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Editors' Corner

As you may have guessed from the accompanying form, the important item on the agenda this month (and on your minds, we hope) is the upcoming THLA elections. We urge you to get involved personally, either by allowing your name to stand as a candidate, or by nominating a colleague.

Also included in this issue are updates from the President on the various issues in librarianship with which THLA has been involved over the past few months. The Association continues to present our views on behalf of you, the members; if you know of concerns that you feel are important to librarians or librarianship, please feel free to share your thoughts with us... and please, keep sending the NEWS your news (whether or not you think it's fit to print!

Please make a special point of conveying your R.S.V.P. regarding the meeting of Tuesday February 4th. We are anxious to learn whether holding a Tuesday meeting allows attendance by those members who are unable to come on Mondays due to a regular commitment on that night.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting of 1986 and hope it is the beginning of a happy and fulfilling year for all of you. - THE EDITORS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the large turnout and favourable comments suggest, the traditional THLA Christmas party was again a great success. The food this year was especially good and plentiful and for this, as well as for all the arrangements, we must thank Catherine Pepper and Carol Morrison.

The THLA executive is anticipating a full and active agenda for 1986. One of our first items of business was to extend a formal invitation to the Medical Library Association, suggesting that the Association consider Toronto as a site for a future MLA convention. The invitation, which was issued jointly with UNYOC (Upstate New York and Ontario Chapters of MLA), is being given serious consideration. Before you volunteer for committee work, however, bear in mind that meeting locations have been confirmed up to 1991.

I have very recently received a response from Mr. Andrew Cameron of the Canadian Hospital Association to our letter of October 11, 1985. This letter detailed concerns and questions shared by THLA and area hospital librarians regarding the services and system supports for the proposed new CHA information network. You may recall that our initial fear was that the CHA would be allowed to take over the administration of hospital Medical centres from the Health Sciences Resource Centre of CISTI; however Mr. Elmer Smith of CISTI has since assured us that HSRC will still serve hospital libraries.

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Although Mr. Cameron attempts in his letter to demonstrate that the Infohealth / Infosante network will be well maintained and supported, there still appears to be a lack of serious effort, experience and commitment to the plan of which we and our administrators need to be aware. The network is being marketed to health care executives. Electronic messaging is the major service offering with online literature searching clearly an afterthought. The advertising claims its strengths to be low cost, speed and ease of use with "no frustrating development problems" because "the system is already in use." This last claim is difficult to understand since the start-up date has been delayed twice - from November 1985 to January 1986 and then to March 1986.

Mr. Cameron offers only vague assurances that system support services will be adequately developed. At this time there are no on-site training programs and no resident searching expertise, most database questions will be referred back to the database vendor, there will be no information centre for publications and reports and no advisory committee or resource personnel have been selected to co-ordinate services within the network.

In brief, weaknesses in the planning of the network need to be highlighted in order to assist potential subscribers and to foster the growth of what could be a unique and exciting Canadian information system.

A final note: I must apologize for not having enough CHLA membership forms on hand for the last newsletter mailing. Forms are

now in plentiful supply and may be obtained by calling the Chiropractic College Library at 482-2340 ext.160 and asking for me.

Bev Brown

INSIDE CIRCUIT

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 1986

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Northern District Library
Room 224B/C
40 Orchardview Blvd.
(Just north of Eglinton Ave.
and west of Yonge St.)

Guest Speaker: April Windus, Health Sciences Librarian, Hamilton Public Library

Topic: Health Information for the General Public - The Joys and Frustrations

** R.S.V.P. Catherine Pepper at 392-7450 by Thursday January 30.

Date: Monday, March 24, 1986

Time: 6:00 p.m. Buffet
7:00 p.m. Meeting

Place: Warner-Lambert / Parke-Davis
Library, Warner-Lambert
Training Centre
2200 Eglinton Ave. East

Program: Pharmacy Information - two slide presentations on "Healing Through the Ages" (the history of

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pharmacy) and "The Medicated Generation" (self-medication); a brief presentation by Edna Allen on "Our Pharmacy Library".

** R.S.V.P. (for buffet information) ESSENTIAL. Call Catherine Pepper, 392-7450 by March 19.

Date: Monday, May 5 Dinner Meeting

Guest Speaker: Connie Clement from Healthsharing Collective will speak on Bias against women in medical literature, and the rationale for starting the journal HEALTHSHARING.

Place: TBA

1985 THLA CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party was held on December 9 at the Staff House of the Ontario Cancer Institute. Approximately 60 members attended.

Hot hors d'oeuvres were served during the cocktail hour, followed by a nice buffet supper. Background Christmas music added to the festive spirit. As the evening drew to a close the door prizes were drawn and were won by Jan Greenwood, Rita Shaughnessy and Verla Empey, who won the ticket for the annual dinner party.

Lynda Baker, Secretary

THLA ELECTIONS

It is time once again to give thought to THLA elections and it is my luck this year, as Past-President, to ensure that four THLA offices are filled. To that end, and in accordance with the THLA Constitution,

I would like to find two THLA members who do not wish to run for office this year to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee. Please telephone me (963-9383 ext. 230) as soon as possible if you are willing to volunteer for this Committee; please leave a message should I not be in my office and I will return the call promptly. Should I not receive a response by the end of this month I shall embark upon an aggressive telephone campaign!

The positions to be filled for the 1986-7 year are: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Editor for the NEWSLETTER. The January 1985 issue (Vol. 4, No. 3) included the terms of reference for each of these positions; alternatively, copies can be obtained from me. Please give serious consideration to running for office in one capacity or another. Lynda Baker and Catherine Weisenberger, respectively Secretary and Treasurer, who are leaving the Executive this year have served THLA very well for several years and deserve to retire. From my own experience I can say unhesitatingly that their replacements will immensely enjoy working with Catherine Pepper as President and Bev Brown as Past-President.

The THLA Constitution dictates that ballots must be mailed with the next THLA News. Please assist the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee by nominating sufficient candidates to ensure contested elections and a strong THLA Executive for 1986-7. Thank you for your co-operation and enthusiasm.

Jan Greenwood

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Ontario Hospital Libraries Association

At its founding meeting on December 5, with representatives present from each of the twelve Ontario Hospital regions, OHLA elected its first Executive. The members are:

- President: Verla Empey (Director of Library Services, The Wellesley Hospital, Toronto)
- President-Elect: Margaret Taylor (Director of Library Services, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa)
- Secretary: Linda Hill (Director, Shared Library Services, South Huron Hospital, Exeter)
- Treasurer: Don Hawryliuk (Librarian, Sudbury General Hospital)

Individual and institutional memberships are available and Press Releases and Membership forms are included in the O.H.A. mailing to hospitals of January 15. I hope that hospital librarians will ensure that they receive this information from their administrators and I encourage you to give your full support to this new Executive. For further information you may contact me at 963-9383, Ext. 230.

Jan Greenwood, Chair
Task Force for the
Establishment of OHLA

O.M.A. LIBRARY HANDBOOK

The second edition of the O.M.A. Handbook, A Health Sciences Library Basic Manual, recently went out of print. However, since orders continue

to be received the O.M.A. Library is willing to reproduce the text and sell it, without the binder, for \$6.00. That sum would be deducted on any subsequent orders for the third edition.

During 1986 Jan Greenwood will be starting work on revising this handbook and would be very grateful for suggestions for improvement from THLA members. Should any readers willing to advise on the revision wish to borrow a copy of the handbook, please contact the O.M.A. library at 963-9383, ext.230 or 246.

Jan Greenwood
Manager of Library Services
Ontario Medical Association

INTEREST GROUPS

Disability Resource Library Network

The DRLN met for its annual meeting to elect new officers for the coming year. Elected to the new slate were:
Co-Chairs: Elaine Bernstein, Librarian, Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre and Jean Chong, Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Lyndhurst Hospital;
Secretary: Theresa Hachey, Information Office, Easter Seal Society.

The topics for the upcoming meetings were also selected. Of interest to those in the disability resource field, they include the following:

Information Sharing; Automation; Collection Development; On-line Searching; Marketing; and Evaluation of Library Services.

The next meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 in Lyndhurst Hospital. For further information contact Peter Bernauer at 422-5640.

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FACES & PLACES

The January issue of Quill & Quire, in its account of the 1985 OLA conference, notes that LEIGH TURINA, librarian at the Muscular Dystrophy Association and a THLA member, has won a University of Toronto Library Science award. Congratulations are definitely in order.

CATHERINE PEPPER reports a change in her business number - you may now reach her at 392-7450.

The new librarian at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, replacing DEIDRE GREEN, is GAYLE CASEY - Welcome.

CONFERENCE TROTting

CHLA/ABSC will be holding its 1986 annual meeting from June 15-18 in Montreal. Room rates (if you book early) at the downtown Holiday Inn Conference hotel are \$78.00 single and \$89.00 double. All-inclusive conference registration is expected to cost around \$115.00.

The continuing education courses planned so far (from BMC, Vol. 7, No. 3) are: Achieving Excellence; Designing Online Education for Medical Endusers; Software Packages Workshop; and Medline: An Advance Strategy Seminar.

The theme of excellence is also seen in the keynote address by Dr. Margaret Somerville "In search of excellence in health care: Legal and ethical imperatives - impediments and safeguards".

ASTED/CLA Conference is in Quebec City from June 19-24. The theme is Le virage humain/People Still Count.

MARKET PLACE

Hunting for the right position!

Librarian with a B.Sc. in microbiology and immunology and M.L.S. experience in health science and special libraries is seeking a contract, or permanent full or part-time position in a health sciences library.

Please contact VIVIAN SILLS at 663-0631. Address: 1111 Steeles Ave. W., PH 6, Willowdale M2R 3M9

Remember, if you are seeking a position, or know of one becoming available THLA News is a good vehicle with reach health science libraries. Advertisements for members are free of charge and can be placed by calling Mary Boite, Senior Editor, THLA News, at 923-3523, Ext. 115 before the copy deadline of each issue of the News.

WANTED

The March 1, 1985 (Vol.59, no. 5) issue of HOSPITALS. If you can provide a copy, please contact Merle E. Smith, Dr. Keith M. McIntosh Library Norfolk General Hospital, 365 West St., Simcoe N3Y 1T7 (Tel.: (519) 426-0750.

New Home Needed: for selected unbound issues of ARCHIVES OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION, 1980 - 1983.

Contact Jean Chong, Health Sciences Library, Lyndhurst Hospital at 422-5551, Ext.217.

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**Nominations
1986-87**

The following positions are vacant on the THLA Executive and Editorial Team:

President-Elect
Secretary

Treasurer
Assistant Editor

Terms of reference for each of these offices are available from the Past-President.

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We the undersigned, members in good standing of the Toronto Health Libraries Association, hereby nominate:

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

as a candidate for election to the position of THLA _____
for the 1986-87 year.

(Signature) and _____
(Please print your name)

Seconded by (Signature) and _____
(Please print your name)

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Statement by Nominee

I am a member in good standing of both the Toronto Health Libraries Association and the Canadian Health Libraries Association and, if elected, I hereby agree to serve.

Signed: _____

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Please mail your nomination to be received no later than Friday, March 15, 1986 to:

Jan Greenwood, Past-President,
Toronto Health Libraries Association,
250 Bloor St. E., Suite 600
Toronto, Ontario M4W 3P8

