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Calendar Corner

May 20 – Rio Grande Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Milagro Restaurant, Bernalillo, NM
June 5-10 – SLA 2004 Annual Conference, Nashville
July 31 – Deadline for Summer RGC Bulletin

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President's Perspective

We are approaching the end of another successful year for the Chapter and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members and officers for making it so. Some highlights included the first meeting at the Very Large Array in the fall for which Thaddeus Bejnar had a very good turn out. The mid winter meeting we hosted in Albuquerque for the SLA leadership was the preeminent affair of the year. Once again we owe our thanks to Heather Kotula, her committee and all the fantastic volunteers who helped to make this such a success. An event held March 13 at Gloria Zamora's house honored the Fiesta committee for their hard work and our surprise guest was Ethel Solomen, SLA President-Elect. Ethel shared her ideas with us regarding branding and doing business as SLA. She has had an opportunity to speak with Chapter members across the country about who are and what we call ourselves as well as the need for flexibility. This is a topic that will come up at the annual meeting in Nashville in June.

Speaking of Nashville, there are still a few activities remaining before we close out the Chapter year. The Chapter and the New Mexico State Library are co-sponsoring a workshop on April 20 at the NMLA annual conference being held in Las Cruces. The Rio Grande Chapter annual business meeting will be held May 20, 2004 at Milagro in Bernalillo.

Our invited guest this year will be State Librarian Richard Akeroyd and I hope we will see many of you at our final meeting.

You have probably seen the call for filling the position of Secretary. Stephanie Gerding has accepted a position at the Arizona State Library and will be stepping down as Chapter Secretary. Stephanie has been an outstanding Board member for the past two years and will be missed. Please join me in congratulating Stephanie and wishing her the best in her new position. Ballots with the slate of officers will be out soon and Thaddeus will be looking for volunteers to fill other Chapter positions for the coming year. The Chapter relies on all members to carry out organization business and we need you. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the association, meet new people, and add another activity to your resume. Unlike the Fiesta Committee or Newsletter Editor, positions are not usually burdensome or time consuming (I promise!) so please accept if you are called.

I look forward to seeing you May 20 at the annual business meeting. Sarah

Sarah

Reminder

The deadline for submitting news and information for the Summer 2004 *Bulletin* is July 31, 2004

Rio Grande Chapter Update

Member Highlights

Stephanie Gerding

Stephanie Gerding, the Rio Grande chapter secretary for the past two years, has announced that she has accepted a job at the Arizona State Library as the Director of the EqualAccess Libraries Project. She will be leaving in May for her new assignment. Congratulations Stephanie!

Mary Ellen McMurtrie

Since my husband Bob had already written this account I did not see any reason to write another one. ---Mary Ellen

HOW WE SPENT CHRISTMAS 2003

About the first of December Mary Ellen found out that Honeywell Avionics would be closed two weeks for the holidays. We contacted a travel agent and said "get us out of here!". A weeklong trip to Peru to see the ruins at Machu Picchu was decided on and on December 21st we flew to Lima.

A representative from Abercrombie & Kent met us at the airport and checked us in to Miraflores Park Hotel which is an elegant hotel overlooking the Pacific. We had expected to join a tour group of 10 to 15 others but it turned out this was a private tour with our own van, driver and tour Guide every step of the way. A&K took care of everything from luggage handling to entry fees.

After a short tour of Lima we answered a 3AM wake-up call to fly to Cusco. Again A&K met us and introduced us to our guide, Ernesto, and driver. We drove a short distance to the Sacred Valley, which is beautiful. The sides of the mountains are covered with terraces that the Inca civilization built for agriculture and erosion control and are still being used today. In Pisac we visited the outdoor Indian Market that is as exciting as it was colorful.

Next was the Fortress of Ollantaytambo. (I can't pronounce it either) Constructed of rose-colored granite, this huge monument was once a thriving complex of baths, temples and military barracks. Below the fortress lies a complete Incan town, still inhabited and with its original architecture and layout preserved. Our hotel for the night was the Posada del Inca Yucay.

To get to Machu Picchu from this location you drive along a road that parallels railroad tracks and somewhere in the middle of nowhere you park at the side of the road and wait for the train to stop. As we waited Indians began to appear from the surrounding hills all loaded with dolls, weavings, and trinkets that the tourist "must" have.

The train to Machu Picchu is new and very comfortable. Each car has its own built in engine all designed to pull the grades in this part of the Andes. As you approach Machu Picchu the mountains become more and more steep having an incline approaching the perpendicular. Staggering!

The train pulls in to the station at Aguas Calientes where you walk a few hundred yards to busses that will take you to the Citadel. To get to the busses however you must pass a gauntlet of vendors selling everything from rare jungle butterflies to blankets. I bought a hat.

There are several hotels in Aguas Calientes but our goal was the Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge that is the only hotel at the Machu Picchu site. Again we were booked into a 5 star hotel and since we were at the site were able to spend more time exploring.

Our guide let us approach Machu Picchu a little at a time seeing a wall here, a small building there and then the terraces. As you look above the terraces you are overwhelmed by the magnitude of what the ancient Inca civilization accomplished.

It was now Christmas Eve and there we

were at one of the most fascinating ruins in the world. The hotel that night had a special Christmas Eve menu starting with champagne. A most special dinner at a most special location on a most special night.

The busses to go down the mountain don't leave until after lunch, so there is time to explore the ruins again. Christmas Day it rained but it only added to the mystique of the location.

In Cusco we checked into the Hotel Monasterio which 600 years ago was built as a monastery. Elegant! Cusco is at 11,000-ft and the Hotel Monasterio is the only hotel in the world that can pump Oxygen into your room. We used the service.

More touring of sites in Cusco, then back to Lima for our flight home.

Around the Region & Other News

Exhibit at Special Collections Library: In Their Native Languages

By Joe Sabatini

Special Collections Library
March 16 - May 15, 2004
423 Central Ave. NE, 848-1376
Library Hours, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Tue-Sat

In Their Native Languages: Ann Nolan Clark and the Creation of Bilingual Textbooks by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Ann Nolan Clark, the only native New Mexican children's author to win the Newbery Medal, was a key participant in creating a series of bilingual textbooks for Navajo, Pueblo and Lakota children published by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Department in the 1940's. Our library has a virtually complete collection of these works, which were printed at Phoenix Indian School and Haskell Institute, and which are illustrated by Indian artists who later became famous. Many of Clark's other works are also exhibited.

The display includes several Navajo language textbooks written by Father Berard Haile and printed by St. Michael's Press at the St. Michael's Indian Mission, Arizona. In addition, we feature other works in Navajo and about native language issues.

We offer this unique display as part of our celebration of World Book Day, April 23, 2004.

Proposed Formation of SLA Competitive Intelligence Division

The Competitive Intelligence Section of the Leadership and Management Division of SLA is a little over two years old. Many feel that the section is buried in this Division and cannot reach its full potential. After a survey of CI section members and the SLA leadership, a decision was made to move forward with pursuing the formation of a new Division. Procedure requires that a petition be initiated, signatures obtained, and forwarded to the SLA Board of Directors for their consideration and approval.

To sign this petition please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=73492453826>

Thank you for supporting this initiative,

Karen Kreizman Reczek
CI Section Chair

As a result of the Association Bylaws revision, approved January 2004 by the SLA Board of Directors, units are no longer required to have bylaws, but instead are required to have governing documents. The reasoning behind this revision is to simplify the administration of SLA units. A copy of the Rio Grande Chapter new governing document is reprinted below. The Chapter may revise or customize the document should we feel it is necessary but, as presented, the document provides the minimum essential requirements for the governance of all SLA Chapters.

Rio Grande Chapter Governing Document

January 21, 2004

NAME AND MISSION

The name of this unit is the Rio Grande Chapter, Special Libraries Association.

The mission of this Chapter shall be that of the Special Libraries Association.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Chapter shall be those members of the Association who reside or work within the geographic boundaries of the Chapter, defined members of the Association, who reside or work with the state of New Mexico, or who elect to affiliate with the Chapter.

The Association's Board of Directors shall define the classes of members.

Chapter membership falling below 25 members for more than one Association year will be reported to the Chapter Cabinet Chair.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board ("board") with a minimum of four members shall have the authority and responsibility to manage the Chapter's property and to regulate and govern its affairs. A majority of board members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the board.

No member shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Should the office of president become vacant, the president-elect shall assume this position for the remainder of the term. All other board vacancies, including a vacancy in the office of president-elect, occurring before the conclusion of a departing member's term will be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

OFFICERS

The president, subject to the executive board, shall have general supervision and control over Chapter affairs.

The president-elect shall have duties as specified by Chapter Recommended Practices and the needs of the Chapter.

The secretary shall keep an approved record of all meetings of the Chapter and board and sign legal documents jointly with the president.

The treasurer shall have custody of the Chapter funds.

The Chapter may elect additional officers as specified by the Chapter Recommended Practices, and the needs of the Chapter.

MEETINGS

The Chapter annual business meeting shall be held prior to the Association annual conference.

At least one business meeting shall be held during the term of office of each elected board.

Adequate notice of meetings shall be provided to the membership.

COMMITTEES

The board may establish committees, which shall be responsible to the board.

The board may authorize funds for committee expenses.

No Chapter member may serve on any one committee for more than six consecutive years.

SUBUNITS

Subunits may be established and disbanded by the Chapter, according to Chapter Recommended Practices.

FUNDS, CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY

Funds for Chapter expenses shall be derived in part or in whole from the Association as an allotted share of the annual dues paid by Chapter members.

Any agreement, contract, or obligation entered into by the Chapter, including the purchase of property such as office machines, filing cabinets, computer equipment, etc., shall have advance approval of the board. Any agreement, contract or obligation must be in compliance with Association liability limits as prescribed in Chapter Recommended Practices.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A Nominating Committee for each election of members to the board shall be appointed by the board. Nomination of candidates for each office and the election of candidates shall be determined by Chapter Recommended Practices.

DISSOLUTION AND MERGER

The Chapter may petition the Association Board of Directors for dissolution, or for merger with another Chapter, by vote of its membership in accordance with Chapter Recommended Practices.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chapters shall institute suitable mechanisms to facilitate communications with and between its members regarding Chapter activities, affairs, issues, and other matters.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATION AND AFFILIATION

Chapter representatives to joint committees and meetings of other societies having objectives allied to those of the Chapter and of the Association may be appointed by the President.

AMENDMENTS

This governing document may be amended by an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at any Chapter meeting. Revisions in, or amendments to, the Chapter governing document shall be reviewed by the Association Bylaws Committee, prior to presentation to the Chapter membership.

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