

# THLA NEWS

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## OUR WINTER PROGRAMME: BIOETHICS

### *and Data Retrieval Regarding Side Effects of Reproductive Technologies*

**DATE:** Monday, February 5, 1996

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. *Light refreshments* 6:45 p.m. *Programme*

**LOCATION:** Alice Moulton Room, Science and Medicine Library/  
Sigmund Samuel Library, U of T

**SPEAKER:** Laura Shanner, PhD, I'Anson Assistant Professor,  
Dept. of Philosophy and Centre for Bioethics, U of T

Dr. Shanner wants to enlist our help in a crusade! There are difficulties in retrieving accurate reports of side effects of reproductive technologies and we, as information professionals, will encounter these difficulties. Deficiencies in data reporting and problems of retrieval have implications for such issues as informed consent and autonomy.\* Come and hear Laura Shanner frame these issues in a larger overview of ethical principles; her special fields of study include reproductive and genetics issues, women's health issues, and feminist approaches to bioethics. This should be an interesting and professionally challenging evening, so please attend ...

*\*See her letter to the editor on this subject in Lancet July 22, 1995; 346: 251.*

Questions? Call **Elaine Wright** at 978-1331 for additional details about the meeting.

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*The Nomination Form for the 1996-97 THLA Executive is included with this issue.*

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**MAKE A DATE TO PARTICIPATE!**

| <i>DATE</i>        | <i>EVENT</i>   |
|--------------------|--|
| Monday, February 5 | General Meeting: Bioethics                                       |
| Friday, March 8    | THLA NEWS deadline for contributions                             |
| Monday, April 15   | General Meeting: Legal Update - Consent to Treatment Legislation |
| Monday, May 6      | Annual Dinner Meeting, Massey College                            |
| Friday, May 10     | THLA NEWS deadline for contributions                             |

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****Elaine Wright**

**H**appy New Year! The media are full of promises and predictions. The January 4 issue of *The Globe & Mail* predicts that *restructuring and re-engineering are past their peaks*. Are you ready for *Logistics*?

THLA is represented by your President on the *Task Force on Consortium Response to Mergers and Closures of Hospital Libraries*. The report of this task force will be presented to library directors, hospital administrators of affected institutions, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and the appropriate MTDHC implementation authorities.

Terms of reference include:

- *To examine, and prepare recommendations on, managing hospital libraries impacted by mergers, closures, and program restructuring;*
- *To formulate recommendations on the disposition of collections, provision of library services and utilization of staff and their expertise.*

The Toronto area has the largest, most diverse group of health librarians in the country. We must therefore have a strong organization in order to fulfil our commitment to CHLA/ABSC. There will soon be vacancies on the THLA executive, and in this issue of *THLA NEWS* we are calling for nominations for 1996-97. Please consider joining this dynamic team - it does not require a large commitment of time, and the rewards are diverse. Please see the position descriptions included in this issue (p. 5) or call THLA Past President **Teresa Helik** (382-5106) for more information.

Looking back to 1995, I wish to thank **Colleen Mulloy** for arranging the very successful holiday party. All who attended enjoyed the delicious food and ambience of the new location at the University of Toronto Faculty Club. We anticipate an interesting and thought-provoking programme on bioethics on February 5. *See you there ...*

**THLA HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT**

**T**his holiday season about 40 friends and colleagues gathered in the Main Lounge of the University of Toronto Faculty Club for the annual THLA holiday party. The crowd was welcomed by THLA President **Elaine Wright**, who had returned from Mexico City that morning. Attendees imbibed quantities of cranberry punch and spiked eggnog, and sampled from trays of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres that included focaccia, quesedillas, mini eggrolls, mini quiches, potato skins and cheese! Congratulations to the winners of eight door prizes that ranged from a lovely bottle of wine to a copy of the *CMD* on CD-ROM. Thanks go to **Sylvia Newman** for serving as the sponsoring Faculty Club member, and to the following companies and their representatives for their support of THLA, and their generous donation of door prizes: **Addison-Welsey Publishers Ltd.**, **Butterworths**, **McClelland & Stewart**, **Oxford University Press**, **Southam Inc.**, and **University of Toronto Bookstore**.

*Submitted by Tamsin Adams-Webber*



**CHLA / ABSC 1996**  
**20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: CREATIVE CONNECTIONS**  
**DELTA CHELSEA INN TORONTO: JUNE 12 - 17, 1996**

**T**his report contains some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that **Derrick de Kerckhove**, of the McLuhan Institute, regrettably has had to withdraw as our Keynote Speaker at CHLA/ABSC 1996. The good news is that **Dr. David Naylor**, of the Institute for Clinical Evaluation Studies (ICES), has very enthusiastically agreed to take on the task. His keynote address will be entitled *Research Connections*, and is sure to be a stimulating one.

Also on the good news front is the fact that two new continuing education courses have been added to the schedule: an instructional course in DOCLINE will be available, for anyone who wants details on how to enter holdings into the database and make use of the system for ILL purposes; and a CE course on *Evidence-Based Practice* will be offered by **Anne McGibbon** of McMaster University.

I am also happy to report that **Rita Vine** has updated our Web Home Page again, so if you would like more up-to-the-minute details, pay us a visit at:

<http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>

*Submitted by Cathy Lindsey-King*

**DOCLINE INTRODUCTION**

**T**HLA and the Consortium are considering holding a repeat of the introductory session to DOCLINE that was held on December 12. If you are interested in attending, please indicate your preferences below:

Date: TUESDAY, February 20 \_\_\_\_  
TUESDAY, February 27 \_\_\_\_ WEDNESDAY, February 28 \_\_\_\_  
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_ 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_  
Venue: Alice Moulton Room, U of T \_\_\_\_  
Sunnybrook Hospital, 2075 Bayview Avenue \_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please FAX this page to Jeannie An at 971-2637 by THURSDAY, JANUARY 25.**

Questions? TEL: 978-2637 or Internet: [an@library.utoronto.ca](mailto:an@library.utoronto.ca)



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1996-97 THLA EXECUTIVE**

**T**he following THLA executive positions will become vacant in June. If you would like to volunteer for one, or nominate a colleague, please complete and forward the form included with this issue.

**THLA President-Elect**

The President Elect shall act in the absence of the President, assist the President in the performance of duties, act as Programme Coordinator, and perform other duties as assigned by the Executive.

*Specific duties:* 1. THLA leadership; 2. Programme planning; 3. Position documentation. The President-Elect chairs the Programme Planning Committee. Its purpose is to assist the President-Elect with programme arrangements and meeting details.

**THLA Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep a record in minutes of the proceedings of Association meetings and shall have custody of all books, records and papers of the Association, except such as shall be in the custody of other persons authorized to have possession by resolution of the Executive Committee.

*Specific duties:* 1. Documentation (minutes); 2. Documentation (general meetings); 3. Documentation (official Chapter documents); 4. Public relations; 5. Position documentation.

**THLA Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall supervise the collection of, and keep on deposit the funds of the Association; keep full, correct and clear record of the financial transactions of the Association, supporting all disbursements with proper vouchers; see that the funds of the Association are disbursed as directed by the Executive Committee; prepare a statement and submit it to the Executive Committee for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Association; and maintain a register of all members of the Association. To assist the Treasurer in the performance of these duties, the Executive Committee may employ the occasional services of a professional Coordinator of Membership Services.

*Specific duties:* 1. Management of finances; 2. Documentation; 3. Co-ordination; 4. Position documentation.

*For further details contact THLA Past President Teresa Helik (TEL:382-5106) or any other member of the Executive Committee. (See p. 2.)*



## OHLA/OHA 1995 FALL CONFERENCE MEETING REPORT

The Ontario Hospital Libraries Association celebrated its 10th anniversary at this year's OHA Convention & Exhibition held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. November 6-8. Welcoming remarks were made by **Dee Sprung** (OHLA President) and **Jessie McGowan** (OHLA President-Elect and Conference Chair). **Lea Starr** (CHLA President and Coordinator of Reference Services, Scott Library, University of Alberta) taught us the new 3 R's: *Regionalization, Restructuring and Rationalization*. She described the regionalization of hospitals in Edmonton and their libraries' participation in this process. The new system's projected start date is April, 1996. Measures range from centralized technical services, to reduction of duplication among the collections, to developing *Intellidoc* for document delivery, and the creation of a local Health Sciences Libraries Home Page. The timeliness and practicality of her talk gave many in the audience the information they will need to face the pressures of change ahead.

The conference also included an informative panel discussion on setting up a hospital's information management team. Led by **Jannette Hatton** (Hamilton Civic Hospital Library), the panel of experts highlighted the necessity of library staff involving themselves fundamentally in a hospital's information team, given their essential role as information providers. **Janet Joyce** (Royal Ottawa) spoke of changes in hospital libraries and the new more client-focused accreditation process. She described the information management team set up at her hospital. **Larry Taylor** (Director of Information Systems, Hamilton Civic) also spoke about the information management team his hospital put together for accreditation - its membership, processes and goals. **Lou Reidel** (VP Finance, Providence Centre, Toronto) presented a funding-centred view of the health care system, saying that hospitals must now learn what they are making and losing money on. He challenged libraries to help disseminate information related to cost cutting, such as practices to cut lengths of stay and care maps.

OHLA's Annual General Meeting also took place during the conference. Included was the acclamation of **Elizabeth Reid** (Toronto Hospital Library) as President-Elect and Conference Planning Chair for 1996. OHLA also honoured two distinguished members. The Award of Outstanding Achievement was presented to **Verla Empey** (Wellesley Hospital Library). **Thelma Bisch**, recently retired from Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital Library, received the Honorary Life Membership Award.

The afternoon session adhered closely to its name: *Consumer Health Information: From Theory to Practice*. **Joanne Marshall** (FIS - University of Toronto) defined consumer health information and spoke of its underlying theory. She elucidated the difference between patient education and consumer health information. **Jennifer Bayne** (Toronto Hospital) described the setting up of the Consumer Health Information Service housed at the Metro Toronto Reference Library. **Gale Carew** (Project Coordinator, Community Cancer Program, London Regional Cancer Centre) described how her program addresses the various needs of cancer patients, including their information needs.



Some OHLA members attended the afternoon feature theme session with **Frank Ogden** (aka *Dr. Tomorrow*). Mr. Ogden is a Canadian futurist and author of *The Last Book You'll Ever Read and Other Lessons from the Future*. Mr. Ogden spoke of new technology creating whole new ways to do things, simultaneously resulting in the establishment of new industries and the destruction of old ones. He focused on the rapidity of global change, and described some current trends - the declining importance of borders and governments, the move to self-teaching, the growth of retail transactions conducted by the Internet, and the exploding amount of information available on CD-ROM. A quotation from his talk reflects his style: *There's a bulldozer of change sweeping over the planet, and if you don't become part of the bulldozer, you'll become part of the road*. His whole presentation was a warning to people to become multi-skilled, highly computer literate and flexible, or risk becoming one of the casualties of *The Next Generation*.

Given tough economic times, conference attendance was encouraging; evaluations were positive; and hopes for the future remain eternal. Thank you to the organizers of OHLA 1995!

*From reports submitted by Bonnie Brownstein and John Tagg*

### WCH WOMEN'S HEALTH DIRECTORY ON THE WEB

**W**ith the birth of the *Women's Health Electronic Directory* in June 1995, Women's College Hospital made its first appearance on the Internet.

The Women's Health Directory is an electronic network for academic and community workers specializing in women's health issues. The Directory identifies those people across Canada involved in the teaching and research aspects of women's health issues, as well as service providers.

The Directory is searchable by name, subject specialty and keywords. It is written in hypertext mark-up language (HTML) and in future it will be connected to other women's health resources on the WEB. I got involved in this project by being at the right place at the right time, and I volunteered my services to pursue it. I learned HTML and bought Microsoft Word for my computer. Netscape, Winsock and TCP/IP were available as part of my Internet e-mail account through Women's College Hospital.

I developed a template for the Directory's data so that each record would have common fields and standard formatting. It was a challenge and lots of work: Women's College Hospital is not a node on the Internet, so the coded records were sent to Information Technologies at U of T to be mounted on the Net. Some information on Women's College Hospital has been included and there are links to Women's Health survey press releases. The Home Page will be updated on a continuing basis. Try searching the Directory at <http://library.utoronto.ca/www/wch>, and if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [rashids@vax.library.utoronto.ca](mailto:rashids@vax.library.utoronto.ca).

*Submitted by Shahida Rashid*



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**FACES AND PLACES**

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**Mary Boite** would be very pleased to receive phone calls and visits at her new home in New York State. Mary's new address is 5943 County Road 37, Springwater NY 14560. Her phone number is (716) 367-9152.

**Jan Greenwood** of Jan Greenwood Associates has a new FAX number: 440-0146.

**Andrea Hall** of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College has joined THLA. Her telephone number is 482-2340.

In the last issue we announced **Gwynneth Heaton's** new appointment as Director of Library Outreach at Robarts Library. Her telephone number is 978-1336.

Our apologies to **Colin Hoare** of Hoffmann-La Roche Limited, Canada. We now offer the correct spelling of his company's name, and report his correct telephone number: (905) 542-5542.

**Rona Lang** of Rona Lang Information Service (RLIS) has just joined THLA. She may be reached by telephone or FAX at 445-9532.

**Carol Morrison** and **Grazyna Wiercinska** of the Ontario Cancer Institute Library have moved to the 5th floor at 610 University Ave. They have a new phone number: 946-4482.

**Jenny Reiswig** of Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital led a workshop entitled *Electronic Sources of Health Science Information* at the recent annual conference of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) in Toronto. A report on this conference (and a mention of Jenny!) is included in *Computers a cornerstone of evidence-based care, conference told, CMAJ* 153(11) 1636-1639.

**Anna Skorupsky** is a new THLA member. Her telephone number is 946-4482.

**Rebecca Strange** of Purdue Frederick has re-joined THLA. Contact her at TEL: (905) 420-4491, FAX: (905) 420-4193, Internet: rebeccas@inforamp.net.

*Compiled by Anne Taylor-Vaisey*



## MARKETPLACE

**T**he **Medical Library Association** has announced a CE satellite teleconference on *The Role of the Library in Accreditation*, to be transmitted on March 13 at 1:00 p.m. THLA and the Consortium are investigating the arrangements for a downlink site in Toronto. The cost of participation may be prohibitive, but THLA hopes to purchase a videotape for later viewing. We'll keep you posted.

**Jane McLaughlin** at the C.C. Clemmer Health Sciences Library, Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, reports that they have some duplicate journal issues to offer to the THLA community. Contact her by FAX at (416) 482-9745 or e-mail her at [ah348@freenet.toronto.on.ca](mailto:ah348@freenet.toronto.on.ca). No telephone requests will be accepted, and postage reimbursement will be requested. Selected issues of the following volumes will be available for two weeks after members receive *THLA NEWS*; telephone **Anne Taylor-Vaisey** at 978-8419 for specific issue information.

*American Journal of Public Health* 84 (1994); *Archives of Dermatology* 91-93 (1965-66), 99-104 (1969-71), 113-117 (1977-81); *BMC* 8-14 (1987-92); *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 95 (1994); *Harndard Medicus* 36-37 (1993-94); *Healthcare Management Forum* 8 (1995); *JAMA* 216 (1971), 231 (1975), 234 (1975), 236 (1977); *The Journal (Addiction Research Foundation)* 24 (1995); *Lancet* 1 (1974); *New England Journal of Medicine* 265-267 (1961-62), 267 (1962), 279 (1968), 284 (1971), 288-291 (1973-74); *Nutrition and Cancer* 11 (1988); *Nutrition & the M.D.* 20 (1994); *Pediatrics* 69 (1982); *University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter* 11 (1995).

As announced in the last issue, the *CHLA/ABSC Standards for Library and Information Services in Canadian Healthcare Facilities, 1995* (ISBN 0-9692171-4-5), is now available. These standards focus on the provision of knowledge-based, client-centred information, following the collaborative model developed by the **Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation** (CCHSA). The cost is \$30.00 for CHLA/ABSC members, and \$35.00 for all others. Prepaid orders in Canadian funds are accepted at the following address: CHLA/ABSC, P.O. Box 94038, 3332 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario M4N 3R1.

Interested in the Web but unsure how to start? Here's a painless map to guide you through the Web jungle, and it was invented by Canadians. **OpenText Corporation** of Waterloo, Ontario has developed a way of searching vast stores of information at lightning speed and they are making it available free to users on their Web home page. Just type in a keyword and OpenText will list for you all the home pages where that keyword occurs. With a click on the mouse you can visit the page(s) that interest you. It's as simple as that and it takes only seconds to search the whole Web! The address is <http://www.opentext.com>

*Compiled by Anne Taylor-Vaisey*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS : JANUARY - JUNE 1996**

*Note re Faculty of Information Studies (FIS) CE courses (indicated with an asterisk\*):* For a complete listing, contact **Marcia Chen**. Call Marcia to get on the FIS mailing list, print and/or e-mail. FIS courses cost from \$85 - \$325. There is a discount if you register early.

TEL: (416) 978-7111 FAX: (416) 971-1399 INTERNET conted@fis.utoronto.ca  
GOPHER: GOPHER.FIS.UTORONTO.CA [subdirectory: Continuing Education Program]

- Jan. 22**     **Pediatric Resources for the Hospital Library**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: **Elizabeth Uleryk** (Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto)  
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848  
Internet: info@tmed.org
- Jan. 23**     **The Internet & World Wide Web Information Conference**  
Westin Harbour Castle Hotel  
"A comprehensive one-day conference that delivers all the information your organization needs to instantly use the Internet as a valuable business tool".  
Information: Rockhurst College Continuing Education Center, Inc.  
TEL: 1-800-682-5078
- Jan. 27**     **Authoring Your Own Web Page Using HTML\***  
Instructors: **John Bradley & Patrick Gignac**
- Jan. 28-30**     **Technology and Tools in the Information Age**  
SLA 1996 Winter Education Conference  
Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio  
Information: **Tracy Lofty** TEL: (202) 234-4700, ext. 649, or tracy@sla.org
- Feb. 2, Apr. 12**     **Internet Basics with Windows and Netscape\***  
Instructors: **Patrick Gignac & Bruce Wood**
- Feb. 5**     **THLA February General Meeting: Bioethics**  
(See p. 1.)
- Feb. 6-7**     **Digital Knowledge: Canada's Future. The Transformative Power of Digitization : Canada's Coalition for Public Information**  
Royal York Hotel, Toronto  
Information: **Julia Shiu** (CPI) TEL: (416) 363-3624
- Feb. 10**     **Internet Basics: Focus on Medicine & Health\***  
Instructors: **Jennifer Reiswig & Rita Vine**
- Feb. 12**     **Improving Your Presentation Skills: Tips for Developing Your Personal Presentation Style**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: **Lois Wyndham** (Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals)  
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848  
Internet: info@tmed.org



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- Feb. 23     **An Introduction to Back of the Book Indexing\***  
Instructors: Ruth Pincoe & Barbara Schon
- Feb. 23     **Cataloguing Internet Resources\***  
Instructors: Joe Cox, Lynne Howarth & Trina Richard
- Feb. 23,     **Webs and Other Spaces: Designing and Maintaining Internet Resources\***  
Apr. 19     Instructors: Gerry Oxford & Marian Press
- Mar. 4     **Hunting for Treasure: Volunteers in the Consumer Health Library**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: **Caren Mofford** (Izaak Walton Killam-Grace Health Centre, Halifax)  
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848  
Internet: info@tmed.org
- Mar. 8     **SLA Toronto Chapter Meeting**  
Information: <http://www.infomart.ca/sla/index.html>
- Mar. 8     **Indexing: A Hands-On Workshop\***  
Instructor: Michele Hudon
- Mar. 13     **The Role of the Library in Accreditation**  
MLA CE teleconference  
Details TBA (See p. 9.)
- Mar. 28     **Getting Connected to the Internet\***  
Instructors: Henry Mandelbaum & Rita Vine
- Mar. 29     **Marketing Libraries Through the Internet\***  
Instructors: Jane Dysart & Stephen Abram
- Mar. 29     **Job Search Strategies for Information Professionals\***  
Instructors: Karen Melville & Caroline Werle
- Apr. 28-     **Information Rights Week**  
May 4     Information: TEL. CLA at (613) 232-9625 ext. 305 or  
              Brian Campbell at (604) 331-4070.
- Apr. 15     **THLA April General Meeting: Legal Update**  
              **Consent to Treatment Legislation**  
              Details TBA
- Apr. 29     **The Clinical Informatics Network (CLINT): Information Tools Supporting Evidence-Based Medicine**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: **Dr. Robert Hayward** (McMaster University)  
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848  
Internet: info@tmed.org
- May 6     **THLA Annual Dinner**  
Location: Massey College, University of Toronto  
Speaker: **Dr. Bill Green**



- May 16      **International Special Librarians' Day**  
Information: <http://www.infomart.ca/sla/index.html>
- May 22-25      **Multimedia '96 Exposition and Forum**  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
Information: Susan Blair, TEL: (905) 660-2491, FAX (905) 660-2492
- June 1-5      **96th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association**  
Kansas City, MO  
Information: <http://www.kumc.edu/MLA/MLA96>
- June 6-9      **CLA Annual Conference**  
Halifax, N.S.  
TEL. CLA at (613) 232-9625 ext. 305
- June 8-13      **87th Special Libraries Association Conference**  
Boston  
Information: <http://kalypso.cybercom.net/~sla/events.html>
- June 10      **Positioning the Library for Success in a Restructured Health Care Environment**  
Telemedicine Canada teleconference  
Speaker: Jennifer Bayne (The Toronto Hospital)  
Information: TEL: (416) 599-1234 FAX (416) 598-1848  
Internet: [info@tmed.org](mailto:info@tmed.org)
- June 12-17      **Creative Connections: CHLA/ABSC 1996**  
Delta Chelsea Inn, Toronto  
Information: <http://www.imr.on.ca/~contact/chla96.html>  
(See p. 4.)

Compiled by Anna Gagliardi

## DESIGN A NEW LOGO FOR THLA!

**T**HLA needs a new promotional brochure! Terri Rothman (College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario) has kindly undertaken the task of re-writing our existing one. Terri feels that a new brochure deserves a new logo, and proposed to the THLA executive that we re-design the logo now used on *THLA NEWS* and the annual membership directory. So ...

You are formally invited to go into your creative mode and think of a logo that captures the idea of health libraries and Toronto. Please FAX your design(s) to your favourite THLA Executive member. (See p. 2 for contact information.) The winner will be announced at the THLA Annual Dinner on May 6, and a politically correct, fiscally responsible prize will be awarded!