, 1999.

Co-sponsored with Business and Finance Group

April 14, 1999.

Internet Training for SLA Members, “Creating Your Library Homepage”

April 21, April 28, 1999

“Refining Your Library Homepage”

Insurance & Employee Benefits (66 members) Programs

November 17, 1998.

BNA, Alignmark and Charles D. Spencer & Assoc. showcased their electronic and Internet-based products

February 16, 1999.

Panelist: Emily Kranis, Mindy Samitt showcased their companies Intranets

May 25, 1999.

Annual Business Meeting and Program “Reflections on 25 Years of ERISA”

Museums, Arts and Humanities (126 members) Programs

November 30, 1998.

Introduction and tour of the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, and the Avery Archives and Special Collections, Columbia University

March 17, 1999.

Introduction and tour of the Livingston Masonic Library and Museum, The Grand Lodge of New York

April 17, 1999.

(co-sponsored with Social Science Group). All day excursion to West Point and Boscobel Restoration including tours by staff, lunch and transportation

May 4, 1999.

Introduction and tour to the Fales Library and Special Collection, New York University

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**Social Sciences (81 members)
Programs**

November 18, 1998.

"Affirmative Action in Higher Education" based on the book *Shape of the River*. Speaker: James Shulman

February 24, 1999.

"The Internet and the Transformation of Three Communities: Visually Impaired, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual and Transgendered, Urban Low-Income"
Panelists: Gregory Rosmaitia, Tim Robers, Liz Cahill.

April 17, 1999.

(co-sponsored with MAHD). All day excursion to West Point and Boscobel Restoration including tours by staff, lunch and transportation

May 19, 1999.

Annual Business Meeting

III. Reporting Committees

Affirmative Action

Affirmative Scholarship award winner was selected from Long Island University, Palmer School of Library and Information Science. This year's winner is Christine Melendez-Lawrence.

April 24, 1999.

Affirmative Action Breakfast

Downtown/Midtown Luncheons

October 21, 1998.

Bull Run Restaurant (downtown)

October 27, 1998.

Cellini's Restaurant (midtown)

Guest: Barbara Semonche

January 6, 1999.

Christer's Restaurant (midtown)

Guest: Donna Scheeder

March 3, 1999.

Tour of Time/Life Library and Southside Dining Room.

Guests: Student SLA Representatives

May 20, 1999.

Moran's Restaurant,

Downtown/Midtown Spring Dinner

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Employment Chair

The New York Chapter's JOBLINE ran a total of 96 advertisements this year. This was equivalent to a 68% increase over the previous year, when only 65 ads appeared. Income increased by about \$3,000 from \$6000 to \$9,000, and expenses decreased by nearly \$700. The chapter has made the new decision to run the JOBLINE through the Internet. Development is underway. The telephone system will continue to run simultaneously until the new system is operating at the optimum level.

Reporting Committees (see attachments)

*Director of Publications
Library School Liaison
Listserv Chair
International Relations
Membership
Outreach Committee
Web Page Committee*

Reporting Groups (see attachments)

*Information Technology Group
Insurance and Employee Benefits Group
Museums, Arts and Humanities Group
Social Sciences Group*

Reporting Committees and Groups

The Outreach Committee

1998-1999 Annual Report

History:

SLA NY Chapter's Outreach Committee was established in 1995 under Chapter President Andrew Berner as an AD HOC Committee. The committee's goal is to disseminate information about the profession to the general public; pursue innovative programs to introduce library and information science as a career goal to students at the undergraduate, and postgraduate levels; and to bring qualified and diverse groups of people into the profession.

Objectives:

- To penetrate high schools and present information and library science as a potential career choice. Since its inception, the committee has packaged a program to present to graduating seniors in high schools. The program was well received.
- To co-sponsor outreach programs with other NY chapter committees. The Outreach Committee has done so with Affirmative Action, Membership, and the Library School Liaison to achieve its goal.
- To propose the installation of a New York Chapter Internship Program pairing library students to libraries or information centers.
- To provide library professional speakers for presentations to local library schools. (Rutgers University, Pratt Institute, Queens College, St. John's University, Long Island University, Palmer School of Long Island University.)

- To provide an informative and social environment where professionals and students can meet. On November 21, 1998, a PROFESSIONAL/STUDENT MIXER took place. Over 100 students attended. All five library schools were represented. There were approximately 20 professionals in attendance. Library professionals circulated amongst the students and answered questions posed to them. Students were introduced to other professionals. From this mixer, two internships were established as well as a "Librarian for a Day" for one library student. The mixer was sponsored by EBSCO. Pratt Institute provided the location. A second mixer has been planned for Sunday, May 2nd.
- To initiate career development workshops. Two workshops are planned and targeted towards undergraduate students. This effort is through the Library School Liaison.

Queens College, Tuesday, March 30 – coordinated with the Queens College Career Office. The program was in two parts.

Two to three librarians were scheduled to speak about their experiences and the various facets of the profession. Librarians staffed a table with information resources and spoke to students who visited the area.

Baruch College, Thursday, April 29 – coordinated with the Baruch College Career Development Center.

- To solicit and invite student participation on chapter committees.
- To publish articles about special librarianship and special libraries in popular magazines targeted to specific audiences.

Respectfully submitted by the Outreach Committee

Members:

*Andrew Berner
Suzan J. Lee
Sandra E. Kitt
Lilleth C. Newby
Nettie Seaberry*

Insurance and Employee Benefits

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The IEB division of the New York Chapter resumed activity by hosting 3 meetings during the 1998/1999 year. Cathy Porta of PricewaterhouseCoopers served as Chair, Dave Kisacki of GHI assumed the Chair-elect role, and Julia Dorn of AIG continued in the Treasurer's spot.

The Fall meeting was held on November 17 at the mid-town offices of PwC. At this meeting, representatives from BNA, Alignmark, and Charles D. Spencer & Associates showcased their electronic and internet-based products. Members were given the opportunity to have 30-day free trials of various products. This event was generously sponsored by the Bureau of National Affairs.

The Winter meeting was held on February 16, 1999 at the PwC office at 1301 Avenue of the Americas. Emily Kranis of Ernst & Young and Mindy Samitt of PwC showcased their Firms' accomplishments in the Intranet arena. Due to the interest in the topic, these presentations will be expanded and presented at the SLA conference in Minneapolis. Representatives from Reuters were on hand to demonstrate their Firms' enterprise-wide offerings. Reuters was the sponsor of this event.

The annual business meeting/luncheon is scheduled for May 25 at the College of Insurance. After the business meeting and election of officers, Mike McGoffin of Alignmark will give a presentation entitled, "Reflections on 25 Years of ERISA."

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Cathy Porta, Chair*

Information Technology Division

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The Information Technology Group began this year with Dana Gordan as chair of the division. Due to a family situation Dana Gordan had to resign her position as chair and was replaced by her co-chair Stephen Rubalcaba. Two events which were scheduled to take place in November 1998 and January 1999 were moved to February 18 and April 14, 21, and 28.

The first event presented on February 18 was a joint program presented by the Business Finance Group and Information Technology Group. The event was held at Credit Suisse First Boston with sponsorship from Bureau Van Dijk and Lehman Brothers. Panel members included John Bratkovics, Chief Information Officer for Wasserstein Perella & Co., Pam Rollo, vice president, Library, Corporate Services for Credit Suisse First Boston and Stephen Rubalcaba, technical account development manager, Gale Group. Total attendance for the event was 75 people.

The next event was another joint program with METRO, Metropolitan New York Library Council. METRO provides information to professionals and librarians in the New York Metropolitan area with training in various topics and technologies important to this profession. Classes in basic and advanced HTML programming were held on three separate days April 14, 21 and 28. The classes were held at METRO offices on 57 East 11th Street from 10 am to 1 pm. SLA members were provided with a special rate of \$55 the same special rate provided to METRO members. The rate charge for the general public and non-METRO members was \$100.

The first class was held on Wednesday, April 14 and provided an introduction to HTML programming. The title of the article, Creating Your Library Homepage, allowed beginners to go through hands-on exercises to learn and apply basic HTML techniques. The next two classes were held on Wednesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 28. This class provided instruction on advanced web design. The class, Refining Your Library Homepage, taught students to make their homepages more effective as a user interface through analyzing graphics, colors and other design elements.

METRO classrooms can only allow for a maximum of 25 students. I was told that all three classes were filled and closed only weeks after the classes were announced.

John Bratkovics, Chief Information Officer of Wasserstein Perella & Co., would agree that the Y2K bug is a conspiracy of small clocks. The media has effectively flooded the general public with nightmare scenarios resulting from the Y2k bug. Beyond the hype information professionals do have reason to be concerned about the impact of this global computer failure.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Stephen Rubalcaba, Chair*

International Relations Committee

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The International Relations Committee of the New York Chapter has accomplished the following in the past year:

International Library Mailings

The Committee continued the adopt-a-library program initiated by Peter Edelman last year. We sent one shipment of periodicals to a group of designated overseas libraries. The Chapter reimbursed the cost of the mailing, which was \$69.15. As something new this year, in the letter that went out with this mailing we requested that people contact us if they wanted us to continue sending materials. We received 5 responses. The second mailing will go out in April. Please see the addendum for a list of publication recipients.

ChapterNews articles

This year the committee produced materials for *ChapterNews* highlighting international libraries. Vandy Ranjan and Ann Gibson wrote an article on the Indian National Scientific Documentation Center (INSDOC) and Ann Gibson produced a bibliography of articles on international librarianship. Ann met with Judith Klavans, who is Director of the Center for Research on Information Access at Columbia University. Ann hopes to complete an article on her research on multi-lingual indexing before the end of the year.

Global 2000 Conference

Explored possible sponsorship of an international / overseas librarian by SLA NY, to attend the Global 2000 conference.

NY Chapter web site

We supplied the Chapter Web site with a number of international links as well as links to information on book donation programs.

Future Programs

In October we held a brain-storming meeting on ideas for future programs. Some of the ideas suggested were:

A program on international book donation programs. The Sabre Foundation, which has a book donation database, could be one potential speaker.

Create a directory of all special libraries in NY that also have facilities in foreign countries.

Sponsor twinning programs with foreign libraries.

In attendance at this meeting in addition to the co-chairs were Masha Zipper from Price Waterhouse, Kamla Motihar from the Mellon Foundation and Vandy Ranjan from Brooklyn Public Library.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Ann Gibson and Jamie Russell, Co-Chairs
March 10, 1999*

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Library School Liaison

Activities for the Year September 1998 to May 1999

Library School Contracts:

Schools have been contacted to name one person to act as contact with the Liaison.

Representatives to date:

Queens College - Karen Krugman

Rutgers University - Linda Brown

Pratt Institute - Suzan Lee

St. John's University

LIU CW Post

LIU/NYU Palmer School

Contracts were Informed of the Following:

- SLA Guidelines for Student Groups
Web address:
<http://www.sla.org/committee/sarc/studgrps.htm>
- Guidelines for Advisors of SLA Student Groups
Web address:
<http://www.sla.org/committee/sarc/advguide1.htm>

Contacts were encouraged to petition the SLA for the formal membership of each student group.

Luncheon Guests

Worked with the Mid-town Luncheon Committee to sponsor students to lunch in March 1999.

Scholarships

Students were made aware of SLA's Scholarship Programs which include the Professional Development Scholarship and the Affirmative Action Scholarship among others. The web address: <http://sla.org/membership/hpschol.html>

Affirmative Action Committee Breakfast

The Liaison worked with the Affirmative Action Chair on the promotion of the profession among minorities and people of color, as well as assist with planning the annual breakfast.

Membership Committee Projects

Worked with the Membership Chair on potential public relations projects for new student members.

Promotional Presentations by Librarians

Worked with the Outreach Committee Chair on a Speaker's Panel to visit campuses and with groups of library school students. Worked with the Student Relations Coordinators at various campuses to plan at least three career-related talks to juniors and seniors in colleges. This was meant to introduce students who have not yet decided which career path to take. Contact has been made with SUNY Stonybrook and Baruch College.

ChapterNews Articles

Contacts from each library school have been encouraged to solicit, write and send articles for inclusion in the chapter newsletter.

"A Day in the Life of a Special Librarian" Project

Karen Krugman of Queens College has initiated this project. She was seeking librarians to volunteer to have a student work with them for the day. Several SLA librarians have participated in this effort. A list of volunteer librarians is being compiled for other student groups.

Career Day

Queens College, Tuesday, March 30, 1999 – coordinated with the Queens College Career Office. The program was in two parts.

Two to three librarians were scheduled to speak about their experiences and the various facets of the profession. Librarians staffed a table with information resources and spoke to students who visited the area.

Baruch College - Thursday, April 29, 1999 – coordinated with the Baruch College Career Development Center. Approximated 50 corporations and agencies will be present to meet students and provide them with career and employment information. This was also an opportunity to introduce students to the SLA Student Chapter as well as have dialog with students to inform them about special librarianship as a possible career path.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Lilleth Newby, Library School Liaison
C/O HIV Resource Library*

Membership Chair

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The main responsibility of my job as Membership Chair is sending informational welcome letters to new members. They are alerted to the NY Chapter web page, listserv, luncheon groups, upcoming events and contact information for the Chapter President.

I have emphasized sending letters electronically. However, it is not a smooth road:

- Some email addresses are incorrect and bounce back
- If there is a fax number, I try faxing
- If there is only an address, or other methods fail, I mail letters

Lists of names, company's and main subject group affiliation are provided to the *ChapterNews* editor.

Returned mail from Chapter meeting flyers are photocopied and sent to headquarters. Many of these are changes of address. If there are any extenuating circumstances, I try to telephone to find out what happened. There are about 10-15 letters returned with each Chapter mailing.

Twice a year, when a large number of non-renewals' are processed, the Chapter receives notification. Because of the large number involved, I have not found a way of dealing with these. As the Association changes the membership year (1 year from the date of registration), this number will be spread more evenly throughout the year.

Last year, I arranged an informal get-together for new members and students. Most of the response came from the message posted on the listserv, rather than the notice I included in *ChapterNews*. The predominant response was from female students. Because of job changes and other circumstances, I have not arranged a similar event this year.

I attended the student/professional mixer in the fall and plan to attend the next one in May. I signed up three students to serve at a SLA NY table at a Queens College Library School career fair.

The Chapter's membership hovers around 1,400. There are ups and downs around this number throughout the year. There have been no recruitment campaigns for a number of years. It might be time to get a committee together and attempt to sign on a larger percentage of new members. The Membership Development Section has provided several documents for this purpose.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Abbaticchio
April 25, 1999*

Publications Director

1998/1999 Annual Report

The New York Chapter's quarterly publication, *ChapterNews*, is alive and well, thanks to the efforts of Maureen Mason, Editor, and Laura Kapnick, Advertising Manager. This year's issues have provided informative articles on internet sources; upcoming conferences, meetings and events; new members; current members "on the move"; Y2K issues; solutions to information overload, etc., etc., etc.!! Advertisers continue to find *ChapterNews* a useful way to reach special librarians, and Laura has tapped into some new sources of advertising revenue.

One issue that hasn't been resolved, though, is how *ChapterNews* will look in the future. Will we produce an on-line version, an e-mail version, a paper version; all of the above, some of the above! Response by members to a questionnaire on this issue was, quite frankly, anemic. The question of paper vs. electronic editions of *ChapterNews* will certainly be revisited in the upcoming months.

Another New York Chapter publication, SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIRECTORY OF GREATER NEW YORK was published during the past year. Those of us who have come to rely on this Directory over the years are grateful to Cecelia Scotti for her efforts in editing and producing this publication.

During the past year, the Chapter also published an attractive, glossy information brochure that describes the work of the Chapter and the benefits of membership. The brochures have proved helpful and popular at Chapter meetings and special events, and are useful in "getting our message across" to schools, vendors and information professionals.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Leslie Slocum
Director of Publications*

Listserv Chair

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As of today, SLANY-L has approximately 460 subscribers. Since my last report, the list has continued to function much as it has in the past, as a low volume list on which most messages relate to chapter meetings and job announcements. As manager or coordinator of the list — I do not call myself “owner” since the chapter really owns SLANY-L — I see my primary role as providing service to subscribers and potential subscribers and those who wish to post messages on the list, especially job and chapter related messages.

SLANY-L began in June 1986, a product of the work of the list committee: Brian Gerber, chair, and members Donna Abbaticchio, Dana Gordon, Trudy Katz, Nancy Mary Panella, Karen van Rossem, and myself. Since spring, 1997 I have managed the list with occasional help from Harriet Schick. When my term ends in June, the new manager will be Hovey Lee, webmaster of the Brooklyn Public Library.

Metro, the New York Library Council, has hosted SLANY-L since from the beginning at the price of \$200 per year. I have submitted the invoice for the year July 1998-through June 1999 to the treasurer for payment. I recommend that the chapter continue to obtain list hosting from Metro. Because SLA headquarters makes one free list available to each SLA unit, I recommend that the New York Chapter start a second list as a planning tool for exchanging messages among officers.

One of the main benefits of managing SLANY-L has been the opportunity to meet many members of the chapter. Running the list has also had a significant professional benefit. By learning list management on SLANY-L, I was ready to manage a list at work when a list manager was suddenly needed. This is another example of the benefits of involvement with chapter activities.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Steve Johnson, Listserv Chair
Baruch College.
March 10, 1999*

Web Page Committee

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Past

The SLA NY website made its premier on the internet in October, 1997, the result of several months of work by the Web Page Committee (Chairman Brian Gerber, Stan Friedman, Jessica Whitney McBride, Donna Abbaticchio, Dana Gordon, Susan Gormley, Steve Johnson, Rita Ormsby and Jackie Richardson). In 1998, Stan Friedman and Jessica Whitney McBride became Co-Chairs of the committee and found that, as with the other communication groups within SLA NY (*ChapterNews* and the SLA NY listserv), the website could best be maintained by one or two people handling the mechanics, supported heavily by voluntary submissions and suggestions from chapter members across all groups. Under this rule or order, the breadth of information provided by the site has vastly expanded and the overall quality of the site has continued to improve.

Present

As of March, 1999, the SLA NY website has 10 major sections:

ChapterNews

A hypertext version of the print edition of SLA NY's quarterly newsletter. This feature premiered this year, along with an email version that was distributed over the SLA NY discussion list.

What's New

An ongoing bulletin board of news and events relating to the Chapter.

About SLA and the N.Y. Chapter

An introduction to the association and the New York Chapter.

What is a Special Librarian?

An introduction to the profession.

Joining and becoming active in N.Y.

Chapter membership information.

Services and Activities

Events, awards and other SLA NY functions

Chapter Groups, Committees and Officers

Descriptions and contact information

Sites & Resources of Professional Interest

An index to other important web sites

New York City Related Sites

An index to web sites about the city

Calendar of Events

The official SLA NY calendar of meetings and events

In terms of aesthetics, the web site boasts a homepage with animated GIF photography showing sights and sounds around the city, and employs javascript programming that allows for the current date and time to be displayed on the homepage, as well as for a drop-down navigational menu that simplifies exploration of the site.

Future:

Future plans for the web site include:

Jobline Online

A web version of the current Jobline phone service, providing employment information on job openings in the New York area. Advertisers will pay for their listings, turning the web site into a money making venture for the first time.

Events

As interest in the site continues to grow, real-world and/or virtual events dealing with the internet will be held for division members.

Redesigns

As more suggestions are sent in, and more new and archived information flow through the site, cleaner and more organized indexing of the pages will be implemented.

New Technology

As the technology behind web site construction continues to advance, new ways of constructing pages will be looked at while keeping in mind the broad variety of access speeds available to chapter members.

Membership Survey

To gauge what SLA NY at-large would like to see on the Web site and what would make them use it.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Stan Friedman, Co-chair
Jessica McBride, Co-chair
March 1999*

Museums, Arts, and Humanities Group, MAHG

1998/1999 Annual Report

The MAHG is regaining strength after a year of some neglect. Four programs were presented in the current year. These were:

November 30, 1998.

Introduction and tour by senior staff (Angela Giral, Director) of the Avery Architectural and Fine Arts Library, and the Avery Archives and Special Collections, Columbia University Reception.

March 17, 1999.

Introduction and tour by Director William Moore and Librarian Jennifer Somerwitz of the Livingston Masonic Library and Museum, The Grand Lodge of New York Reception.

April 17, 1999

An all-day excursion to West Point and Boscobel Restoration including tours by facility staff, lunch and transportation. Co-sponsored with the Social Sciences Group.

May 4, 1999

Introduction to the collections of the Fales Library and Special Collections, New York University. Comments by the librarian Marvin Taylor and a tour of the David Moynarowicz exhibition, curated by Taylor. Annual business meeting Reception.

Because elections were not held during the previous year, the organization of these programs fell almost entirely to the Chair. A complete roster of candidates for offices has been prepared for the business meeting. Programming in the next year will be handled cooperatively, until the new Chair takes office in 2000/2001.

It has been a pleasure to organize, or assist in the organization of the past year's events. Parsons School of Design provided all materials for mailings and program announcements, for which the Chair is very grateful. In the next year, the Group should be back in a regular cycle of elections and programming.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Clayton C. Kirking, Chair
1998-1999*

Social Sciences Group

1998-1999 Preliminary Report

The Social Sciences Group had the following events so far:

Fall Session 1998-99

Our first event of the year, Fall Session 1998-99, was a workshop on "Affirmative Action in Higher Education", at the Rockefeller Foundation on Wednesday, November 18, 1998. There was a presentation by James Shulman, Program and Research Associate, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, based on a book "Shape of the River" co-authored by William G. Bowen, President, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and Derek Bok, former President of Harvard University. The book deals with long term consequences of considering race as a factor in college and university admissions, with a follow-up study of almost 40,000 black and white students admitted to 28 elite colleges, by charting 20 years of their lives, incomes and contribution to the nation in a database developed by the Mellon Foundation, in order to provide empirical evidence on the impact of race-sensitive admissions. There were about 30 people who attended the session. Though the number was small, it was a very interesting and engaged audience who actively participated.

Winter Session 1998-99

Our second event, Winter Session 1998-99 was a forum on "The Internet and the Transformation of Three Communities: Visually Impaired; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered; Urban, Low-Income" with a panel of three speakers: Gregory Rosmaita, American Foundation for the Blind, World Wide Web Consortium, Tim Roberts, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center (New York's only health care center primarily serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community), and Liz Cahill, Brooklyn X (online community information network and Internet/Web publishing training programs serving low-income neighborhoods in Brooklyn). The program again was at the Rockefeller Foundation, on February 24, 1999. There were 46 people who attended the session, a very targeted audience, truly interested in the field, and again a very interactive session.

We are in the process of revising our bylaws, updating our mission statement, and fine-tuning our procedures. Most of the work has already been done, and the bylaws would be submitted to the Chapter Bylaws Chair shortly for approval, before being presented at the Group's Annual Business Meeting.

Future Programs:

Our next program will be a spring trip, co-sponsored by the Museums, Arts and Humanities Group, to the West Point Military Academy and Boscobel Restorations. We will board a Chartered bus at 40th and Fifth, by the side of the New York Public Research Library, which will depart at 9:00 am sharp, reaching West Point by 10:30 am. We will first tour the Academy and then the Library, followed by lunch at the Officer's Club from 12:30 -1:45, after which we will go across the Hudson to Boscobel Restorations which features a lovely Federal style mansion situated on beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson. We will depart Boscobel at 4:15 and be back in New York by 6:00 pm.

Our Annual Business Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, at a vegetarian Indian Restaurant called Vatan at the corner of 29th and Third.

*Respectfully Submitted by
Kamla Motihar, Chair*