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### President's Message:

Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. As I grow older, I find that events seem to overtake me without my even being aware of them. This year, almost gone, has brought its share of surprises, some of them not welcome. As those of you who have read my President's Messages know, my Vice President/President-Elect, Kathy Earl, lost her husband Joe quite unexpectedly several months ago. This tragedy has brought on an extended period of mourning, rendering Kathy incapable of continuing to function as the organizer of our chapter's events. Kathy had hopes of being in recovery to the extent that she could jump into the chapter's events planning by 2006, but she has recently decided that the grieving process is taking her more time than she had anticipated. She has, consequently, submitted her resignation as Vice President/President-Elect. In the interim during Kathy's recuperation, I had agreed to act as Vice President/President-Elect, planning and accomplishing the October chapter dinner and presentation by Kathy Stroud, UCD's maps librarian. Now it looks as though either I must continue to function in two offices—President and Vice President/President-Elect—or find someone to fill the office of the latter, as our governing document decrees through vote on a candidate or

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# Special Libraries Association: Sierra Nevada Chapter Chapter Calendar 2005-2006

Chapter Website: <http://www.sla.org/chapter/csrn/index.htm>

Thursday, December 8      Holiday Party, Sacramento County Law Library, 813 Sixth Street, Sacto.

Tuesday, January 31      Newsletter deadline: submissions to [debbyondricka@yahoo.com](mailto:debbyondricka@yahoo.com)

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candidates by our Board. Finding someone willing to fill Kathy's shoes is not going to be easy, especially at this unanticipated time of year. I know all of you are busy just holding down the responsibilities of your jobs, so it is difficult to approach potential position holders and ask you if you would be willing to step into the breach. Compounding this quandary is the fact that the Sierra Nevada Chapter will realign itself with SLA Headquarter's change from fiscal year to calendar year in next year's chapter offices, i.e. next year's officers will face an eighteen- rather than twelve-month period of office.

To simplify matters, I am considering acting according to what the governing document's bylaws permit and extending my term of office as President to two years, i.e. I would continue to act as both Vice President/President-Elect and President until August and then as President for the one-and-one-half years beyond that. This would eliminate the Board's need to find someone to step into Kathy's office, at least until August 2006. However, my position is complicated by the need to organize and superintend the California Reception at the June SLA annual conference, the responsibility for which passes from one SLA California chapter to the next from year to year; this year is the turn of the Sierra Nevada Chapter. The biggest time consumer of this responsibility is finding

corporate sponsors willing to subvention our reception, since finding a venue and catering to supply food and beverages usually consumes several thousands of dollars to accomplish, usually in places the person responsible for organizing the event is completely unfamiliar with. Any costs not underwritten by sponsors must be borne by the chapter, unless other California chapters wish to help. Because the Sierra Nevada Chapter is by far the smallest of California's five SLA chapters, paying for uncovered expenses traditionally has constituted a much bigger bite out of our chapter's budget than it has for other, much larger chapters. This year the Washington (State) Chapter and (possibly) the two California library schools may chip into our effort, which in present circumstances will be a great help. Added to that concern is yet another complication: SLA has approved a continuing education course I have proposed: Cataloging for Non-Catalogers, to be held during the June 2005 annual conference in Baltimore, which I proposed before any of the unhappy events with our former Vice President/President-Elect had taken place. As you can see, my plate is quite full!

I would like to ask my fellow chapter members to contribute your help in whatever way you can. If you know of companies that sell their

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products to libraries, and you think they could be approached to help subsidize the California Reception at the June 2006 SLA Conference, please get in touch with me with your suggestions (mailto:bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu). I intend to get busy in January approaching potential contributors, giving me about five months to organize plans completely before the event occurs. Another area in which I can greatly use support is in lining up potential speakers and venues for the remaining chapter events of 2005/2006. Normally, the Vice President/President-Elect would have candidates lined up by this time, but I thought that my responsibility to schedule speakers would soon be over, and that I did not need to have a docket of speakers reserved for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Our chapter, especially one the size of the Sierra Nevada Chapter, depends one-hundred percent on the willingness of its members to support its mission and activities with their ingenuity and knowledge. The circumstances with which we are presented this year really, more than ever, dictate that members contribute their insight and vision. Please step forward and let us know how you can help!

-Buzz

## A letter from Kathy Earl:

Hello, everyone,

You all, and especially Buzz and the Board, have been so patient with me as I deal with my husband's death. Over the past month, especially, I have come to realize that this whole grieving process will take more time and energy than I had first expected. I am having to literally rein-

vent my world, as I deal with this new life that has been thrust upon me.

With this in mind, and realizing that our chapter deserves someone who can generate excitement and interest, I am resigning my position as President-Elect. I plan to continue attending meetings, as my work schedule allows (Thursdays just don't work for me, most of the time). As I gradually adjust my life, I hope to again become more active in the future of our chapter. Thank you for your understanding and for your comforting messages.

-Kathy

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## December Holiday Party Buzz Haughton, President

This year the Sierra Nevada Chapter takes up its tradition of sponsoring a holiday gathering. This year our Chapter event will take place on Thursday, December 8, beginning at six o'clock at the Sacramento County Law Library, 813 Sixth Street. There is parking diagonally across from the library that is free after six o'clock. Librarian and Board member Coral Henning will offer a brief guided tour of her library for those interested. Our party will host a guest speaker: SLA candidate for President Davenport Robinson. Even though the event is a holiday event, because we will have the opportunity to have a national SLA position candidate present, about twenty minutes will be reserved for a question-and-answer period with the candidate. Dav, as he likes to be called, is the director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Dav wrote a fascinating article entitled "SLA's Response to Natural Disasters" in the October issue of *Information Outlook* (p. 20-26).

You are welcome to show up without prior announcement. However, to help organizers plan how much food to have on hand, we would appreciate your informing us if you intend to come and how many guests you intend to bring. Get in touch with either Coral Henning (mailto:chenning@saclaw.org) or Buzz Haughton (mailto:bxhaughton@ucdavis.edu).

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