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Calendar Corner

November 10 – Reception at the Law Library with Indigenous Librarians, Santa Fe

November 17 – “How to Poison Your Boss” (poison forensics); joint program with law Librarians, Albuquerque

December date TBD – Holiday Potluck

December 31 – Deadline to sign-up as a Dinner Host for the SLA Leadership Summit attendees

January 21-23 – SLA 2004 Leadership Summit, Albuquerque

February 3 – Deadline for Feb/Mar Rio Grande Chapter Bulletin

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President's Perspective

The Chapter had its first meeting October 24th at the Very Large Array and, judging from the response, was very successful indeed. . You won't want to miss the reception for the 3rd International Indigenous Librarians Forum being held at the Supreme Court Law Library in Santa Fe in November.

Recently several members had the good fortune to meet with John Latham, SLA Director of Knowledge Exchange. John is in charge of the Information Resources Center at SLA headquarters, which, I suppose, makes him the librarian's librarian. Margie Hlava set up a Dutch-treat dinner for RGC members to meet John who was in town for training on the Access Innovations Data Harmony system. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk with John and hear about living in Georgetown and working at SLA. We hope John will be able to return in January so we can continue the discussion about gardens and "flats" in England.

Speaking of January, we are getting closer to the mid-winter meeting. The Fiesta committee will be meeting November 3 to give a final review to the proposed contract with the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center before sending it off to SLA headquarters for their review. The committee has done an excellent job planning the welcome reception, raising funds to pay for this fabulous party and creating a web site to entice SLA leaders to join us in Albuquerque.

Members of this committee continue to work on the preparations and need your help in the upcoming months. Look for a call for volunteers in this issue of the Bulletin and consider being part of this opportunity. We need everything from host and hostesses for the Dine Around activity to people willing to sit at the information/registration booth.

None of these activities need be terribly time or labor intensive (committee members have already done most of the hard work for us!) and you are guaranteed to meet librarians from a variety of libraries.

Looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Sarah

Reminder

The deadline for submitting news and information for the February/March 2004 *Bulletin* is Tuesday February 3rd.

Rio Grande Chapter Update

Member Highlights

Amanda Zeigler

Amanda received her Master's in Library Science from Texas Women's University in August. Amanda, who has responsibilities in acquisitions, serials, and electronic resources in the Sandia National Labs Technical Library, also holds a Bachelor's in Biology from New Mexico Tech.

Fiesta on the Rio Grande! – Here it comes, ready or not!

By Heather Kotula

What is the Leadership Summit, anyway?

The Leadership Summit, formerly known as the SLA Winter Meeting, formerly known as Division and Chapter Officer Leadership Training (DACOLT) serves two functions. One is for the SLA Board of Directors and committees to meet and conduct the governance, or business, of the association. The second is to provide unit officers – chapter and division officers – with training on how the association is structured, information on what the association can offer the individual units, opportunities for networking with other unit leaders, a chance to share experiences – both good and not so good, and leadership training in general. Many attendees find that this is a good opportunity to learn about leadership within SLA, as well as gain some ideas that can be put to use in their own organizations. Serving as a leader within SLA often provides added skills that help with career advancement in other areas.

Why is the Rio Grande Chapter involved?

Each year, the Leadership Summit is held in a different area, much like the annual conference moves to different locations. Because attendance at the Leadership Summit is much smaller – two to three hundred attendees, instead of five to six thousand – venues like Albuquerque are perfect.

As the local host chapter, we are invited to participate in several ways. The biggest and most visible is hosting a Welcome Reception on the Thursday night of the Summit. Other items are to develop a website to provide local information, organize a no-host dinner buddy program, to help headquarters staff with attendee registration, staff a local information table, and develop a list of restaurants close to the Summit hotel.

We're calling our Welcome Reception the Fiesta on the Rio Grande! It will be held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, on Thursday, January 22, 2004, from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. We will enjoy a Pueblo Feast dinner buffet with fajitas, a full hosted bar, a Native American flute performance, admission to the museum, and a discount on handmade items in the center's gift shop. We hope you will join us, and non-SLA guests are always welcome. Transportation will be provided from the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque downtown for all attendees. Plenty of parking is also available for local folks who prefer their own transport. There are three ways to attend: register for the Leadership Summit, volunteer to help with Rio Grande Chapter activities, or purchase a ticket. To register for the Leadership Summit, go to <http://www.sla.org/content/leadership/2004LeadershipSummit.cfm> To volunteer, go to <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/volunteer.htm>, choose your time slots, and then email your choices to our volunteer coordinator, Dell Johnson, at jajohn@sandia.gov or call her at 505-284-8324. To purchase a ticket for \$25, contact Sandy Spurlock at sspurloc@lrri.org or 505-384-9414.

The Rio Grande Chapter's local information website can be found at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/Winter2004main.htm>. Carol Hoover has done a fabulous job of crafting this vehicle for sharing information about our wonderful locale. Please share the link with your colleagues in SLA, and anyone else who is interested! Heather O'Daniel is organizing the no-host dinner buddies program. If you are interested in participating, please contact

her at heather.b.odaniel@intel.com. Dinner buddy leaders choose a restaurant, decide on the number of people they would like in their group, make a reservation, and arrange for transportation if necessary. Leadership Summit attendees will also contact Heather and sign up. This is a great opportunity to meet some new SLA friends!

Assisting the SLA headquarters staff with registration is a wonderful way to meet your SLA colleagues and show off the Rio Grande Chapter at the same time. To volunteer, go to <http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/volunteer.htm>, choose your time slots, and email Dell Johnson at jajohn@sandia.gov or call her at 505-284-8324. You can volunteer to staff our local information table in the same manner.

Sandy Spurlock is developing a list of restaurants, especially those that are within walking of the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque downtown. If you have a favorite that you want to make sure she includes, please contact her at sspurloc@lrri.org or 505-384-9414. She is also putting together a book of menus from those restaurants that will be available for attendees to peruse at our local information table.

What can you do?

Attend! Volunteer! Participate! Remember, the Rio Grande Chapter ROCKS! and by the time this meeting is over, everyone at the Leadership Summit will know exactly why!

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at heather_kotula@yahoo.com or 505-828-9577.

No-Host Dinner Buddies

By Heather O'Daniel

On Wednesday evening Jan. 21st Summit attendees and guests are invited to join local chapter members for dinner at area restaurants.

Local members are asked to volunteer as "Dinner Buddies", which also gives you the right to select a restaurant of choice. See the invitation below.

Contact Heather O'Daniel directly so she can coordinate with SLA and meeting attendees; heather.b.odaniel@intel.com

Invest in your social capital! Volunteer to be a "Dinner Buddy" for the SLA Leadership Summit 2004

Local chapter members are asked to help those attending the Summit experience the Albuquerque area's wonderful cuisine. As a "dinner buddy" volunteer, you are asked to make a reservation at a favorite local restaurant and transport from the Summit location a small conference attendee group (3-5) on Weds evening Jan 21st.

Diversity in flavor and price is preferred for selected restaurants, so anything goes! Also, if you want to find another person with whom to volunteer, thus using two vehicles, that works well too.

How does it work? Well...

- First you email Heather ODaniel at heather.b.odaniel@intel.com to show your interest in being a dinner buddy and naming the restaurant of choice. (by Dec. 31st)
- Then, attendees are sent the list of local choices and asked to select preferences.
- Next, you are given the names of those interested in accompanying you.
- And finally, on Weds Jan. 21st, at 6:30 pm you connect with your group at the Summit registration table and off you go to your favorite place for a great time.

Networking is an important aspect of SLA membership, so I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to spend some quality time with the leaders attending the Summit.

Don't delay. Send your intent to volunteer to Heather at heather.b.odaniel@intel.com today!

Volunteers – One More Time

By Dell Johnson

Volunteers Needed for Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Reception AND for the Meeting Registration Desk

As already noted, the "Fiesta on the Rio Grande" committee is also issuing a call for volunteers from our chapter (and friends of the chapter) for the Jan 22nd Welcome Reception at the SLA Leadership Summit and for the Meeting Registration/Hospitality Desk from Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning.

Many hands make light work, so please visit the volunteer website to sign-up for one or two blocks of time, or contact Dell Johnson at jajohn@sandia.gov or 505/284-8324.

RGC Programs Schedule Reminder

- Nov. 10, Reception in Santa Fe, at the Law Library.

Meeting with Indigenous Librarians who are having their 3d International Forum in Santa Fe.

- Nov. 17, Joint program with Law Librarians in ABQ

"How to Poison Your Boss" dealing with poison forensics. Lunch followed by two speakers.

SLA News

National Board of Directors Meeting

By Gloria Zamora, SLA Treasurer

The SLA Board of Directors met on October 22-24 in Alexandria, VA. Our first day was spent in a strategic planning session where we focused on what it means to be an international organization. We asked the

Here is the web link.

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/crio/Winter2004/volunteer.htm>

Please sign up soon to get your preferred times.

Just a reminder – volunteers for the Leadership Summit will receive a ticket to the reception at the IPCC, including buffet dinner and open bar, museum admission and great networking.

Treasurer's Report

By Mary Ellen McMurtrie

We have received \$10,000 in cash and in-kind services in support of the Welcoming Reception for SLA's Leadership Summit.

- Dec., Evening or Saturday Potluck at member's house; speaker on MAGIC; maps/GIS

- Jan., SLA Winter Meeting/Leadership Summit, Albuquerque

- Mar., Human Genome, Santa Fe

Storage and Archiving of Genome Tracings Natl. Center for Genome Resources or at LANL

- Apr., NMLA Joint Preconference in Las Cruces

question, "Is SLA truly international when the vast majority of our members, 98% are North American?" We then explored the issue of internationality and what SLA needs to do to attract and maintain international

members. It was a fascinating discussion and we came up with at least 20-30 items that require further attention by staff and the Board. If you are interested in the international aspects of our organization, stay tuned for a report and a request for ideas.

During our Board meeting we dealt with a number of issues, but probably that of most interest to the membership is the status of the building. In October SLA received an offer on our headquarters building in Washington, DC. The Board voted to accept the offer. During the same time period we received a quote on the cost to renovate the building we wish to purchase in Alexandria. The Board voted to proceed with the renovation. This renovation will make the building upgrade it for use over the next twenty years. The infrastructure will support the computer needs of our association and the building will be brought up to code and accessibility in all areas. The Board members got to tour the new building and all could see the potential. This is an exciting time and definitely a new chapter in the association. The present headquarters building is beautiful and has served us well as an office and as an image of our association. The new building will do the same and help us to project a new image. The plan is to move in sometime in April 2004. All the finances are in place and we are proceeding. I hope you will all get a chance to visit the staff there.

Speaking of staff, this was the first official Board meeting of our new executive director, Janice LaChance. It is amazing how quickly she has come up to speed. She has made many chapter visits as well as international visits and she has been quoted

already numerous times on a variety of issues. The Board reviewed her objectives and we were all pleased that she is really stretching with these goals and objectives. Janice will be in Albuquerque in January for the "Fiesta on the Rio Grande," so I would encourage you to go and introduce yourself to Janice and make her truly welcome to New Mexico and the Rio Grande Chapter.

The Annual meeting will be held in June 2004, in Nashville, Tennessee at the Grand Ole Opry conference facility. We head an update on the conference and it looks like things are proceeding smoothly for another wonderful annual meeting. Hope you will be able to attend.

Finally, as Treasurer, I would be remiss if I did not say a little something about the Finance committee. We met in early October to finalize a budget to present to the Board. I am truly blessed with a wonderful committee, including Rio Grande chapter member, Margie Hlava. They have business experience through operation of their own companies, they have a vast amount of Association experience, and most importantly they have good common sense. We are taking a look at all aspects of the association as it applies to finances. Nothing is sacred to this group. We are revising the five-year financial plan and hope to have it ready for action at the Winter Board meeting in January.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and also please remember that we have three Rio Grande Chapter members on the Board of Directors, Margie Hlava, Jesus Lau and myself. We aren't the mighty Rio Grande Chapter for nothing.

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