

Editors' Corner

Attention, THLA members and colleagues! As this final issue of the 1984/85 THLA News goes to press, we can look back on a year full of interesting programs, fun-filled social events and a growing membership.

With this issue you will be receiving your 1985/86 renewal forms. For those of you who did not pick one up at the dinner meeting, please take a minute to fill it out and send it together with your cheque, to Catherine Weisenberger, our treasurer. The only way to be sure of being listed in the new membership directory, and of receiving the fall issue of the News is to get your renewal in by the due date.

Please read carefully the announcement regarding the THLA Union List. Susan Murray and her committee have worked many long hours trying to sort out our revisions (and indeed have not yet heard from some libraries); the fact that the supplement to the Fourth Edition will soon be out is good news to us and, I am sure, a relief to Susan.

Also in this issue we say farewell and best wishes to the outgoing Executive and welcome those who were recently elected to their positions.



On a more personal note, I would like to say good-bye to Eva Gulbinowicz (only in her post as THLA News Editor, of course). When she and I first met after we had both rashly volunteered to co-edit the News two years ago, we had no idea we would become friends as well as editors. Despite all the problems of doing the newsletter together, we are still good friends, and since Rita Shaughnessy, who joined us last year, proved to have a good sense of humour as well as a tolerance for eccentricity, we have always had a good time writing, typing, and mailing. Rita and I will miss her (she makes pretty good tea, too), but we also want to welcome the new assistant editor, Susan Hendricks, and look forward to working with her in the fall.

So, enjoy your summer; you will be hearing from us in late September.

Mary Boite

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In writing this, my last President's Message column, I am sure that the mixed emotions I have are shared by others at the end of an elected term of office. On the one hand one regrets having to depart without having fulfilled personal

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goals or objectives and, on the other, one is somewhat relieved at being able to turn over loose ends to the capable hands of one's successor. It is undoubtedly the nature of the beast that in one's initial enthusiasm one gets caught up with ambitions that defy completion within the constraints of the office: my own Nemesis, of course, being the intended salary survey! There is nothing like executive office to remind one of the importance of humdrum, worker-bee tasks without which no organization can progress.

My fellow worker-bees - and I don't mean any disrespect despite the Oxford Dictionary's alarming allusion to "undeveloped females..." - on the Executive, and on the THLA News editorial team, have been a real pleasure and occasional comfort to me. We are all grateful to our respective organizations and the part they have silently played in contributing to our efforts on behalf of THLA. My thanks are due also to the oft unsung committee members and helpers: Susan Murray, Eleanor Hayes and Elizabeth Reid in respect of the Union List and Tsai-o Wong and Sheila Lethbridge who were invaluable in assisting Elizabeth Uleryk with the elections. You are warned that as Nominations Chair next year I will be unrelenting in that role. Your organization, you may be assured, will want YOU.

Thanks to the resources and tireless efforts of those mentioned, and others yet to be named, THLA has had a successful year. Membership now stands at a record 152;

meetings have been very well attended, as were the Knowledge Index workshops; the fourth edition of the Union List is making a profit as the first supplement goes to press; and three extremely active and productive special interest groups have flourished. I am grateful to Marjory Morphy, Diane Finkle and Rita Shaughnessy, the THLA members who have been primarily responsible for the success of the latter.

At the close of the Association year the role of the Past-President has taken on a new dimension for me as I recognize that its purpose, at least in part, must surely be to diminish the withdrawal one experiences leaving office. I am sure that Elizabeth Uleryk appreciates this sentiment and will bear with my frequent telephone calls during 1985-6. On your behalf I wish her the very best and also Eva Gulbinowicz who is leaving the Editorial Team of THLA News to pursue other activities and to make way for Susan Hendricks.

For my own part I look forward to serving Bev Brown who has shown her mettle this year in organizing an excellent and varied program of activities. I wish her, our new President-Elect Catherine Pepper, the other members of the Executive and indeed all of us another fulfilling and congenial year.

In the meantime I hope to see some of you either in New York at MLA or in Calgary at CHLA and the rest of you at the first meeting of the 1985-6 year. Again, thank you for your immense support. Au revoir.

Jan Greenwood

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INSIDE CIRCUIT

MARCH 25 MEETING, Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, Hamilton

Though the bus transportation was cancelled for our March meeting at the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety in Hamilton, members car pooled generously and the late winter weather co-operated to ensure a good turnout. The evening was very capably organized and hosted by Bonnie Bird, the Centre's Manager of Reader Services. The Association's and my own particular appreciation are extended to Bonnie.

Wendy Moriarity, Assistant Director of Documentation Services, briefly outlined the development and organization of the material. On the tour that followed, we were offered a closer look at the reproduction and storage of the research collection.

Director of Documentation Services Marilyn Moore detailed the Centre's procedures and resources for answering reference queries. The information search may involve the use of the Centre's own inhouse databases. Terminals were set up to display sample searches.

Continuing the theme of occupational health and safety, Brian Morrison of the Ontario Ministry of Labour Library offered suggestions on successfully searching the literature. His presentation included a table of the subject strengths of each of the major online databases. Any member who would like to obtain a copy of this table may do so by contacting me at the Canadian Memorial

Chiropractic College (482-2340, ext. 160).

Coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of the Centre, provided a delicious conclusion to the meeting.

MAY 6 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

The 1984-85 Association year closed in a grand way with our Annual Dinner Meeting held in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The evening provided an occasion for the eighty members present to explore this newest landmark in the city, to talk with colleagues and to test if the buffet was as delectable as promised by the menu description and its appearance.

After triple helpings of dessert, encouragements to follow healthful living habits were perhaps not quite what we wanted to hear; however, as Director of Recreation at York University and guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Joseph Levy spoke more generally of the importance of a balanced life. He stressed that the leading illnesses and causes of death in the Western world are largely self-inflicted and amenable to a proper programme of nutrition, exercise and relaxation.

The honorarium presented to Dr. Levy will help finance student research activities in the Recreation Department at York.

Though the butter plates were gone, Linda McFarlane was declared the winner of the silk and dried flower arrangement on the strength of my memory. A thank-you to Edna Allen for donating the prize.

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In my term as THLA President-Elect, I owe my own special and sincere thank-you to the members of the Executive for their ideas, encouragement and time on the telephone this past year.

My talents have been stretched and challenged this year in following in Jan's footsteps, and will be further stretched in the coming one. But with the continued support of the Executive and membership at large, I am looking forward to an active and productive year as THLA President.

Bev Brown

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1985-1986 elections had a 47.9% return of ballots. The new executive is made up of:

Catherine Pepper - President-Elect
Bev Brown - President
Jan Greenwood - Past-President
Lynda Baker - Secretary
Catherine Weisenberger - Treasurer

The Editorial Team is composed of:

Mary Boite - Senior Editor
Rita Shaughnessy - Associate Editor
Susan Hendricks - Assistant Editor

The Committee would like to congratulate the successful candidates, thank all candidates for running in this year's elections, and thank the membership for the conscientious return of ballots.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Lethbridge
Tsai-o Wong
Elizabeth Uleryk

THLA UNION LIST

The Supplement to the 4th edition of the THLA Union List should be ready by the end of this month or by early June. As previously mentioned, not all libraries have sent in their revisions, so the supplement will not include all 52 libraries.

Susan Murray

FACES & PLACES

O.M.A. Address Change (effective July 29, 1985)

250 Bloor St. East
Toronto, Ontario M4W 1E6

RNAO Library has new extension numbers: Mary : 115; Jackie : 116

NEWS FLASH

* The Medical Library Association recently published the document, Minimum Standards for Health Science Libraries in Hospitals. Its purpose is to assist librarians and hospital administrators in assessing the quality of library services in their institutions and to assist in planning for new facilities and services.

Orders for this publication can be sent to MLA Headquarters. The price is \$6.00 for MLA members and \$9.00 for non-members. Discount prices on bulk orders can also be arranged.

* From MLA News, March 1985

CONFERENCE TROTTING

There are two free BIOSIS seminars coming up in Toronto in June. The Basic Course includes a discussion of the BIOSIS organization, its products and services, as well as the production, construction and the use of the Previews database - it is a half-day session offered on June 17th. There is also a two day workshop on June 17-18th on Med/BIOSIS; this provides instruction in searching the BIOSIS Previews database, with emphasis on medically related subject fields.

For registration forms and/or more information please contact:

BIOSIS Education and Training Group
2100 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399
U.S.A.

Medical Library Association
New York, May 24 - 30 is the venue for this year's conference

Canadian Health Libraries' Association
9th annual general meeting and conference takes place in Calgary at the Sandman Inn, from June 9 - 12.

IN THE LOBBY

THLA QUALITY ASSURANCE INTEREST GROUP

Since publication of the last THLA News the group has met three times and attendance has been excellent. Two meetings were devoted to position descriptions and the third to the performance appraisal process. A substantial

amount of information on these topics is now on file and is available from me. The next meeting will be held in the Alice Moulton Room, University of Toronto, on June 25 at 4:00 p.m.; the topic is Operational Procedures and their Measurement: Inter-library Loans. In preparation for that session Tsai-o Wong of the Mississauga General Hospital would be very grateful to receive any ILL policies and/or procedures that THLA members might be willing to share.

Jan Greenwood
Secretary

THLA Microcomputer Group

Since this group formed in December 1984 there have been four meetings. There are now about twenty members and meetings are held on a bi-monthly basis. We have compiled a directory which lists each member's computer equipment, software packages and their library applications. This has already proven to be a useful resource. Meetings have centred around a practical demonstration of computer programs. At the Program in Gerontology communications software (PC Talk and Cross Talk) and a database manager, Pfs File were demonstrated. At the Centre of Forensic Sciences, the Unix System and dBase II were demonstrated. We are also developing a small union list of literature on microcomputer applications in libraries. We keep in touch with the activities of the Online Users' Group (SLA) and plan to attend their meetings when relevant topics come up. The August meeting will deal with Downloading but so far a date has not been set. We hope to include this information in the minutes of our April meeting which will be sent out soon.

Rita Shaughnessy
Co-ordinator

Toronto Health Libraries Association 1984

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Rehabilitation/Disability Library Group

Individuals interested in resource sharing among libraries in organizations working on behalf of disabled people have continued to meet throughout 1984-85 and are in the process of drafting terms of reference and a name for the group. The following meetings are planned for the coming year:

June 25 - Library Techniques

September 10 - Human Resources

November 12 - Resource Sharing

January 14 - Marketing and Promotion.

For further information, including locations, please contact either Diane Finkle of the Ontario Federation for the Cerebral Palsied (787-4595) or Peter Bernhauer of the Canadian Paraplegic Association (422-5640).

Proposed O.H.A. Section/Affiliate Group Representing Hospital Libraries

Jan Greenwood is investigating the possibility of establishing under the umbrella of CHLA a province-wide hospital library group for the purpose of achieving section or affiliate status within O.H.A. This item has been placed on the CHLA Board agenda for its meeting of June 8.

Verla Empey, Carol Morrison and Susan Hendricks have agreed to form a Task Force whose job it will be to prepare the groundwork for a November 1985 meeting of hospital library representatives from around Ontario. The hope is that this meeting, to be held around the time of O.H.A.'s Annual Meeting, will produce a draft terms of reference and a constitution for the Ontario group. Jan Greenwood would welcome any written comments or sug-

gestions from THLA hospital library staff.

MARKET PLACE

Anyone with a spare NEJM v.309 #3 (July 21,1983) please send to Jan Greenwood.

Medical Librarian, experienced in on-line literature searching, seeks part-time work in this field. Can work from home, or come in; can act as back-up for librarians on vacation or maternity leave.

Databases used: MEDLARS, DIALOG, CANOLE, IDRC, CCOHS

Telephone: Jenny O'Grady at 489-1438

Library professional experienced in all aspects of library operations seeks permanent position as librarian in health sciences library. B.A.; Graduate Diploma in Library Studies, Concordia University. 8 years senior level library tech. in major Montreal teaching hospital. Experienced MEDLINE searcher; knowledge of DIALOG. Call Susan Moses at 962-5759 (after June 15 920-1708).

Librarian - Library Science education & 5 years experience in Poland seeks employment in Toronto. Would consider position as library tech or clerk. Recent experience at CNIB Library and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care Staff Library - reference, cataloging circulation & serials. Working knowledge of 8 European languages. Please call: Hanna Chalubinski 759-5374 (H) or 486-2694 (Bus.).

M.L.S. Student (entering 1985) seeks P/T or F/T position - available immediately. Good clerical skills & experience. Call: Yair at 636-7714.

Available free: complete set (14 vols) of 1983 Cumulated Index Medicus--call Margaret Robins at 966-7468.

TORONTO HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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Balance on hand June 19, 1984

Chequing

Savings

80.83

7.19

INCOME

Memberships 84-5 (95)	665.00
85-6 (6)	42.00
Union Lists (84)	2685.00
Bank Interest	5.11
Christmas Party	397.00
Annual Dinner (80)	2003.00
Greycoach Refund	100.00
Transfer from Savings	400.00
	<u>6297.11</u>

53.92

-400.00

EXPENDITURES

Patend Systems	642.00
Greycoach Deposit	100.00
Bus Refund	8.00
Annual Dinner	1816.55
Newsletter Expenses	362.07
Christmas Party	647.73
Meeting Refreshments	23.44
Honorarium	100.00
Membership Files	86.25
Treasurer's Expenses	52.77
Bank Service Charge	4.59
Union List Expenses	154.49
Nomination Forms	11.31
Transfer to Savings	1498.50
	<u>5507.70</u>

1498.50

STATEMENT OF ASSETS MAY 15, 1985

Chequing

Savings

870.24

1159.61

Catherine Weisenberger
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Treasurer, THLA
May 15, 1985