

# THLA NEWS

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## Editors' Corner

Life is looking brighter for all of us as November draws to a close -- while writing this editorial I note that it did not rain today! Of course it is getting colder and may snow, but that should only serve to remind us that the holidays are almost here and so too is the annual Christmas bash in the lovely surroundings of the Ontario Cancer Institute Staff House. Rumour has it that the food will be better than ever, and that more chairs will be provided. And the exciting possibility of winning a ticket to the May Dinner should lure you as well. Please plan to attend and join your colleagues and friends for some holiday cheer and conversation.

It has been good to hear from several members that the News seems to be arriving on their doorsteps more quickly than last year; we hope this trend continues.

Finally, THLA is becoming very involved in several areas of librarianship in Canada this year, unfortunately as a reaction to some disturbing trends in those areas. Bev Brown's President's Message will enlighten members to our activities.

In keeping with the theme of this issue - we wish you all a happy holiday season!

THE EDITORS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 1985-86 THLA year has begun in fine style. Total membership stands at 141 and continues to climb. Over 50 members attended the October meeting which featured an excellent presentation on the provision and the literature of pre-hospital emergency care services. A special note of appreciation must go to Catherine Pepper for organizing the programme, to Lynda Baker for sharing with us her searching expertise and to Pat Fortin for hosting the meeting in the comfortable facilities of the Toronto Institute of Medical Technology.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a brochure for the CHLA publication Canhealth: a guide for Canadian libraries, a free copy of which was mailed to all CHLA members. This mailing allows me an opportunity to bring our national association, the Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada, to the attention of all THLA members. As the largest local chapter of CHLA, THLA has a special role to play in the work and growth of CHLA. Many of our members have made and continue to make important contributions to CHLA - on committees, on the Board, in the publication of BMC and in conference planning. THLA members who are not currently members of the national body are encouraged to take part in the strengthening of our interests and



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expertise at the national level. Membership applications are being sent with this issue, so take a few moments to peruse them and think about joining (or pass along a copy to a friend who is not a member of CHLA).

National issues are very much in the spotlight in this issue. A letter on behalf of THLA has been mailed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare voicing concern over the closure of the Departmental Library of the Ministry of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa. Questions were raised particularly about the disposal of the existing collection and future access to documents published by the Ministry.

Further to THLA concerns regarding the Canadian Hospital Association plan to take over the management of hospital libraries Medlars services, Mr. Elmer Smith, Director of CISTI, has given written assurance that health science librarians will continue to receive CISTI services directly. This is not to imply, however, that CHA has relaxed its efforts to build an information network or to assume responsibility for Medlars services by directly approaching hospital administrators.

Closing on a more local and festive note, I look forward to seeing many members at our annual Christmas party on December 9.

Bev Brown

## INSIDE CIRCUIT

### \* CHRISTMAS PARTY \*

Date: December 9, 1985

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cash bar  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Place: Ontario Cancer Institute  
Staff House  
2 Wellesley Place (north  
of Wellesley between Jarvis  
and Sherbourne). Parking  
on Wellesley Place in hos-  
pital parking lot.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00 and will include the dinner, a glass of wine and a chance on doorprizes.

R.S.V.P. by December 4 to Catherine Pepper, President-Elect, at 947-7450

### FEBRUARY MEETING

Please set aside Tuesday, February 4, 1985. April Windus from the Science and Technology Department of the Hamilton Public Library will be our guest speaker, talking on the subject of Public libraries and health information materials. Location to be announced in the January newsletter.

NOTE: LOST at the October meeting, TIMT, a plastic Capezio bag with a new canvas shoe holder inside. Please contact Bev Brown at 482-2340 extension 160.



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## INTEREST GROUPS

The Microcomputer Group has planned some interesting meetings for this year. The first is a presentation and discussion of the IBM PC Club and the Database (mainly dBase II) Interest Group. Our guests are Mary Stevens from York University and George Shirinian from the York Public Library System. Mary will also speak about her Microcomputer Software library. Everyone is welcome!

Date: January 20, 1985

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Alice Moulton Room, Sigmund Samuel Library, B level

Please R.S.V.P. to Eva Gulbinowicz at 965-2561.

## FACES & PLACES

After all the news we had last time, this column looks rather forlorn. We're sure that somewhere, some librarian / member of THLA is doing something interesting, ran a two-minute mile, accepted a new job, left an old one, went on a fabulous vacation, got married, had a baby .....!

Please send us your news - if we don't hear from you, we can't print it. The copy deadline for the next issue is January 10, 1986. Let us know what you got for Christmas! Make a contribution to the News your New Year's first resolution.

## MARKET PLACE

### Help Wanted:

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN required at the Hospital for Sick Children. Candidate should have a B.A. and a Library Techniques Diploma. Medical library experience preferred. Contact Mrs. Irene Jeryn, Librarian at 598-6695.

### Looking for a Position:

MLS with experience in Health Science and Special Libraries currently seeking a contract or a full-time position in a health science library. Please contact: Anna Cocca at (416) 881-5921; 85 16th Avenue, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 7A6.